

**Springbank Community High School  
School Council Meeting – AGM  
Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**Attendance:** Darrell L, Amal J, Ann P, Melanie S, Someya I, Michelle H, Kara B, Pam V, Crystal Y, Arlene A, Tammy Y (11)

Melanie welcomes everyone to our first in person meeting in a couple of years. Melanie calls Meeting to order at 1:04pm.

**Approval of April Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes: Ann P.

Second: Michelle H.

All in Favor: Carried

**Chair Report:**

**Melanie S.**

Melanie lists council positions and asks for nominations.

Below is our School Council for the 2022-23 school year.

Chair- Melanie S.

Vice Chair – Raquel C.

Secretary – Tammy Y.

Treasurer – Ann P.

Volunteer Coordinators – Amal J. & Arlene A

Grad Representative – Pam V.

French Immersion Rep – **Vacant**

Grant Writer/ Researcher – **Vacant**

Darrell and Melanie will discuss sending an email with a detailed description of the two vacant positions. Suggested to advertise more than just in the Flyer.

Approval of the 2022- 2023 SCHS Meeting Dates:

All meetings will take place at 1:00 pm at SCHS.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 – Annual General Meeting

School Council Financials –

TNT used \$400.00 for ice cream.

Balance - \$4832. 48

Q- What did we spend the federal Covid money on?

A-The bulk was spent on personnel costs.

## **Principal's Report:**

**Darrell Lonsberry**

## **Principal's Report to School Council**

*June 13, 2022*

### **Year End**

Despite the few pranks played by our graduating class (washing machines out front filled with concrete, pylons on the roof, toilet paper in the hallway and other shenanigans), our year end went quite smoothly. There was certainly some additional stress around diploma exams and PATs, but they have gone smoothly thus far (minus the technical glitch with Quest A+ that caused a delay to the start of the SS 30 diploma exams). Many students have been or will be taking advantage of the opportunity to redo an assessment in their courses. In some cases, teachers have asked students to come in between June 16 to 24 in order to receive additional, individual support. Report cards will be made available to families through PowerSchool on June 30.

### **Graduation**

We are so proud of our graduates. They persevered through the most challenging time in education that we have ever experienced. They provided student leadership to the rest of our student body by enthusiastically re-engaging in sports and fine arts when things opened up, they advocated for themselves regarding restrictions, and they maintained the high standards that SCHS is well known for. We were so pleased to be able to recognize their accomplishments in our graduation ceremony and banquet at Winsport earlier this month.

I want to put it on the longer-term radar for parents that, at some point in the next 3 or 4 years, we will likely be moving to a school sponsored and organized commencement, but a completely parent organized banquet. This is the direction that most RVS high schools are moving in, given the massive amount of time and energy required of staff to organize both events.

### **Memorial Bench**

As part of our work to memorialize Tyler and Danielle, our grads have sponsored a bench that sits in our outdoor classroom (out back by the fire pit). This was one part of our work to acknowledge the tragedy from last summer. They were recognized during our graduation ceremony as well.

### **2022-23 Startup and Other Info**

We are hosting a staggered entry at startup next year:

- Thursday, September 1: all grade 9, new students in grades 10-12 and life skills students
  - Friday, September 2: all students
- We are planning on getting grade 12 (and hopefully grade 11 too) timetables out to

students prior to the end of June. We will give the grade 9 and 10 students their timetables when they return in September.

Rocky View Schools has decided to standardize Flex block for all high schools. We are no longer scheduling Flex on Monday to Thursday each week; instead, we are only permitted to schedule it on designated weeks (8 weeks out of the year), during particular times of the day. We understand that there is still a need to provide the support and additional assistance that had been provided by staff during Flex blocks this year; we will be working as a staff to find a way to continue to provide those supports within the constraints we must operate under.

We will be sending out information to all families prior to startup with reminders about expectations and requirements for those first few days of school.

#### SCHS Workbook

Thank you to school council for the feedback that informed the workbook (formerly called the annual education plan and results report). We recently received feedback on our workbook and will make a couple of small revisions before posting it to our school website. We will share that information with families once it's posted.

Thank you to our School Council Volunteers!!

I want to thank our fantastic volunteers who served on school council and on the executive for the Friends of Springbank Community High School Society. I appreciate the questions, feedback and guidance that I receive from our go-to volunteers. Thank you so much for your commitment to our school. All the best for a wonderful summer!

Q- Is it definite that the province is going to 30% for the diploma exams next year?

A-Not definite yet.

Q-What else can I do? It is not fair to the kids to have 30% of their grade dependant on 1 grade.

A-You can contact your MLA.

Q- What do you want from new parents coming in to the school?

A-Communication. It is very important for parents to communicate with the teachers and the administrators.

Q- Will there be a Meet the Teacher in February as well as September?

A-Yes, there will be a meet the teacher in February.

## **School Trustee Report:**

**Judi Hunter**

### **May Newsletter, Trustee Hunter, Ward 5**

Spring is always a busy time for Trustees and this year is no exception. We in the process of developing the budget for next year, planning for new curriculum implementation and developing a strategic plan.

#### **CURRICULUM UPDATE**

The province has approved implementation of the K-3 curriculum for Mathematics, English Language Arts and Literature, and K-6 Physical Education & Wellness. The Government has allocated 17.7 million dollars across the province on a per student allocation for purchase/development of learning resources. Another 20 million dollars has been allocated to teacher professional learning and collaboration. The province has retained 14.4 million dollars for purchase of licenses and develop resources for use province-wide of that 3.5 million is specific to French resources. RVS has set aside additional dollars to curriculum implementation. More information can be found at <https://new.learnalberta.ca>

The organizational structure of the curriculum has changed. Within each subject there are organizing ideas, related guiding questions, learning outcomes, key knowledge and understandings, skills, and procedures to be mastered.

