



## **Cochrane Christian Academy**

### **School Council Meeting**

**January 24, 2019 6:30pm**

**CCA Learning Commons**

#### **Agenda**

A. Call to Order: Abby Blough Called at 6:44pm

B. Opening Prayer: Abby Blough

C. Introductions: Round Table

D. Review Council Purpose and School Mission

E. Approval of Agenda: Erin Approved; Abby Seconds; Decision to have Lee Ann present with RVS Reads before Committee Reports.

F. Approval of Minutes Nov 23, 2018; Approval by Erin Nielsen; Second by Abby Blough; Rachelle Prud'Homme notes that Allan was misspelled as "Alan".

G. Committee Reports:

a) Student Leadership Report (5 mins)

Hannah from Alive Student Leader Team came to speak. The team is planning several spirit days! 80's day is tomorrow. Talent show is coming up, possibly in May. Rocky View annual leadership conference in February; coming together for a lot of learning about skills and leadership styles. February has a lot of kindness activities planned. Food drive coming up. What grade is student leadership: Grade 6, 7 & 8.

b) Administration Report: Allan Elkin and Rachelle Prud'Homme (25 mins)

School emails were having difficulties to get out. It is fixed now and the school is back on track. Every month there is an email.

Hour of Code, Buddy classes working together for coding games involving reading and problem solving. It was run with Mitford at the same time.

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Awards: Middle School; keeping mission and vision. As a parent, there will be a call for participation to help with this soon.

Camp fundraising will start planning soon. Culture building. Grade 6-8. More info coming soon.

Menti Meter: Feedback came back. 38 parents responded- THANKYOU! (online survey) Results were sent out in an email recently. Handout available at meeting. The Government mail out survey that has started to one out for grade 4-8 will be in available for CCA Late Spring or Early Fall. This is why CCA likes doing the online Menti Meter surveys, to get quicker feedback.

A new block imbedded into the schedule is called IMPACT Block. K-5 and Grade 6-8. Built around expression, service projects, and much more. This is very exciting and this is a new change. A new email will be coming soon. Suggestion to send home these papers in agenda. Teachers are putting a lot of work into this. Watch for the papers soon.

c) Rocky View School Board Trustee Report: Fiona Gilbert, Trustee (5 min)

Fiona was absent; Rachelle updated that there is a new 4 year plan that is starting to take shape. There was an Innovators handout available. *\*Fiona's written report follows as an addendum to these minutes*

d) Chair Report: Ellen Covey

Happy to have childcare offered now for parent council meetings.

Fridge Update; Jennifer was not able to come tonight for updates. Questions about fundraising for CCA & different ideas to raise money. Ellen will exchange emails to connect with Jennifer.

H. Parent Learning Session: Literacy-Guest presenter Lee Ann Lymness from RVS Reads.

Alberta Reads Network runs many programs in schools and the community. Lee Ann spoke to the importance of reading and why reading matters. Schools cannot develop readers without parents. Reading 20 min a day with children is very beneficial. Develop a ritual for reading; create a nice environment to read; have access for books for your children, consider using the local library. Talk about the books with your child, let them have their ideas. When a child is stuck on a word for new readers; try the 4 P's: Pause, Prompt, Provide and finally, Praise.

Further Resources "How to Raise a Reader" [AlbertaReadsNetwork.com/resources](http://AlbertaReadsNetwork.com/resources)

There is a "Reading House". It is a home filled with children's books in Ingelwood. For more info and to book your visit: [calgaryreads.com](http://calgaryreads.com)

CCA is currently looking for Wee Read volunteers to come along CCA students. The invite for more volunteers will be spread into the community as well. Grandparents, family is encouraged to participate. Commitment is 30 min a week. Please contact Rachelle Prud'Homme for more information.

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## J. New Business

Question about sports for CCA grade 6-8 (as options). Allen explained that there are a lot of choices and a lot of teams. When your child enters those years, you will experience several choices, many are three-levelled. Options to join in some sports with Mitford are available (i.e. Archery). Craig Janzen is very helpful with the sports side for any questions.

Question to move meeting starts to 6:30pm start. Meetings aim to be one hour.

