

**Springbank Community High School  
School Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**Attendance:** Darrell L, Amal J, Ann P, Melanie S, Someya I, Michelle H, Kara B, Pam V, Raquel C, Tannis W, Judi H, Cheryl K, Lucie C, Alana M, Spring H, Tammy Y (16)

Melanie calls meeting to order.

Judi H. motions to amend the following in the June Minutes to read “AGM Wednesday June 14, 2023”.

Amal J. seconds.

All in favor. Carried.

**Chair Report:**

**Melanie S.**

School Trips: The only travel restrictions are currently international.

CPF Rep: We currently do not have a representative in this position, do we need to continue with the position? The president is stepping down. Previously, they offered a cheese fundraiser. Judi suggests we do want to continue, we do not want to lose the position. If there are any Grade 9 parents in French who want to take on the role, that would be great.

School Council Email addresses: Currently we have a gmail account. RVS is offering us an rvschools.ab.ca account – is this something we need to change to? Melanie is comfortable with keeping with the gmail account.

Judi: the board was worried about inappropriate use of the email address but the argument against that was the students do have an rvs address. Also it would be easier to contact other schools with a common email address.

Melanie: Our gmail account is published within RVS so other schools can find us easily.

Bank Signing: Ann is taking over as treasurer so we need to add her name to the signing authority.

Lucie C. makes a motion to have Ann P. added to the bank for signing authority.

Pam V. seconds.

All in Favor. Carried.

School Council Bank Account – We have \$4832.48 in the school account that is held by the school.

Q-What is the money spent on?

A-It is sitting there for now, it has been used for TNT.

ASCA is hosting an on line engagement for parents, school council members and school communities to discuss education priorities with the UCP Leadership Candidates. If you are interested – please contact Melanie. [springbankhscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:springbankhscouncil@gmail.com)

Darrell: The ministry is seeking feedback on the code of professional conduct on teachers.  
Darrell will add this to the flyer.

## **Principal's Report:**

**Darrell Lonsberry**

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

*September 21, 2022*

#### **Timetable Changes for 2022-23**

Rocky View Schools changed expectations for Flex time for all high schools. In the past we were able to offer that time Monday to Thursday every week, where teachers could offer additional support for students in their academics and we could host wellness sessions open to all students. We are limited to doing Flex in designated weeks in the year. It's only during those 8 weeks that we can do Flex blocks similar to the way we've done them in the past.

In order to accommodate the 42 minutes of instructional time that had previously been dedicated to daily Flex blocks, we have added an "A-Block" just before lunch each Monday to Thursday. The A-Block is the same class as students have right after lunch (B-Block), so in effect, it's a longer class that has lunch in the middle of it. We discussed as a staff how we can best use this time, including setting up for labs (both science and foods classes), shorter assessments that don't require a full 77 minute class, the occasional wellness activity, providing small group or individual support for students in that class, and more. We will use the A-Block when hosting assemblies and other school-wide events wherever possible. Attendance is mandatory for both the A-Block and B-Block. Students will be marked LL if they attend only one of A-Block and B-Block.

#### **Staffing Updates**

We saw a couple of staff resignations the week before start up. Mr. Martell resigned from RVS and so we had a substitute teacher in for him for the first 2 weeks of classes while we hired a teacher. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Tyler McRae to our staff as our new PE teacher. We also had a learning assistant resign and we are trying to hire a replacement. We have had difficulty hiring support staff (we are also looking for a part-time receptionist – one of their responsibilities will be to keep the google calendar up to date), but will keep trying until we find the right people.

#### **New staff this year:**

- Tyler McRae – PE
- Sabrina Kyle – English
- Tatum Pascal – Math/Science
- Sarah Bradley – Youth Development Advisor

All other teaching staff are returning staff members from last year.

Period	Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Times	Friday
<b>1</b>	8:35-9:52 (1:17)	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	8:35-9:44 (1:09)	<b>Block 1</b>
<b>2</b>	9:55-11:12 (1:17)	Block 2	Block 1	Block 4	Block 3	9:47-10:56 (1:09)	<b>Block 2</b>
<b>3</b>	11:15-11:57 (0:42)	Block 3A	Block 4A	Block 1A	Block 2A	10:56-11:39 (0:43)	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	11:57-12:40 (0:43)					11:39-12:48 (1:09)	<b>Block 3</b>
<b>4</b>	12:40-1:56 (1:16)	Block 3B	Block 4B	Block 1B	Block 2B	12:51-2:00 (1:09)	<b>Block 4</b>
<b>5</b>	1:59-3:15 (1:16)	Block 4	Block 3	Block 2	Block 1		

#### Terry Fox Run

We are excited to host our Terry Fox run tomorrow during A-Block. Our leadership 10 class is organizing the event. On-line donations can be made here:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/4947> The leadership group set a goal of \$1000 and if we reach that goal I have agreed to (very temporarily) dye my hair blue.

#### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We are hosting a few different activities during A-Block next week, including a couple of activities that our Leadership 20/30 class organized such as indigenous games, Bannock making and more. We are supporting teachers by providing them with teaching resources they can use in their classes. We are hosting our Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, September 29. Of course, school is closed on Friday, September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

#### Preliminary Diploma Results (PAT results are not available yet)

Our students did very well on the diploma exams last June. Teachers and admin analyze the data to inform our planning. Results are reported in our workbook, published at the end of each year and available on our website. SCHS students outscored the provincial results in all subjects and categories except for SS 30-1, standard of excellence. Here is a summary of our results compared to the province:

SCHS Province					
Course	# Students	Excellence	Acceptable	Excellence	Acceptable
Eng 30-1	50	52%	98%	36.9%	98.4%
Eng 30-2	3				
SS 30-1	36	36.1%	100%	42%	99.3%
SS 30-2	1				
SS 30-1 FI	5	60%	100%	42%	99.3%
Math 30-1	27	55.6%	100%	44.8%	95.3%
Chem 30	49	65.3%	100%	51.1%	97.6%
Bio 30	36	55.6%	100%	46.3%	97.2%
Phys 30	24	79.2%	100%	58.5%	97.9%
Sci 30	34	47.1%	100%	32.2%	96.7%

*Note – percentages represent the percentage of students who meet the acceptable standard and standard of excellence.*

## School Trustee Report:

**Judi Hunter**

### September Newsletter Trustee Hunter Ward 5

Exciting to be starting the school year again after a summer of wonderful weather and family adventures.