RVS staff is working now to update the power school outcomes to match the new curriculum. This is a significant undertaking.

With thanks to a grant from the Ministry of Education, Alberta teachers, their students, and families at home, now have access to MindFuel's Wonderville program free of charge from April 1st, 2022, until March 31st, 2023. Access your free membership by signing up [here](#) or by following the instructions below.

#### **URGENT NEED FOR STUDENT SPACE**

With growth in the communities of Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere, Rocky View School division is desperate for new schools. The last funding cycle saw the approval of a new high school in Langdon will is just this year breaking ground. It will be completed 2025. Cochrane received in 2021 an addition approval for Bow Valley high school with presently sits at 100% utilization. No new schools for Airdrie or Cochrane.

At cheaper alternative is to use portables. The Board requested 18 portables this Capital Plan cycle and received 0. As a result, we will be moving, at RVS expense, 8 portables from one school to another only to have to move them back later.

#### **FUNDING UPDATE**

Total funding for RVS in 2022/23 will be \$244.1 million, compared with \$236.8 million in 2021/22. This represents an overall increase of \$7.3 million. The total funding amount for 2022/23 has been reduced by \$2.4 million due to the funding adjustment for lower-than-expected enrolment in 2021/22. However, since this funding adjustment will be accounted for as a reduction in revenue for 2012/22, the net funding available for 2022/23 will be \$246.5 million representing a net increase of \$9.7 million. The funding increase is due to an overall increase of 1%, the government uses a three-year rolling average to calculate student dollar allocation. For growing boards like RVS, this impact is we are not fully funded for student growth. There is also a 4.6% increase in the transportation budget – to help cover anticipated rising fuel and insurance costs.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

The Board is embarking on development of a strategic plan. Our purpose is to connect with all students to ensure that everyone learns, belongs, and succeeds. We believe this is a shared responsibility that requires engagement and strong partnerships with parents/guardians and all stakeholders. Parents have received the survey.

We look forward to warmer days and plenty of outdoor activities over the next few months.

## **JUNE NEWSLETTER, TRUSTEE HUNTER, WARD 5**

Hard to believe that we are into June and celebration season. For many parents, that will mean shopping for graduation outfits, reminiscing what seemed like yesterday, that young person graduating was just a babe in arms.

Trustees in addition to attending graduations, we will be recognizing the significant contributions of our retiring staff for educating our youth. June 16, celebrate the ongoing professional development of our staff as they complete, degrees and certificates, all which benefit our young people and improves the functioning of our division.

As this year draws to a close, the Board is developing its budget for next year; strategic plan for the division; receiving input from parents; advocating with government for new schools or at least additional portables. ROCKY VIEW SCHOOL DIVISION NEEDS MORE STUDENT SPACE.

The Alberta government has increased funding to Boards by 1% on the instructional grant, and 4.6% on the transportation grant. As we are all too aware rising inflation and supply chain issues are having an impact on expenses.

Some other highlights:

Cochrane tri-school site is to receive a new sports field. This multi-partnered project will be a benefit not only to the students of the tri-site but to the Cochrane community.

<https://cochranenow.com/articles/ground-to-be-broken-in-late-june-for-new-turf->

Alberta Education will be investing \$2 million over the next two years to extend access to specialized services to home education families in the province, connecting students to supports.

Since the new curriculum is being rolled out in September for Physical Education and Wellness - K-6, Math K-3, Language Arts and Literature K-3, Rocky View teachers are receiving professional development in these subjects.

Many of our school councils are looking for new members to sit on their Boards. The very important role in your child's education provides direct feedback to the school administration and to the Board of Trustee. You will meet some wonderful neighbors, and other committed parents, the work is rewarding and much appreciated. Please contact the school council chair or the principal for more information



**HELP SUPPORT THE SPRINGBANK HIGH SCHOOL  
DRAMA PROGRAM**

The Springbank Community Association is sponsoring a raffle to provide upgrades to the drama facility at Springbank High School. Our dynamic drama teacher Ms. Eva Knight is trying to build a drama program elementary through high school, but your help is needed. Last year your support raised \$15 000.00 for the robotics program. We hope that your generosity will do the same for the drama program.

Tickets \$20.00. Grand Prize \$1000.00. \$6000.00 in prizes

Tickets may be purchased by clicking the link below

[www.springbankcommunity.com](http://www.springbankcommunity.com)

## **Committee Reports**

### **a) Grad Representative**

**Kim B.**

No Report.

### **b) Volunteer Coordinators**

**Arlene A./Amal J.**

Q- Is there anything we need to prepare for in September? We can book the Lions for Hot dogs.

A- Yes, we are looking into hot dogs for everyone – more details to follow.

Q- Are we allowed live presentations next year?

A- yes.

Arlene A. makes a motion to spent up to \$1000.00 for Spirit/Welcome Day at school for hotdogs, buns etc.

Amal J. Seconds.

All in favor.

Passed.

### **c) CPF Representative**

We are still looking for a French Immersion Representative.

Rocky View is offering the DELF (Diploma in French Language Studies) as well as a FSL course challenge (applies to all academic subjects).

**New Business:** No New Business.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:58pm.