

Fireside School Council Minutes December 6th, 2023

1. Call to order: 6:31
 - Attendance: Krystle Anderson, Charlene Abrahams, Vanessa Bilan, Fiona Gilbert, Dave Banderk, Jared Bond, Roger Versluis, Tara Sly

2. Rockyview School Update
 - Rockyview requested 13 modular classrooms. Government decision will be made after the budget meeting in March
 - 3 for Fireside – number 1 on the list
 - 2 for Cochrane Christian Academy
 - 2- For Cochrane High

Government decision will be made after the budget release in March
Hear from gov in spring- budget for march

 - AERR Alberta education results report
 - Spent additional funds/overspending from reserve – furniture and equipment for CCA, teacher/sick leave
 - Advocacy around funding and space for students
 - MLA's met in Edmonton to discuss growth in rockyview schools
 - Bussed kids – change in transportation – September 2025
 - Lack of bus routes- kids have longer walks

3. Fireside Administration
 - Staffing Updates
 - i. Denise Dancey will be taking a temporary part time position teaching a Grade 7/8 French Option from December 7th to March 21st on Thursday afternoons.
 - ii. Jeff McCormick will be off from January 8th to April 7th- Tanya McIntyre will be covering the leave.
 - iii. We are the only school in Cochrane Supporting Mount Royal University Practicum students- we will be supporting 10 students this year.
 - We completed Swimming Lessons for the Grade 3's last Thursday. We will offer Grade 2 swimming lesson at the end of March and through April
 - Spirit Days
 - Friday December 8th – Head to Toe Festive Wear
 - Friday December 22- PJ Day

 - SOAR Team - Older and younger grades will make decorations for the Winter Concert.
 - Find a Present - Over 1 week, 2 classroom representatives from your homeroom will represent your family against other students in the same grade to try to race to find the present in a school common place (gym, hall, learning commons, science lab, etc.

- Bring Your Own Mug Day - Students may bring their own mug or thermos for a free cup of hot chocolate on their Family Day
- Ginger-Build Competition – Each classroom will build a gingerbread house/structure which will be put on display during the winter concert
- Winter Concert: K to 2 (K at 5:30 and Grades 1 and 2 at 6:30)
- Spring Concert (April 26): Grade 3 to 5
- End of the Year Concert (Late May, Early June): Grade 6 to 8
- The food drive was a success. The learning commons was full of donated items and students were involved in helping with the organization.
- 3-Way Conference
 - Feedback was overall positive except that some parents felt they were scheduled to late and would prefer to have them earlier in the start of the school year.
 - Next set will be **May 1 and 2** and will be more Displays of Learning
- Read-a-thon will span 2 weeks from January 26th to February 12th. Fundraising will still be part of it.
- 4. Current Items to be Discussed
 - Healthy Hunger – Planning for 3 in the new year and trying some new restaurants. Also asked for volunteers
 - Games Night – 10 students attended. Will plan for another in the new year.
- 5. Friends of Fireside Update – Roger
- 6. Round Table
- 7. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:16