

**Springbank Community High School  
Parent Council Meeting  
Wednesday Sept 18, 2019**

**Attendance:** Jeff Chalmers, Ann Piercy, Jo Towers, Jana Mura, Gillian Hepworth, Carrie Sweet, Judi Hunter, Louis Champagne, Arlene Abboud, Tammy Yakemchuk (10)

**Approval of May Minutes:**

Motion to Approve minutes – Gillian Hepworth

Second – Jana Mura

All in Favor- Carried

**Chair Report:**

**Carrie Sweet**

Chair Report-September 2019

Welcome back to the 2019-20 school year. September has been an exciting month for council starting with a hot dog lunch for the grade 9's and all new students to SCHS. Our volunteer coordinators have been busy organizing volunteers for textbook sign out, school photos and more. Thank you to everyone who helped make September start up a huge success! Presently we are looking for a few more volunteers to sit on the executive. Positions available are Vice Chair and Grade 12 rep. If you know of anyone please have them contact me at [mcsweet@shaw.ca](mailto:mcsweet@shaw.ca). This year our school council meeting dates will be moving to a bi-monthly format. Meetings will be held the third Wednesday, every **OTHER** month at 6:30pm. Dates of this year's council meetings will be:

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020-Annual General Meeting

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm parents are welcome to attend a session on anxiety issues with youth by Dr. Lynn Miller at SCHS. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Rocky View schools are searching for feedback on its draft 2020-21 and 2021-22 calendars.

Staff and parents are welcome to send comments related to the draft calendars to

[calendarfeedback@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:calendarfeedback@rockyview.ab.ca) by Oct 11, 2019. I suggest everyone download the Rocky View Schools app. It is a quick and easy way to find out what is new or going on with Rocky View and the schools in the division.

Carrie Sweet

- Gillian volunteered to be Grad Rep.

**Principals Report:****Jeff Chalmers**

SCHS School Council Principal's Report September 18, 2019

- We've had a relatively smooth start-up
- New Staff
- Trica Lebel (Guidance), Ryan Beck (Learning Support), Taylor Unger (gr. 9 Humanities, ELA), Nic Wong (gr. 9 Humanities, ELA), Danielle Hampton (Science, Chemistry, Math), Abraham Kungel (gr. 9 Science, Chemistry), Barry Zwikker (Educational Assistant)
- Enrollment is down: June projections at 754; currently have 726 students enrolled
- Reduced enrollment has led to budget constraints. Will be looking at those challenges as we finalize our budget this year.
- Extracurricular activities in full swing. We had our home opener football game on Friday and used it as a spirit day. Raised \$1075 for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Good turnout for Meet the Teacher- feedback from parents?

**2. Four Year Plan**

- Rockyview's new Four Year Plan is being implemented.
- At the school, we will be focusing on 5 goals.
- *Student Engagement*- How might we move students from compliance to full engagement in their learning?
- *Instructional Practices*- How might we adopt objective based assessment techniques across the curriculum?
- *Inclusion*- How might we engage all stakeholders to respond to all students' needs?
- *Making Learning Visible*- How might we celebrate and showcase the everyday learning that takes place at SCHS?

- *Enhancing the Culture of our School-* How might we promote our RISE principles to reflect our everyday, lived experience? How might we provide opportunities for our students to serve the community? How might we provide opportunities for parents to have a meaningful and constructive role in our school community?
- Each goal has a staff committee
- Survey was developed to gather baseline data from parents, students and staff.
- Data will be used to develop strategies in the development of our School Education Plan (now called the Playbook).
- Fall plan due October 15 and will be presented at the November council meeting.

### 3. Upcoming Events

- Children with Anxiety (Dr. Lynn Miller) on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff PL for all schools through the day and parent information session in the evening.
  - Grade 9 Challenge Week/WOW activities next week.
  - Golf team participating in Provincials in Red Deer/Innisfail next week.
  - Scholarship information evening on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Grade 9 vaccinations begin- new process to reduce stress and anxiety
  - Wise Guys and Masculinity in Sport sessions presented by the Centre for Sexuality will be coming up with our students.
- Questions/Comments:
  - Suggestion to have Meet the Teacher in the next semester.
  - It was difficult to go to all of the classes with multiple children.
  - Appreciate the teachers using Remind but are you saying that kids now all need a phone? Kids spend a lot of time on devices, are there no other ways to give kids

information?