We have some administrative changes at our West Rocky View Schools.

Glen Brooker has his first principal role at Springbank Middle School after serving as assistant principal at W.H. Croxford High School in Airdrie since 2019. Brooker has been an RVS administrator since 2016, when he became assistant principal at Cochrane High School. Before that, he worked as a teacher or athletic director since 1998 at schools including Bert Church High School in Airdrie, Bow Valley High School, and RVS' Building Futures program.

Brooker holds a Master of Education from the University of Victoria, a Bachelor of Education in History from the University of Alberta, and a Distance Adult Education certification from the University of Calgary. He believes the foundation of learning is built around equity, diversity, and inclusion for all learners.

Earl Castiglione is the new principal at Westbrook School after serving as assistant principal at Bert Church High School since 2018. A teacher and learning specialist since 1992 with Chinooks Edge School Division and the Calgary Board of Education, Castiglione first joined RVS in 2017 as assistant principal at Sarah Thompson School in Langdon before joining Bert Church. This will be his first principalship. Mr. Castiglione holds a Master of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Saskatchewan, as well as a Bachelor of Education in Secondary English and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Calgary. Castiglione believes an effective school provides opportunities for young people to understand the world, find opportunities and engage in personal growth.

In support of RVS's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation the Board has appointed Cindy Stefanato as Director of Indigenous Learning, effective Aug. 15, 2022.

With 14 years supporting the success of Indigenous students, Cindy's professional and lived experience will make her a valuable addition to our leadership team.

A member of Fort William First Nation, Ms. Stefanato joined RVS in 2021 as assistant principal at Glenbow Elementary School in Cochrane. Before that, she served as a teacher, Indigenous education consultant and assistant principal with the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) since 2008. She was also a teacher in Ontario with the Thunder Bay Catholic School District from 2004-2006 and the Durham Catholic District School Board from 2006-2008.

Over the summer, the Board has been working to develop a strategic direction for Rocky View Schools. Schools can expect to provide feedback to this process in the coming months.

On other educational news:

The British Columbia Ministry of Education now requires First Nations courses for high school graduation. B.C. high-school students will now be able to earn credits for First Nations language and culture programs through the expansion of the External Credentials Program (ECP).

Changes enacted July 1, allow First Nations to create and approve language and cultural learning programs, to be recognized by the Ministry of Education and Child Care as external credentials that students can use toward graduating, a Ministry of Education and Child Care news release said.

First Nations will lead the identification of graduation-credit eligible language and culture programs and oversee the delivery of these learning opportunities, including student attainment of an appropriate level of performance and proficiency.

Newfoundland parents fight for right of their deaf child. "Deaf education is a bit of a mess right across the country, because many places have closed their schools for the deaf and mainstreamed kids, like what was done with Carter here," he said. "So, in this rush to be inclusive, they've actually created an exclusive education system." The Churchills began lobbying on behalf of Carter about five years ago when they realized he would get only a few hours of facilitated classroom learning for his entire kindergarten year.

The effects of Arizona legislation are something to keep an eye on. In a move to expand parent choice Governor Ducey offers all families the option to choose the school setting that works best for them. All 1.1 million students who attend traditional district and charter schools would qualify to leave their public schools and get money to go to private schools.

The *Students First Act* is effective September 1, 2022. As part of this Act a registry is created.

The registry will include approximately 162,000 current and former teachers and teacher leaders. It will also include additional individuals as they become certificated. The registry will show information about teachers and teacher leaders dating back to 1954. Specifically, it will include their name, the type of certificate they hold, the status of their certificate, as well as the date they received their certification. The registry will also show disciplinary decisions that resulted in a certificate being suspended or cancelled for unprofessional conduct or professional incompetence from 1990 onwards. No other information will be included as the registry is focused on professional standing. Alberta Education has worked hard to balance teachers' rights to privacy and procedural fairness with the public's right to know when a teacher's certificate has been suspended or cancelled.

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

**Arlene A./Amal J.**

Amal asks if there is anything that is needed for the Pep Rally on Oct 6. We can get food donated if needed.

Admin: The leadership 20-30 classes are doing the preliminary planning and will let Amal know if anything is required.

Melanie: We have allocated up to \$1000.00 already.

**b)Grad Representative**

**Pam V.**

Tara Ong- Padilla is organizing Grad again this year with the help of Sabrina Kyle. We have had one meeting to talk about tasks and students have signed up for what they would like to help with. We will soon have a design for the Grad clothing. We will be setting up an Instagram Grad account as well. We have a mandatory Parent/Student Zoom on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Students will receive some notes from guidance as well as a Grad booklet that will have SO much information. Grad fees are \$180.00 and need to be paid on line. Grad 2023 is Saturday June 3, at Winsport.

Q-Is there going to be a French Immersion Grad?

A-Teachers talk with the students and they decide whether or not they have a separate Grad or not.

**New Business:**

No new business.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:16pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday Oct 19, 2022