



# FIRESIDE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Fireside School Council Minutes

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

### A. Call to Order at - 6:34pm

- **In attendance:** Erin Lirantzis, Stephanie O’Gara, Christiane Pedersen, Krystle Anderson, Jessie McKenna, Roger Versluis, Fiona Gilbert, Dave Banderk, Chantel Chaplin

### B. Approval of Agenda

- a. Change to agenda regarding Career guide – Board Approves

### C. Approval of Minutes / Summary of last meeting – Jared Bond Approves

### D. Regular Agenda:

#### 1. Rockyview School Division Update (Fiona Gilbert)

- School fees
  - a. We will get them from across the division
  - b. Then go forward to the board for approval
  - c. Looking to balance opportunities for students but want to minimize the impact on families
  - d. The board will be looking at transportation fees
  - e. Budget committee meets next week
- Provincial Budget
  - a. About 6 million increase – most with enrollment growth, and small inflation increase to some of the smaller grants
  - b. New funding model
  - c. Capital announcement
    - 2 schools have been announced off the capital plan for RVS
      - i. School in Airdrie and Chestermere announced
    - Next projects to come up in the capital plan
      - i. High School in Cochrane
      - ii. K-8 Heartland
    - Sept 2028 for the Rivercrest school still projected; being built as a K-8 but the model can adjust

- i. 12 months before the school opens, then conversations about rezoning occurs
  - d. 7.5 million just announced for the younger learners. We get the money now and it has to be used in the next two months, so that makes it really tricky

## **2. Fireside Administration Report (Dave Banderk, Kirsty Reade & Jason Ness)**

- Babysitter Course
  - a. Jason will be here to open the building, he will be here for the morning and Jacquie Rezelli will be here
  - b. 40 kids
  - c. 8:15 and 8:30 to set up
  - d. Projector available
- Badminton tournaments, field trips happening,
- K-3 Spring Concert – April 15th
- Fireside School will be an election station for that day – April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - a. If any individuals want to be paid for the day as an information officer. Please send info to Dave and he will get you the information. They want local people
- Alex Chung April 28 – May 30 - - on parental leave
  - a. Ashlynn Campbell will cover - - currently finishing last practicum with Kait Duong
- Fireside budget
  - a. Opens on Monday, and we will start looking at allocating money
  - b. 895 is our projection right now
  - c. We will have 3 kinder classes as of right now. Shaun will move into grade one, and Leslie Hall will move to do ½ Kinder and ½ literacy
    - If numbers balloon over the summer, we will make changes
    - 2 – AM and 1 – PM
  - d. Pretty much the same otherwise...4 classes of each grade all the way up
  - e. Staffing decided
    - All permanent teachers must be placed first on a staff, and that is part because Shaun will move up
- School Fees
  - a. Rules
    - No increase to an option fee by \$10 or 5%
    - No blanket fee increases
    - All cost charged must be for resources, and can be used towards other school fees
    - End of each year the revenue must be returned back to families
  - b. Increased fees
    - Activity fee – charged per grade – following are the increases
      - i. Grade 2 - \$90 to \$100
      - ii. Grade 4 - \$104 to \$114
      - iii. Grade 7 - \$200 to \$210

- iv. Kinder - \$55 to \$65
    - v. Increasing ski field trip - - successful this year and want to continue. It was expensive even with the deal so - - \$100 to \$110
      - i. Grade 4s will go to COP
      - ii. Grades 5 & 6 will go to Nakiska still
      - iii. We had teachers really step up and made the
  - Options
    - i. Sculpting \$15 to 20
    - ii. Shop \$21 to 25
    - iii. Cosmo \$23 to 30
    - iv. Fiber arts \$21 to 25
    - v. Foods \$22 – 30
    - vi. Outdoor leadership \$58-68
  - Those who want to participate but can't afford
    - i. GST rebate is one for options
    - ii. Healthy hunger or the school will pay for field trips that families cannot afford
- Career Learning Practice Guide
    - a. Put out by RVS, how do we introduce careers, explore ideas and then by high school narrow into career of choice
    - b. Younger grades – likes and dislikes are discussed, in curriculum – teachers will bring in guest speakers
    - c. Career Professionals brought in to speak to grades 7 & 8
      - Esthetics, Athletes, Pilots, Agriculture, Law Enforcement
    - d. Opportunity with Bow Valley College has been offered
      - Our grade 8s will go after spring break and will do immersive experiences at the college
      - Moving forward, we will continue and hopefully bring in more experience options, not just speakers, grade 6s may be included
  - Spirit days (April 14-18) - - Dress up events
    - a. Mismatch, Tourist, Western, Throw back
  - Incident report tracker
    - a. 2.4 incident a day and vast majority were classroom managed
      - Classroom managed – these incidents are when teachers would also reach out to parents
      - Grade 1-4 level for majority of those; which is expected
        - i. Lots of teaching happens in these scenarios
        - ii. Intramurals in grade 4s have been introduced

### 3. Current Items to be Discussed (Krystle Anderson):

- Parking concerns
  - a. Issues with parents parking in front of the school where it says no parking
    - Can't get out of the car

- No rules where they cannot stop and just let kids out
  - Advocacy to the town is important when in planning stages of new schools
- Movie Night
  - a. Was fun, but a lot of parents that signed up didn't show up
    - 200 signed up, but about 100 didn't show up
    - Tracy suggested the school sending out an email to remind families, and have families adjust if they cannot make it, then we can re-open the event
    - People coming are thankful
    - \$2.00 per ticket and everyone gets popcorn (Toonie Tuesday Movie Nights)
- Healthy Hunger
  - a. Subway - - next week, closes Friday

**4. Friends of Fireside Update (Erin Lirantzis)**

- We are doing the Casino; June 6 & 7
- Milk jar

**5. Round Table**

- Thank you so much for the meal that school council organized; teachers were very grateful

**6. Next Meeting Date – May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**7. Motion to Adjourn – 7:47pm**