

## MINUTES OF THE R.J. HAWKEY SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-2023

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

### **SC Members Present:**

Katherine Pickett, Chair  
Roberta Ehigiator, Vice-Chair  
Vanessa Hingley, Secretary  
Waireka Morris, Officer

### **Other Attendees (as appeared on Zoom):**

Melyssa Brown, Trustee  
Cassandra Clem, Airdrie Boys & Girls Club  
Angela van den Broek, Literacy Instructional  
Tina Cunard, Learning Support  
Helen Lawson, Child Development Advisor

### **School Administration Members Present:**

Jackie Root, Principal  
Lisa Guy, Assistant Principal

#### **1. Call to Order & Introductions –**

- a. Chair, Katherine called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m. Seconded by Secretary, Vanessa. CARRIED.

#### **2. Meeting Minutes & Agenda –** Chair, Katherine moved to have the June meeting minutes approved. Seconded by Vanessa. CARRIED. Chair, Katherine moved to have today's agenda approved. Seconded by Vanessa. CARRIED.

#### **3. Teacher Presentation – Learning Support**

- a. **Angela - Instructional coach:** Works with teachers, works in classroom with resources, planning and assessing
- b. **Tina - Learning support:** Builds relationships with teachers to best support them in the classroom, IPPs
- c. **Helen - Child Development Advisor:** Work closely with student in class and help with social/emotional development. Students can access themselves, their teacher or their parent. Can see Helen or Lori. Bring in outside agencies into school - Community Links will teach healthy relationships to grade 5, Stepping Stones - Programs in grades 2-4 this year, Airdrie BGC. Help with food program - partnered with Cobbs program. Assist with community referrals.
- d. **Cassandra Clem - Airdrie Boys & Girls Club - Director of Children's programs:** Running lunch programs this year at R.J. Cassandra and Ally will be facilitators, will work with learning support team. Team will create list of interested kids from grades 3-5. Starting with an "Art-attack" program, will come in once a week to facilitate an activity. Promote self-awareness and social/emotional, such as a heart map - interests, emotions, etc. Also do after-school care in the gym. Planning to do 4 sessions, 6 weeks at a time for this year.

#### 4. Trustee Report – Melyssa Brown, Trustee

##### a. Recent board meetings:

- i. Students from RVS leadership academy did presentations on their experience so far. Alumni group created in leadership academy.
- ii. Enrollment - Numbers are up so far this year. Additional 1,052 students as of September 6. That is 3.8% growth this year - consistent with recent years.
- iii. Update from operations dept about summer projects. Lots of updates completed over the summer. (Updates in new school in Cochrane, as well as washrooms, lighting, air conditioning, etc.)
- iv. School council chair orientation meeting - September 27 - 1 hr zoom meeting
- v. Joint board and school council meeting - October 26
- vi. We're underfunded by 801 students (\$5M underfunded)
- vii. Next meeting: September 21

##### b. Questions?

- i. *What has government committed to doing for Rocky View?*

We didn't receive funding for full construction for any projects. We have design funding for K-8 school in Airdrie. Two others, a high school and a Cochrane school are in the planning phase and one in a pre-planning phase but aren't entirely sure what that means. Pushing back on government for schools to be approved. \$14m allocated for 10-12 projects which is not at all sufficient. It takes 4-5 years for schools to be up and running once we receive full funding. We also only received 10 modulars instead of what we've requested. Lots of advocating needed this year.

#### 5. Principal Points – Jackie Root and Lisa Guy

- a. **Pancake breakfast:** Went really well. Around 650 people. Eaton's really came through again.
- b. **Open House:** Huge attendance and went really well.
- c. **Interesting August/start of September so far:** We are under projection, lost students for a wide variety of reasons. A lot of them were for unusual reasons this year. Projected at 465 we are at 416. Lots of ACP registrations but not many community registrations over the summer. Kindergarten is seeing biggest challenge because of childcare availability (3 morning and 1 afternoon class).
- d. **PL days:** Great few days. Lots of new staff this year with retirements and maternity leaves. Every grade team has new staff which has brought a renewed enthusiasm.
- e. **School Education Plan:** Goals will be gone over at the October staff meeting. New school goals aligning with the divisions 4 year education plan. "I can" has changed to "ABCs" - how to advance literacy and numeracy, future ready skills, inclusive and healthy learning environments for all students. How do we meet the needs of students with the foundational skills with grouping, cross grades learning, etc. Larger knowledge spread in grade one than we've seen in the past. Future ready skills - getting kids back to building community sense within the school and into the communities around them. How do we take complex classrooms and create and environment where every student gets what they need to learn. What did parents

say in Rocky View and Alberta Education surveys (Grades 4, 7 and 10)? Parents want more say in their children's education but how do we get parents engaged.

- f. Grandparent's program:** Working with Rocky View and Boys and Girls' club to try and pilot a program in Airdrie.
- g. Drop off zone:** City is changing signs for drop off zone to be from 7am - 5pm
- h. New Mascot:** Huskies. Staff love it. Starting to formulate plans to present to students. Costume would be around \$10k.

## **6. Finances –**

- a. Currently:** \$7,927.72

## **7. New business**

- a. Resource Liason officer - Constables Max, Jennifer and Erica. Peace officer**
- b. Volunteers:** Set up in Sign Up Genius. 145 agreed. 20 emails didn't work.
- c. Healthy Hunger:** Volunteer request sent. September 28 - McDonalds. Volunteer request will be sent for October 13 - Subway. Katherine will set up January to June Healthy Hunger upon return from her vacation.
- d. Photo Day:** October 12 - Volunteer request to be sent.
- e. Family Halloween Dance:** October 27? Wai to check with DJ availability. \$5/family. Paid concession or with ticket?
- f. Council meetings for 2023/24 school year:**
  - i. September 19 - Learning support presentation
  - ii. October 17 - Kindergarten presentation
  - iii. November 21 (November 20 PL)
  - iv. January 23
  - v. March 19
  - vi. April 16
  - vii. May 21
  - viii. June 18
- g. Upcoming Events:**
  - i. Terry Fox Run: September 27 - Teachers will email their own classes
  - ii. Healthy Hunger: September 28
  - iii. Orange Shirt Day: September 28
  - iv. Photo Day: October 12
  - v. Healthy Hunger: October 13
  - vi. Potluck for Parent/Teacher day: October 25/26 - appies, desserts (approx teachers)

## 8. Adjournment

- a. Next school council meeting will take place October 17, 2023 at 6:30pm.
- b. Chair, Katherine adjourns the meeting at 8:09pm. Seconded by Secretary, Vanessa.

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Chair Signature

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Date

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Secretary Signature

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