

Meeting Minutes

Agenda: Windsong Heights School Council

Date: February 2025 – 6:00 PM

Location: Windsong Heights School

In Attendance (In person or via zoom): Gillian G, Kayla C, Tara R, Marcie K, Sherry M, Gwen DH, Ryan S, Eric S,

1	Call Meeting to Order at: 6:02 (Gillian Green Sub for Pam)	<p>Meeting Norms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start & end on time • Treat each other respectfully • Be nonjudgemental – contribute to a safe place • Assume positive intentions
2	Introductions and Land Acknowledgement	<p><i>"Rocky View Schools would like to acknowledge the land and recognize all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations."</i></p>
3	Approval of previous meeting minutes	Approved
4	Approval of agenda	
5	Trustee Update – Todd Brand	<p>Attendance area changes; City of Chestermere; trying in all major crowded areas to balance schools; middle school for Prairie Springs; # were not looking as good for Muriel Clayton; concerns from PS parents; PS to continue to stay at Windsong. Coopers crossing is still low. High school to be constructed in South Windsong;</p> <p>At meeting Feb 13th, approved budget; providing direct resources to schools; continue to be under allowances for budget; continue to support staff and student wellness; annual 1-2% savings; board meetings next month. Committee will determine high or low new board for new group of trustees;</p> <p>Provincial budget came in today Feb. 26th. Hoping for change in weighted average; it is better for Rockyview as it is a two year weight avg rather than three, but not fully what we were hoping for. Average will be last years and this years will determine next year's funds.</p> <p>Reduction of modular units for this year. Big announcement; hired new superintendent Ryan Reid. Taking leadership, internal hire from Burt church high school. Start working in the next few weeks. Will take over in September.</p> <p>QUESTION: New high school; south Windsong; 24th next to the rec center; announcement 1.5 years before the completion; 2030 (opening Est)</p>

		<p>QUESTION: Goldwin; Balzac; are they being designated to Airdrie? Yes, factored in to assigned to Tri school site; George mac; outside of Airdrie schools are usually designated to tri- school areas;</p> <p>Question; Burt church population after redesignated: U/A Croxford pop after redesignation: U/A</p> <p>QUESTION: What can we do to explore to get rid of mud slide in our own field. Its messy and big problem. Community groups use field and ask for city help too fund grass. Apply for grants? Save money? - some of the old fields were fundraised by private groups, they raised majority of money and RVS contributed. RVS owns a bit of property, is responsible for care. Soccer field owned by city, over the paths and playground is school owned. When grounds looked at our school land, not sure with \$ but nothing came of it. - Todd will check. Will come out to see the playground to check it out and chat with kids.</p>
6	Administrator Report	<p>- Addition of grade 9, Ryan met with other schools which are changing K-8 to K-9. Preparing for next year. Trying to make sure we have smaller group of teachers for students to get to know so will have Humanities and Math/Science rather than specialists, RVS will help w/ library and tech. Will be discussing what will options class will look like. RVS will choose sports groupings. MR. B is attending these meetings. 3 diff models are up for debate. Mid/ late march to share info. Will survey kids to find out what we can do to make GR. 9 feel special. No grad this year.</p> <p>Staffing; some high schools' teachers will be looking for jobs and K-9 schools will absorb some of these teachers as they add grade 9</p> <p>Surveys; Alberta assurance gr 4/7 and parents and teaching staff. Comes every year in mail. This year will be online with code and link. Survey; "our school "used for student learning, used for school education plan; mar.3-april 17th. Collects data to help school planning. Parent teacher conferences coming up; maybe to have this survey during conferences. Have a prize to entice parents to participate. Gillian to pass info for genesis passes.</p> <p>March into Literacy; Lead Mrs. Meisner in change. Plans activities to help kids reading. Morning announcement mystery reader. March madness for books; read aloud; human scabble to make words; create a class poem (prizes) Class karaoke. End of march read in dark, use flashlights. March 19/20 conferences; literacy activities during this time.</p> <p>Black History Month projects and assembly went well. March band camp.</p>
7	Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Council Survey- Any ideas to improve feedback/ promote survey? ● Fix tarmac/ dirt on school property
8	Treasurer Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current Bank Balances ● No real changes; same as last month ● Mabels labels \$27.22 ● Apple creek finishing tomorrow ● Next month better with fundraiser/ ● Purdeys close to \$1000 ● Friends – success! Funds will be Delivered in May, \$60-65,000 ● Next year 18- month casino \$80-85,000, instead of rural is 3 years only \$60-65,000

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have to submit a financial report to AGLC. Tara will submit. As nonprofit a financial statement with gov. Need directors reviews financial statement. It's not easy to get food approved, cannot put scholarship money through. • Friends has \$4,000 and casino money are separate.
9	Old Business	Grant from Alberta education to build parent engagement and support parents: evening speaker? Survey staff to help relevancy to school. Pool money with other schools perhaps?
10	New Business	<p>-Ideas for new fundraiser? for next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey staff for topics for speakers. - Scrap scholarships for grade 8 this year 2025. <p>Kindergarten May 21; open house; have booth for school council.</p>
11	Adjournment at:	7:08
12	Upcoming Events	<p>Upcoming March 3- Grade 7 TELUS spark Mar 5. Grade 1 /6 vaccination March into literacy – Human scrabble Day, March 14- create a class poem, Mar 21, read aloud. March 28th –Read in the dark Day. March 17-18 Band camp March 19-21- parent teacher interviews</p>
13	Next Meeting	March 27th, 2025, at 6:00