## K. Adjournment; Ellen Covey 8:14pm

In attendance; Rachelle Prud'Homme; Allan Elkin; Stacey Simpson; Sara Holly; Abby Blough; Erin Nielsen; Lee Ann Lymness; Laura Biorgium; Sarah Simone

**Next Meeting Date: February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 6:30pm**

### \* *Addendum*

#### **Trustee Report submitted by Fiona Gilbert:**

This report covers items from late November 2018 to today:

**Audited Financial Statement (AFS)** RVS ended the 2017/2018 school year in a strong financial position, reporting a surplus of \$3.2 million that can be attributed to a \$600,000 operational surplus and the recognition of \$2.6 million from reserves to capital to purchase land for a future high school in the City of Airdrie. Revenue for the year rose to \$277 million – up by 7.6 per cent over the previous year, resulting from increased enrolments of 1,073 new students and funds received through the government's new Classroom Improvement Fund. Of the total revenue, 76.55 per cent was spent on Instruction, 14.07 per cent on Plant Operations and Maintenance, 6.41 per cent on Transportation and 2.98 per cent on Board Governance and System Administration. Transportation reserves were exhausted to cover funding shortfalls caused in part by the government's new restrictions on transportation fees.

**Land Acknowledgment** RVS established a Wisdom and Guidance committee in 2016 to guide the collaborative creation of a Land Acknowledgment statement. A Land Acknowledgment is an act of reconciliation and meant to honour and respect both the land and the Indigenous Peoples in our local area. It also is meant to be an expression of gratitude and appreciation. Using the Wisdom and Guidance committee's initial draft, the Board made a few modifications and approved the following statement: *"Rocky View Schools acknowledges and recognizes all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples, and all peoples, for future generations."* Guidelines on the use the Land Acknowledgment are in development.

**Advocacy Priorities** This past November, the Board approved their 2018/2019 Advocacy Priorities which will be used when talking to provincial and municipal governments, and other education

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partners and stakeholders. The complete Advocacy Communique can be accessed at <http://trustees.rockyview.ab.ca/2018-19-advocacy-communique>

1. Equitable Access to Funding - Rocky View School District has been identified as one of the lowest per student funded jurisdictions in the province. The Board believes that the Ministry should engage school authorities in a collaborative process to evaluate and redesign Alberta Education's funding formula to ensure equitable access to funding.
2. New Schools for Growing Jurisdictions - The Rocky View School Board is one of the fastest growing and 5th largest school boards in the province. The Board is asking the government for capital approvals that are transparent, predictable and in alignment with a provincial 4 year strategic program that clearly articulates the priorities in which school projects will be approved.
3. Provincial Review of Inclusion - With an increasingly diverse student population, the Board advocates for a provincial review of funding and supports afforded for the implementation of inclusive education.

**Administrative Procedure Update** The Superintendent of Schools has made changes to 39 administrative procedures (AP) over the past year. The development or review of APs is typically initiated by the Superintendent, however suggestions for development or review can be made by any stakeholder through a formal request process. New and revised APs that may be of interest to school councils include: AP110 School Councils; AP112 School Societies and RVS; AP170 Kirpans in Schools; AP207 Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities & Gender Expressions; AP313 Student Concussion; and AP316 Administering Medication or Medical Treatments to Students. All APs can be accessed on the public website under Board/Administrative Procedures. Changes to APs also are communicated via Replay, RVS' community newsletter.

**Prince of Peace Consultation** As previously reported, the Board has initiated a School Closure Public Engagement Process for Prince of Peace (PoP) Lutheran School on the east side of the division as the building lease expires at the end of August 2019. The next public meeting will be on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> to provide an update on the consultation process, share the feedback received (board delegations and written submissions) and hear from stakeholders regarding how to best accommodate school/students who currently attend PoP if a lease agreement can not be reached with the building owner. The Board of Trustees will deliberate its decision on the future direction of the PoP on February 7, 2019.

**Support for Alberta School Councils Association AGM & Conference** The Board recently announced funding support for school councils to attend the ASCA AGM and Conference in Edmonton at the end of April. The response from school councils was tremendous and while we were unable to fund everyone who applied, I am pleased to report that Glenbow and Elizabeth Barrett School Councils have both been awarded monies to attend.

**RVS Four Year Education Plan: 2019-2023 By Design** RVS has released a new draft of the Four Year Plan and we need your help with review and critique! In this latest draft introduces NEW design principles developed to help everyone move forward the great work already underway and NEW strategies to build synergy and advance the plan's goals and outcomes. For full details, log in to [2023byDesign.com](http://2023byDesign.com) and let us know what you think.

**End Report.**

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