

**Springbank Community High School  
Parent Council Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday December 16, 2020**

**Zoom Attendance:** Darrell Lonsberry, Jacqueline Inverarity, Melanie Spagrud, Amal Jomaa, Monica Webster, Ann Piercy, Jo Towers, Tammy Yakemchuk (8)

**Approval of October Minutes:**

Motion to Approve minutes: Amal Jomaa

Second: Monica Webster

All in Favor: Carried

**Chair Report:**

**Melanie Spagrud**

Melanie asks Darrell to follow up with Anton to have our minutes posted on line.

Melanie asks Darrell for a follow up on the locker survey. Darrell says they will look at it the first week of January - want a process in place for the second semester.

Melanie asks if there is a consistent place where teachers can post the link for their zoom.

Darrell says it depends on what platform they are using and will reach out to teachers to see if the links can be more accessible and consistent.

Melanie asks if there is any way to set up a Google invite (calendar reminder) to let students know to go to the next class. Darrell will look into.

**Principal's Report:**

**Darrell Lonsberry**

**Principal's Report to School Council**

*December 2020*

**Happy Holidays**

As this is our last meeting before winter break, I wanted to wish everyone happy holidays. We are still in the midst of Hanukkah as I write this, so I want to wish a Happy Hanukkah to families as well. It's been a challenging year in many regards, and I think that we've weathered the storm very well as a school. Here's to a new year that brings more joy and less stress!

**Exams and Exam Break**

At SCHS we will not be offering final exams in all subjects to students. We know that the disruptions caused by the pandemic are significantly affecting some of our students and final exams are one more stress for them. If teachers had planned for summative projects, those will still proceed, plus there may be a course that does have a final exam (our second language courses may still use a final exam as the summative assessment), but if it is a final exam then it must be optional, written during regular class time and be no-risk for students (their marks

cannot drop). While some may have seen a final exam as an opportunity to raise one's marks, for many they are simply a source of additional stress with no additional benefit to learning. There will be opportunities for students to raise their marks if they so choose, though we have yet to work out the details of how that will happen during the Jan. 25-27 timeframe.

Part of the changes include an abbreviated "exam break", though it's a misnomer because there won't be exams written during that time. Here's the revised timeline (all this was shared in last week's Phoenix Flyer as well):

- January 19 – last day of classes for students who are choosing to write diploma exam(s). They would still be expected to attend until January 22 in the courses they are NOT writing a diploma exam in.
- January 22 – last day of classes for all students
- January 25-27 – Time to work with particular students on remediation and getting marks to a passing level; there will also be the opportunity for students to re-do some work in order to bring marks up
- January 28 – Non-student day to allow for transition planning for semester 2
- January 29 – Non-student day (PL day for staff)
- February 1 – first day of second semester

### **Learning at Home Continues for the Week of January 4-8**

As per provincial mandate, all students in Alberta will be learning at home for the first week we are back from the break. Having said that, we do have permission to continue to have our complex needs students coming into the building in order to provide for as much continuity and consistency as possible. Teachers will send out their weekly learning plans early on the morning of Monday, January 4 for that week.

### **Diploma Exams**

As has been shared previously, diploma exams are optional for the rest of the year. In order to be able to plan for the students who wish to write one or more, we have asked students in diploma courses to let us know this week whether they intend to write any or all diplomas. Students are permitted to change their minds up to the day of the exam, but we want to avoid a circumstance (though admittedly not a likely circumstance) where students show up to write an exam on a particular day and we don't have enough exams for them. We will have a number of additional exams, but more accurate numbers of students intending to write will allow us to be better planned.

## **On-Line Students and Course Change Requests**

We will know later this week how many students have opted to be on-line full time for semester 2. This is vital information for us, as there is the potential that it could impact our staffing, and therefore our course offerings for semester 2. We saw it in semester 1, where we had to collapse a couple of courses and eliminate others because we had to accommodate staff who were teaching on-line. While we will know later this week the number of students learning on-line full time for semester 2, we won't know about staffing implications until January 18. This is the primary reason why we are not able to entertain any course change requests until later in January.

