

Fireside School Council Minutes

November 1st, 2023

1. Call to order
 - 6:38PM
 - Attendance: Krystle Anderson, Dave Banderk, Jason Ness, Tara Sly, Fiona Gilbert, Charlene Abrahams, Andrea Pinter, Erin Lirantzis, Christiane Pedersen, Roger Versluis, Vanessa, Selene, Jared
2. Approval of current agenda: Approved
3. Approval of October minutes: Approved

Regular Agenda

1. **Rocky view School Division Update** – Fiona Gilbert – School Board Chair and Trustee
 - Grown by 250 kids for Cochrane. 6/9 schools in town are close to 100% capacity. Asking for modulars for Fireside school. Airdrie and Chestermere in need as well for modular. Balancing schools, and student spaces, looking for community engagement, end of April – in Airdrie. Coming to Cochrane, meeting about student spaces in the next year or so. Fiona serving for board chair again for coming year.
 - Strategic plan – student learning, connecting with community, workforce – report is located on website for literacy and numeracy.
 - Joint board meeting is October 26th – chair and principal in attendance. Rockyview staff will do presentation on PBIS. School council presentation available from last week – recording also available online.
2. **Fireside Admin Report** - Dave Banderk, Tara Sly, Jason Ness
 - Staff updates
 - Paula Michaud Leaving
 - 2 learning assistants being hired.
 - Chelsea Grainger –is coming back in 2 weeks
 - Mr. Pederson is back in November
 - Enrollment – Sept 30th numbers used as enrollment for the year, 896 kids enrolled. 34 classrooms. (Last year, 824 students last year and 34 classrooms). Ks & 1s – lower enrollment. But grades 2/3/4 higher enrollment. (Homeschool?)
 - **Events**
 - Swim lessons for grade 3 in September and grade 2 in spring.
 - Equine Therapy – small number of kids get to go work with horse at Spirit Winds (dress horses, care for them) For kids who are struggling, for 8 to 10 kids each year. They get grants and apply it to school for use for free.
 - School Clubs are beginning – Mondays Boost Club, Tuesdays Leadership Class, Wednesdays Dungeons and Dragons, Thursdays Art Club, Fridays Chess Club, and more clubs available. Intermural starting up again. Battle of the Books starting soon.

- School Education Plan – Due next week.
 - 3 Major Goals: Advancing students literacy and numeracy skills, increasing students' appreciation and understanding on cultural diversity, creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students (PBIS).

4. Treasure Report – N/A

5. Current Items to be discussed

- Healthy Hunger
 - Subway went well with. Less volunteers and distribution went smoothly.
 - Little Caesars confirmed for November 8th
- \$250 money for school council
 - provide snacks during council meetings or child minding
- ASCE (Annual School Council Engagement Grant)
 - Andrea asks if we can do something that includes children. Maybe mom and daughter events? Or Dads and sons?
 - Board is open to ideas and will revisit at next meeting
- Evening events for students
 - Library program – make posters about favourite book, game night, book club, food or cooking class for kids. Christiane wondering what talents our local parents do. Cultural events? Once a month event. Can we use the grant money? Find a way to have child care available for school council meetings. Maybe start in November.

6. Friends of Fireside – Halloween Dance coming up and Art fundraiser coming soon.

7. Round Table

- Roger – are we still doing a grade rep/class parent. No Answer yet (Dave and Charlene)

8. Motion to Adjourn: 7:43pm

9. Next Meeting: Nov 1st at 6:30pm