

Agenda: Windsong Heights School Council

Date: May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 – 6:00 PM

Location: Windsong Heights School

In Attendance (In person or via zoom): Alexis, Ryan Siemens, Eric Schubert, Diana, Marcy, Kayla, Pam, Rachel

1	Call Meeting to Order at: 6:01pm	Meeting Norms <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start &amp; end on time</li><li>• Treat each other respectfully</li><li>• Be nonjudgemental – contribute to a safe place</li><li>• Assume positive intentions</li></ul>
2	Introductions and Land Acknowledgement	<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>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgfFBUSuSP0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgfFBUSuSP0</a>
3	Approval of previous meeting minutes	(have them done 1 week after to have on website)
4	Approval of agenda	Have meeting minutes 1 week before meeting.
5	Trustee Update – Todd Brand	3 board meetings since last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- April 3rd. Continue on budget process.</li><li>- April 17th. Approve fee for rest of year. Course fee increases. Allowing increase of 5% or \$10 , whatever is lower amount.</li><li>- Transportation cost bussing fees \$70/ per rider.</li><li>- May. 1 meeting. Made boundaries changes for new community. Vantage rise is going to coopers and Muriel clayton, George mac. Coopers is underutilized school so helps. Goldwin area – Designation catherine &amp; Beisiker .</li><li>- Update on policies.</li></ul>
6	Administrator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grade 9 trip 2025/2026 <i>Starting to plan for next year for grade 9. there is survey for parents to go on a trip next school year. Possible Quebec/Ontario. 7-8 days. We need interest to get a good rate. 16+ people</i></li></ul>

		<p><i>needed for cost roughly \$3,200. Another trip less money \$2,300 - Winnipeg. EF educational tours. (has itinerary). We want to make grade 9 experience great next year.</i></p> <p><i>**Idea Bamfield marine Vancouver Island (research for marine biology. Stay in dorms roughly \$1,300 per student)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Budget/Staffing update 2025/2026 <i>Budget good. \$6m for present year, approx. \$6.380m for next 2025/2026 school year to add more gr.9 teachers and support staff. Hiring for Middle School math/science and Division 2 generalist.</i></li> <li>- <i>Survey for options, what can we have for options? Asking teachers.</i></li> <li>- <i>Have separation from little kids and older grades by floor</i></li> <li>- <i>Figuring out who teaches what for next school year.</i></li> <li>- Parent Presentation – update <i>(Anxiety/Resilience) Booked Carolyn Buzanko. Fall 2025 &amp; use grant this year for 2025. End of September weekday around 6pm.</i></li> <li>- Year End Awards and Scholarships? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last year we had gr. 8. scholarship. this year there is a pause, but next year revisit.</li> <li>Awards? End of the year, another wolf pride awards. Rest of awards gr. 5-8</li> <li>silver honor rolls 79% average. Mast-ADV.</li> <li>Gold honor rolls 89% average</li> <li>Academic award (top in each subject Math/ Science &amp; athlete, P.E, band student, integrity (leadership).</li> <li><i>**idea having more awards for student who might not be academic inclined but show another amazing trait.</i></li> <li><i>** awards ceremony in evening for students who receive to keep it out of school hours to avoid disappointment for other kids is an idea.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7	Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bylaw approval, Pam, Kayla, Approved.</li> <li>- Kindergarten booth May 21<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>

		<p>Tara 4-5, Kayla 5-6, Gillian 6-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School council AGM May 29<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p>-Ongoing ball drive for donations: football, soccer ball, skip ropes etc.</p> <p>Parent Outreach – Questions online/ Zoom/ Slido</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can we please improve/create some space for activities for older grades 9? Possibly to get more picnic tables. (Permits for places close to road etc.)</li> <li>- School dance in evening? We used to have. We need volunteers.</li> <li>- Gaga ball? Putting though grounds can be pricing? Can it be put in P.E? It's very big to store. Future.</li> <li>- More field trips? Swimming, skating &amp; outdoor learning? do teachers decide where they go? Some grades go lots and other not too much. Teachers pick. What fits in teaching curriculum, also what charges are for field trips.</li> <li>- Can we make short rim basketball rim? And get 1 short and 1 tall one \$1,300 for short. Maybe we could explore this.</li> <li>- Food options. Need more room. Only 20 kids allowed. Food teachers are the homeroom teachers in school and still have to teach their core subjects.</li> </ul> <p>** learning support group is stretched so Diane was concerned with lack of support. Ryan answered</p>
8	Treasurer Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising Update- Mother's Day/ plant fundraiser -blue grass approx. \$1000.</li> <li>• Balance update, budget is still same.</li> </ul>
9	Old Business	Friends of Windsong update
10	New Business	Create calendar for fundraising priorities for AGM -invite people for meeting. AGM is good
11	Adjournment at: 7:10	
12	Upcoming Events	<p>May 7 – Grade 5-6 Track and Field Day</p> <p>May 8 – Grade 7-8 Track and Field Day</p> <p>May 15 – Gr. 6 to Genesis Place</p> <p>May 16 – PL Day</p>

		May 19 – Holiday May 20-22 – Scholastic Book Fair May 21 – Kindergarten Orientation 4-6:30 May 22 – Spring Musical May 26 – Gr. 5 to TELUS Spark May 28 – Gr. 1 to Heritage Park
13	Next Meeting	May 29 <sup>th</sup> School council AGM