## **Staffing Updates**

There are a couple of important updates:

- Mme Comba is retiring at the end of January after more than 30 years working in Rocky View Schools. Plans are in the works for a fitting farewell.
- Mr. Stelkic will be leaving as at the end of January to take on an assistant principalship at Croxford High School in Airdrie. We wish him all the best in his new role.
- We will be hiring an additional staff member for semester 2, using the federal Safe Return to Schools funds that were provided to try and reduce class sizes in our largest class(es).
- Tatum Pascal, our full time on-line teacher, is beginning her maternity leave in January and so we have arranged for a replacement for her. We wish Tatum all the best and good health and happiness upon the birth of her child.

Q- Was the “outbreak” called an “outbreak” because there were 2 concurrent cases?

Darrell said 1 of the cases was infectious for 2 operational days - it is important to let families know because there are families who are still connecting even though we are out of school. Whenever there is a positive case reported, an inspector comes in and looks at the space(s) where that individual had been. If the “outbreak” was expanded to a “watch”, there would be a more thorough inspection.

Darrell asked council for feedback on the School Playbook. He will be getting feedback from parents as well.

**School Trustee**

**Judi Hunter**

**December 2020 Newsletter Trustee Judi Hunter Ward 5**

As we enter into the final month of this year, we are all looking forward to a pause, a time to reflect, to appreciate our families and loved ones, to hope COVID-19 has run its course and we all breathe a collective sigh.

At our last Board meeting, trustees were treated to a presentation by Crossfield Elementary School, called “One School, One Book “. The project was spearheaded by one of the teachers. The schools’ motto is “Learning to Read is our focus – Loving to Read is our goal”. For this month-long project, each school family was presented with one book so families could read a part of the book each night. If a family was unable to do so, the principal read those parts to children who had missed. The school scheduled a number of school-wide fun events based on characters or relevant events in the story. At the end of the month – all families were invited to bring a blanket and the book to the school. Families found a place in the school to sit and read the last chapter of the book. The experience was well received by the school community. The second year of this initiative finished. The school noted that the practice is now rooted in the community and families look forward to yearly positive experience. The principal also noted that this activity fostered a very positive home-school relationship.

As you are aware all 7-12 students will now be in scenario 3. Rocky View administration has worked to develop a plan where learning can continue with increased hours over the spring online learning and there will be greater direct instruction. It is the hope of AHS and Alberta Education that the early move to Scenario 3 and the extended Christmas Break will allow schools to continue uninterrupted in 2021.

Just an FYI, the province has changed to legislation regarding intentions of citizens willing to run for office. Nominations are now being accepted in January. More details to follow. Nominations for trustee require 10 supporting signatures and there is no deposit.

The Board has completed its yearly audit. For the past two years the Board has contracted Price Waterhouse Cooper. Details can be found on the Rocky View website.

#### Approved Budget

[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/assets\\_publications/budgetsandafs/approved\\_spring\\_budget\\_2020-2021](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/assets_publications/budgetsandafs/approved_spring_budget_2020-2021)

While these have not yet been posted, they will be posted here. The page also takes you to the Capital plan information.

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/capitalplansRocky View Schools Annual Educational Results Report is now online. https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/2019-20-aerr/2019-2020-aerr>

A number of questions have been changed on the Rocky View satisfaction survey to more closely aligned the goals of our four-year plan “ I Can – Connect – Achieve – Navigate”. The is being done to ensure that the Division is measuring the intentional goals of this plan.

Ridership is down on our buses and this is costing the Board additional dollars to keep the routes maintained. The new director of transportation has been able to save dollars in the transportation of students with disabilities by closing aligning needs to service.

The Board has written a letter of concern to Rocky View County regarding the lack of consultation prior to decisions that affect the School Division.