- Jeff replies: Teachers have other ways of communicating with the students: google classroom, Moodle and reminders on the board.
- French Immersion Enrollment is dropping.
- Jeff replies: Kids are taking the English program rather than the French. Difficult as well to find teachers to teach full immersion.

**School Trustee**  
**Trustee Report September 2019**

**Judy Hunter**

I trust everyone had a fabulous summer break, the weather was super and summer is such a good time to reconnect with family and friends. As we head back to school, I have seen parents and children out buying new clothes, school supplies and getting their heads around the early mornings and changes in routines.

Rockyview School Board is moving to a cashless system. School Cash online reduces administration at schools. Rocky View Schools have been using School Cash for years and the majority of fees are paid online. Reducing the amount of cash that is brought to schools provides our school staff with time to teach and support children.

This is a jurisdictional initiative and not just a school initiative.

To help ensure safety for all involved in the learning environment, Ministerial Order No. 039/2019 Seclusion and Physical Restraint in Schools and Time-out in Schools Standards that is effective September 1, 2019, until October 31, 2019 has been signed. This ministerial order identifies the Standards for Time-out in Alberta Schools, and Standards for Seclusion and Physical Restraint in Alberta Schools documents as the basis for school authorities to develop policies, procedures and practices.

None of the 7 new modulars would be ready by September 1. They will be released to RVS from the manufacturer starting mid-September with the last one ready in late October. Once released to RVS we still need to transport them to the appropriate site and then get them connected to the school before they can be used. That delivery and setup takes an additional 4-6 weeks once released.

the 7 new modulars are scheduled to go:

1 for Windsong Heights

1 for RancheView

3 for Chestermere Lake Middle

2 for Prairie Waters

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The government is passing the Education Act to replace the School Act. A e-copy of the Education Act can be found at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/e00p3>. Trustees are currently reviewing the changes to determine the impact on our school division. M

Schools Boards have not yet received funding information for the current year. Trustees have created a cautious budget to mitigate possible negative consequences of budget cuts should that happen.

## SCHOOL ACT TO EDUCATION ACT: WHAT IS CHANGING?

	Current: School Act	Proposed for September 1, 2019:  Education Act with proposed amendments in Bill 8
Age of Access	<p>Student is entitled to education programming provided they are younger than 19 years of age on September 1.</p> <p>Boards have discretion to fund education programming to students who are under age 20 as of September 1.</p>	No change—Bill 8 will amend the Education Act to maintain the current age of access.
Age of Attendance	Attendance is compulsory up to 16 years of age.	No change—Bill 8 will amend the Education Act to maintain the current mandatory age of attendance.
Age of Entry	Effective 2020, a common age of entry will be introduced for the province where children must be 5 years old by December 31 of the school year in which they would begin school.	No change—the Act allows for regulations to be made for Early Childhood Education, and these will be reviewed to ensure consistency for the system.
Alternative Programs	Is silent on out-of-boundary alternative programs.	School boards will be permitted to provide alternative programs outside of their geographic boundaries, provided that the resident school board has the first opportunity to deliver the alternative program.
Board Requirements – Audit Committees	A board is required to appoint an auditor who must prepares an auditor's report on the financial statements prepared by the board. The board chair is responsible for bringing the auditor's report to the board and for providing an opportunity for discussion.	<p>Boards (including charter schools) are still required to appoint an auditor, but now must also establish an audit committee consisting of public members.</p> <p>The audit committee will recommend the appointment of an auditor to the board, review the audited financial statements and report to the board.</p>
Board Requirements – Trustee Codes of Conduct	Boards are required to develop and implement a code of conduct for trustees including definitions of breaches and providing for sanctions for breaches, in accordance with principles set out by the Minister by order.	Boards are required to develop and implement a code of conduct for trustees including definitions of breaches and sanctions, up to and including the disqualification of a trustee from a board.
Charter Schools – Establishment Criteria	<p>The Minister is permitted to establish charter schools if the Minister is of the opinion that the charter school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Will have significant community support;</li> </ul>	The Minister may issue a charter to establish a charter school if the Minister is of the opinion that the program to be offered by the charter school:

