

Annual General Meeting of School Council
Fireside School
September 13 @ 6:30

- Call to order 6:30
- Approval of Agenda – Krystle motions to approve, Andrea seconds
- Welcome and Introductions started with Krystle Anderson, Andrea Pinter, Erin Lirantzis, Vanessa Bilan, Stephanie O’Gara, Christiane Pederson, Dave Banderk, Tary Sly, Jason Ness, Julie, Roger Versluis, Fiona Gilbert
- Approval of Minutes of last meeting, Krystle Motions to approve, Andrea seconds
- Fireside Administration Report
 - Dave discussed school enrollment numbers. Last year the school was 812 students. This year the school sits at 900 and counting. Numbers continue to fluctuate in the first few weeks and throughout the year
 - Welcome Back and Pancake breakfast – Thursday August 31st
 - Roughly 600 attendees
 - Parent feedback was very positive. Parents enjoyed being able to explore the school and classrooms and meet their child’s teachers. This helped alleviate first day nervousness for many students and families.
 - Calgary Stampede provided food and cooked for the school
 - The new outdoor classroom/playground area was completed over the summer. Some additions are still to come including picnic tables.
 - Dave and Krystle discussed Healthy Hunger.
 - First Healthy Hunger is Wednesday, September 27th
 - The decision was made to remove the donate option based on community and parent feedback. Any parents that require assistance can contact the school
 - Fireside Welcomes Jeff Horvath, Indigenous Learning Specialist over the next three weeks
 - Literacy at Fireside – Tara Sly
 - Tara discussed the schools approach and plan for literacy learning
 - A parent reading continuum pamphlet will be sent out to parents highlighting where a typical student will be in their literacy journey at the start of a school year each grade
 - Students will be assessed two times throughout the year to determine their “grade level” for reading. This will always be communicated to parents along with ways on how to work with your child at home.
 - School Education Goals
 - Advancing student numeracy and literacy goals
 - Building future-ready students
 - Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students – PBIS: Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies
 - SOAR – Spirit, Outstanding Character, Achievement, and Respect – Jason Ness

- School wide assembly – Thursday September 14th
 - Classes are sorted into their school families to help kids build relationships across the grades
 - SOAR incorporates fun games and activities for school throughout the year to create a positive school culture
 - Important upcoming dates to look out for in the Focus
 - Friday September 22nd – Photo day
 - Thursday September 28th – Orange Shirt day
 - Friday September 29th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
- Rocky View Administration Report – Fiona Gilbert
 - Fiona explained the growing student body throughout Rockyview with Fireside school being the fastest.
 - All schools are still within Rockyview Standards however the growth continues
 - Rockyview will be making their request for modulars in November. 32 were requested last year and only 10 were given but none for Cochrane
 - There will be a School Council Chair meeting happening via zoom for all of Rockyview school council members to attend on
 - There will be a Joint Board Meeting and School Council meeting held in person at Rockyviews main building
- Friends of Fireside Update – Roger Versluis
 - Friends of Fireside Raised \$12,000 and was able to give the School \$32,000 for lights, helmets,
 - Friends of Fireside held several fundraising events throughout the year including Budding Artists, Purdy’s Chocolates, March Madness, as well as a Halloween and Spring Dance
- Dissolution of the Current Board
- Election of New Executive Members
 - Chair – Andrea nominated Krystle, Krystle accepted uncontested
 - Secretary and Treasurer – Position still remains vacant but will be filled on an attendance of the meetings basis
 - 2 Members at Large – Can be filled on an attendance basis
- Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 4th @ 6:30pm
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:37