

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
 Corwin Odland, Parent
 Ms. Hambidge, Grade 1 (ACP)
 Ms. Alvendia, Grade 1
 Scott Kisser, Parent
 Chrissy, Parent
 Jillian, Parent

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 6:33p.m. Seconded by Secretary, Vanessa. CARRIED.

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

3. Teacher Presentation – Grade 1

a. Literacy in Grade1

- i. Heggerty program - Daily - Phonemic awareness - helps develop decoding and encoding skills. Hand movements.
- ii. Secret Stories - Daily - Blends and reading letter sounds. "aw" "au", "th" etc.
- iii. UFLI literacy program - Daily - whole group instruction, blending sounds, word work, helps develop competency and automaticity.
- iv. Literacy room - application of learning through various centres to practice what they're learning. Play based.

b. Numeracy in Grade 1

- i. Fluency, Reasoning and Problem Solving - Lots of manipulatives/hands on activities. Helps develop number sense and order of numbers and comparing.
- ii. Numeracy room - lots of centres to practice and learn math.

c. What can be done at home to support?

- i. RVS website - Learning supports sections for literacy and numeracy
- ii. UFLI website - Foundations Toolbox. Includes printable resources and games.
- iii. Apps - Reading Eggs, Fast Phonics, Reading Eggspress, Mathseeds, Mathletics, Raz Kids
- iv. Home reading and sight words can be sent home.

4. Trustee Report – Melyssa Brown, Trustee

a. Recent board meetings:

- i. September 21 meeting - Organizational meeting. Board Chair - Phionna Gilbert. Officer and committee appointments. Balancing Airdrie student spaces. RVS Engage sets out a lot of information and tools to figure out the information. In person consultations will be done as well. Comments can be submitted. Fully in Phase 1 (online). Phase 2 will start in early 2024.
- ii. October meeting - 28,600 students (increased by 900 students. 3.6% growth). Continued advocacy for more student spaces. Board chair attended school board and government engagement.
- iii. October 19 meeting - Heard from delegation. Community can do a 10 minute presentation about issues important to them. March 12 meeting will be for presentations about balancing student enrollments.
- iv. November 16 meeting - Reviewed ward boundaries. Ensure adequate representation in each area and balancing for all areas, rural and city. Approved annual education results report for last 4 year plan. Will be uploaded to Rockyview website once it's been fully compiled. Majority of students in grade 1 - 4 evidenced growth in literacy and numeracy. Students feel they can get support at school but feel they can use more support in conflict resolution. Overall diploma results are at provincial average and graduation results are above provincial average.
- v. Caretaking concerns - reduction in service levels and caretaking. Schools share caretaking staff. Budgets have been cut and carryovers have been taken back. \$11.3m last year down to \$9.5m this year. Instruction is already underfunded by \$5.6m which is the only other area it could have been taken from.

b. Questions?

- i. *Have you noticed an impact (ie turnover, etc.) on staff because of the caretaking issue?*
Haven't heard of it on a broad scale but has heard of some circumstances.
- ii. *Are there supports/training for the caretakers on how they are managing their time?*
No added training has been added for that.
- iii. *Are the impacts being tracked or supervised? Was it made as a one and done or is it intended to be reviewed and reassessed on an ongoing basis?*
Can always be reviewed and there is a caretaking department managing the caretakers and head building operators.
- iv. *Are there plans in place for ensuring annual or regular maintenance things are being done?*
Schools were supposed to plan and schedule with the caretakers.

v. *Are caretakers are inhouse or contracted out?*

They are managed inhouse.

vi. *Website has advocacy outlets. Weighted average basis. Rockyview is at 96% capacity across all schools.*

5. Principal Points – Jackie Root and Lisa Guy

- a. Budget:** October 30 the budget was re-opened. Spring we were cut \$68k and in October a further \$66k down. School usually uses around \$3.4m/year and about 96% is salaries. School can't touch staffing. No money for technology or repairs. Photocopying cut to \$300/year per teacher. Managed to balance the budget but there is no money for any extras like field trips supplements, kleenex, grade 5 supplies, phys-ed extras, etc. Had to focus on core subjects. Essentially \$131k cut in the last year. School nutrition program funding cut from \$10k down to \$3,500 - next year the program will have to change. This year the food bank will cover the difference. Having an impact on staff morale. Classroom budgets were cut to \$15/kid.
- b. Remembrance Day:** Fantastic service. Great parent turn out.
- c. Holiday concerts:** December 13 (ACP - Nativity) and 14 (community - Nutcracker). Grade 4 and 5s performance will be in May.
- d. Family Literacy & Numeracy Night** will proceed with some changes due to budget constraints. Does school council want to have a cookie table or something? End of January.
- e. Professional Learning Day** - Staff were split for the first time. ACP went to an event on Biblical integration into teaching. Community staff built on creating literacy and numeracy centres and worked with indigenous leaders on making classrooms more indigenously aware and integrative.
- f. Review on education plan -**
 - i. 6 teacher teams to work on various areas within the school
 - ii. 3 goals
 - 1. Increase literacy and numeracy rates by 15% over the next three years.
 - a. Already well on our way to meet the goals we set for this year at our school.
 - 2. Building future ready students.
 - a. Increase problem solving skills. Problem solving visual. Goes well with PBIS work.
 - b. Pit of learning. Mr. Holteen going into classes to teach about it.
 - 3. Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students.
 - a. Wanting to build stronger connections with community. Want to move forward very intentionally.
 - b. Helping students develop their own interest areas.
 - c. Creating more clubs.

6. New business

- a. **Literacy & Numeracy Night:** January 25, 2024. Research doing some kind of snack table.
- b. **Healthy Hunger:** Remaining ones have been set up.
- c. **Holiday concerts:** Do they need volunteers?
- d. **Bake Sale during Christmas concerts?**
- e. **Spring Fling:** May 16 - Book DJ.

7. Adjournment

- a. Next school council meeting will take place January 23, 2024 at 6:30pm.
- b. Chair, Katherine adjourns the meeting at 8:41pm. Seconded by Secretary, Vanessa.

Chair Signature

Date

Secretary Signature

Date