	Current: School Act	<p>Proposed for September 1, 2019:</p> <p>Education Act with proposed amendments in Bill 8</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Has the potential to improve student learning; and</li> <li>•Offers programming that is not already offered by the boards if the public or separate school districts where the school is located. The initial term of a charter is 5 years. The charter board is required to apply for renewal of the charter. The longest term of a renewal is 15 years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Has the potential to provide improvements to the education system as a whole and enhances education research and innovation in Alberta;</li> <li>•Demonstrates collaboration or engagement with a post-secondary institution or school division;</li> <li>•Focuses on a learning style, teaching style, approach or pedagogy not already offered by the board of a school division in which the charter school is located; and</li> <li>•Has the potential to improve student learning outcomes.</li> </ul> <p>The Education Act contemplates a regulation establishing criteria for issuing a charter to a charter school on a continuing basis.</p>
Charter Schools – Fees	Charter schools are exempt from certain parts of the fee regulation.	A charter school cannot charge a fee that may not be charged by a board.
Charter Schools – Provincial Cap	Provides specific regulation-making authority to regulate the number of charter schools in the province. The Charter Schools Regulation capped the number of charter schools at 15.	The regulation-making authority is more general and does not contain specific authority to regulate the number of charter schools.
Dispute Resolution	Does not require a dispute resolution policy at the school level between parents and school staff.	Boards will be required to establish a policy respecting the resolution of disputes or concerns at the school level between parents and school staff.
Early Childhood Services	The term “student” only applies to those 6 years and over, resulting in a limiting of rights to “children” receiving early childhood services programming.	Certain rights and benefits currently given to “students” (age 6 and over) are extended to all children registered in an early childhood services program.
Elections – Separate Schools	Only those of minority faith can run or vote in separate school board elections.	Separate school electors are allowed the choice of which school board to vote for or run in as trustee.
Elections – Ward Structures	<p>The Minister must approve the electoral ward bylaw of a board.</p> <p>A regional division could not amend its ward boundaries, unless it converted to a</p>	Boards are permitted to determine their own electoral ward structure, and must only inform the Minister of their decision.

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	school division. The option to convert to a school division is not available to separate regional divisions.	Boards must establish, implement and make publicly available a policy respecting considerations and processes used by a board to determine the wards.
Electoral Subdivision structure	Distinctions are drawn between school districts, school divisions and regional divisions.  The different types of school boards have different abilities to amend their ward boundaries.	Distinctions between school districts, divisions, and regional divisions will be removed. All school authorities will be identified as a Public School Division or a Separate School Division. All numbers in school authority names will be removed.
First Nations – Education Services Agreements	Allows boards, with the approval of the Minister, to enter into agreements with First Nations for the education of students who live on a First Nations reserve and attend a school under the jurisdiction of the board. The Act also allows the Minister to establish standards for these agreements.	Boards (including charter schools) may enter into agreements with First Nations for the education of students who live on a First Nations reserve and attend a school under the jurisdiction of the board. The Act also allows the Minister to establish standards for these agreements.  Ministerial approval is no longer required for boards to enter into these agreements.
First Nations – Trustee Appointments	A board may appoint a trustee to represent First Nations students and parents, but only if this appointment is provided for in the agreement between the board and the First Nation.	The board or Minister may appoint a trustee to represent First Nations students and parents where the board and the First Nation are party to an education services agreement.

