

WINDSONG HEIGHTS
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOV 21, 2024 @ 6:00PM

1. **Call to Order-** 6:03pm
2. **Approval of Minutes**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Trustee Report – Todd Brand**
 - Hired a 3rd party committee to search for candidates for the new superintendent for RVS board. They are meeting with this board Nov 22 AM. This 3rd party is searching agents to do the admin work to find suitable candidates for this position. Possible selection for this role mid-late spring.
 - Nov. 14th meeting for honor students 100% diploma.
 - Passed bylaw for ward boundaries for rural/ urban areas of RVS.
5. **Administrator Report- Scott Woodward** (leaving In December new principal to take over January)/**Gwen Dawes-Harker**
 - Budget Completed on Nov. 18th /enrollment 858 /staffing - no change but approved to hire 1 more full-time learning assistant. (12 total)
 - School Education Plan Approval (4-year plan)
 - Advancing student numeracy & literacy. Building future ready students. Inclusive and engaging healthy learning opportunities for student. Use Alberta (provincial) and RVS assessments along with Elk Island assessments. PBAS program and school culture. (meeting for DEC. 4)
 - Talk about 139 students with complex needs. Need to talk to MLA/Provincial trustee/Education minister to approve more funding as each school is allocated a certain amount depending on if a child is professionally assessed for this funding. Formula is allocated by the school board.

- Hour Zero- Fire Drills and Lock Downs
 - Kids are doing great in these lockdown drills. Some parent concern around down time after these for children who have high anxiety or some assistance after wards to calm down. Assured that there is down time to talk about these drills, but some may benefit from more discussion for assistance in areas. Suggested to have access to a counsellor after these.

6. **Council Report**

- School council survey results- 6 replies. Most needing childcare during this time to attend. Online options available but some talk of possible older student volunteers to help child mind while in meeting or have open gym if it's not booked for activities?
- Volunteer update
- Fundraising update- Purdy's Fundraiser for band camp. Goal is \$5000. We are at \$3,100 but some orders are not paid for and sitting in orders. Will send out a mail to complete these.
- Need fundraiser for outdoor activities. Grades 5-8 especially.
- Treasurers update \$782.00

7. **Old Business**

- Request for Funds from Council (standing item) - \$500.00 requested from School from Cheryl for families in need over the holidays (approved by council for funds)

8. **NEW Business-**

Next month (Talk about black history) last year no education planned but year before there was. Scott Woodward, is in the process of forming a Black History Committee. Teachers and parents welcome.

9. **Motion to Adjourn – 7:20pm**

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025@ 6pm (Changed to Jan 20th)