The most recent joint School/Board meeting was well received. Trustees have taken a much greater role in the structure of these meetings than was done with past Boards.

I wish each of you, health and happiness in the upcoming festive season.

Other Reports:

a) **Volunteer Coordinators**

**Arlene Abboud/Amal Jomaa**

We sent thank you goodies to the teachers.

b) **Spirit Wear**

Spirit wear will be moving to an online store – more details to follow.

c) **Grad Representative**

**Ann Piercy**

Grad Wear - has arrived and students have received it.

Gowns and Caps – measurements have been taken and order has been placed.

Baby Photos – students can start submitting their baby photos Feb 1

Grad Photos – scheduled for the beginning of March

Grad Date - June 5<sup>th</sup> at Winsport but not sure what the event will look like because of Covid.

Grade 12's will take over the recycling and the money will go towards their legacy project, not sure what the project is yet.

d) **French Program Representative**

**Jo Towers**

No report.

**New Business:** No New business.

Meeting Adjourned 2:17 pm

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

Melanie calls to order.

Amal Jomaa makes the motion to approve the Minutes from October.

Monica Webster seconds.

All in Favor.

Approved.

***Friends of Community High School Society***

***Balance Sheet***

	<b>November 30, 2020</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Casino Account - Chequing	2,912.02	72,899.89
Casino Account - T-Bill	78,592.71	8,576.89
	81,504.73	81,476.78
General Account - Chequing	1,098.99	3,670.90
General Account - T-Bill	2,094.56	2,092.11
	3,193.55	5,763.01
Accounts Receivable	2,213.40	2,213.40
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	86,911.68	89,453.19
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**Liability**

**Current Liabilities**

Deferred Casino Revenue	(83,376.15)	83,376.15
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	(83,376.15)	83,376.15
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<b>Equity</b>		
<b>Owners Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	6,077.04	7,973.06
Current Earnings	(2,541.51)	(1,896.02)
<b>Total Equity</b>	3,535.53	6,077.04
<b>Liabilities And Equity</b>	(79,840.62)	89,453.19

*Friends of Springbank Community High School Society*  
*Income Statement*  
*for the period ending November 30, 2020*

	<u>November 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Casino Proceeds	-	-
Donations	37.00	-
Interest Revenue	30.40	86.85
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.70	658.95
<b>Total Revenue</b>	68.10	745.80
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Use of Casino Proceeds	-	-
Casino Expenses	-	-
Courier and Postage	-	-
Insurance	-	993.25
Supplies	-	24.22
Grad	2,609.61	1,624.35
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	2,609.61	2,641.82
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	(2,541.51)	(1,896.02)



Melanie is all caught up with the AGLC. New cheques are ordered. We are caught up with all payments to school that were to be re-imbursed. (VB equipment and Grad Helicopter).

A spending list from the teachers is coming.

Casino:

With all of the new Covid restrictions we are not sure if our Casino will go ahead. If it does there will be restrictions on capacity - we will assume our intake will also be reduced.

Melanie recommends we will still look at spending some of the money but if the money has to get us through the next 2 years, we will need to be careful. We will know more in January if we get the casino.

There are still 7 spots left to fill and 7 spots on the back up list.

We will proceed with the Casino if protocols allow.

Melanie says the funds from the grade 8 Quebec trip will be transferred to the FOSCHSS as all the kids are now at the HS. Will apply it to something at the HS. Documentation will have to be submitted with AGLC.

Question about funds that were approved last November – CTS Enhancement. This is the fabrication space. It is currently on pause while we wait for the room to be organized so we can put new equipment in it.

Drama and Robotics – we have the list of Drama items but waiting for the Robotics list. Darrell will follow up.

Melanie has completed the paper work necessary to revive the Friends Society.

Treasurer position is still open.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 pm.

**Next Meeting: Feb 10, 2021 @ 1pm**