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## Rocky View Schools 2019/20 Enrolment Growth

- As of Sept. 3, 2019, Rocky View Schools' (RVS) preliminary enrolment numbers were at 25, 592, up 911 students from the previous school year.
- Official count will be recorded, Sept. 30, 2019, with student grants based on this final number.
- RVS continues to see enrolment growth, as evidenced in the chart below:

School Year	Headcount	# more students from previous year	RVS Percentage of Growth	Provincial Percentage of Growth
2019/2020	25,592	911	3.67%	-
2018/2019	24,681	934	3.93%	1.02%
2017/2018	23,747	1,179	5.22%	2.13%
2016/2017	22,568	1,051	4.88%	1.91%
2015/2016	21,517	961	4.68%	2.26%

## Board Recognizes A.E. Bowers' Ripple of Change

- Trustees celebrated A.E. Bowers Ripples of Change initiative, which aimed to enhance Gr. 4 students' understanding of Indigenous cultures and raise awareness of Truth and Reconciliation (TRC).
- The year-long project saw students engaged in authentic learning experiences surrounding the 4 A's of Reconciliation: Acknowledgement, Awareness, Atonement and Action.
- Through stories, artifacts, research and dialogue with Indigenous artisans and local First Nations youth, students built empathy and compassion for the histories of Indigenous People in Canada.

## **Bill 8: Education Amendment Act Comes into Force**

- With the Education Act and associated regulations coming into force Sept. 1, 2019, Trustees were guided through a summary of changes from the School Act to the new legislation.
- It is anticipated that throughout the fall 2019, RVS will review its current policies and procedures to align to the new rules of the Act.
- In accordance with the Act, RVS changed its legal name from Rocky View School Division No. 41 to Rocky View School Division, however, will continue to operate day-to-day under the Rocky View Schools name.

### **Other Reports**

#### **a) Volunteer Coordinators**

**Arlene Abboud/Amal Jomaa**

Volunteer Coordinators Report

September 18, 2019

It's been a great start of the year for us. We sent out Signups for Photo Day and Textbook Distribution. On both days we had all spots requested filled and the events ran smoothly. New Student Orientation was a success as well, Claudia Weigelsberger did an amazing job organizing. We had enough volunteers to cover all shifts.

We are looking for volunteers for the Grade 9 WOW – Camp Horizon and Hiking in Kananaskis. Signup for that event was sent out yesterday. We still need positions filled. Week of Wow will be on Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wed Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

The community presentation of Anxiety in Children by Dr. Lynn Miller is on Monday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM at the school gymnasium. To date we've sold 72 tickets. She is working with teachers during instruction hours on Monday as it's a PL day.

Please help spread the word.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/springbank-schools-17108648040>

Arlene asks Jeff to send out email about Lynn to the parents.  
Still need volunteers for WOW week.

#### **b) Spirit Wear Coordinators**

**Tammy Yakemchuk/Carrie Sweet**

Spirit Wear was sold at Meet the Teacher – successful evening for sales. The new Champion sweat tops arrived and are a huge hit! Looking into possibly ordering more of the original SCHS hoodies. The next spirit wear sales will be on our Parent Teacher Interview nights.

c) **Grad Representative**

Grad Report

First Grad meeting will be held tomorrow (Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>).

Currently there is no date for grad as the venue has been changed. As Telus bumped us out of our spot and were unable to offer a new reasonable date Ms. OngPadilla started to look elsewhere. Winsport is closer, free parking, and hopefully cheaper. She hopes to have a date soon.

Grad committee will begin working on getting a clothing design as well as looking for places to print their clothing.

Important Dates:

A parent and student must attend a mandatory credit check/grad info night - Oct 24th, 700-800pm in the gym

Grad pictures - all students need to book a time slot, even if they plan not to buy - March 9th-17th if we need it that long

French Grad is on May 22, 2020

- Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> is the suggested date but it is NOT yet approved.

d) **French Program Representative**

**Jo Towers**

- French family fun weekend Oct 25-27 in Canmore.

**New Business**

No New Business

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm

Next Meeting November 20, 2019 @6:30pm

**The Friends of Springbank Community High School Society**

Financials will be presented at the November meeting.