

SC Executive Members Present:

- Rebecca Parzen, Chair
- Ainslee Campbell, Vice Chair
- Tova Schaefer, Volunteer Coordinator
- Elaine Greene, Treasurer
- Willow Carriere, Secretary

School Administration Members Present:

- Jody Moore, Principal
- Richard Dupre, Asst Principal

School Trustee

- Judi Hunter

Also, In Attendance:

Absent: Vicky Tozer, Miya DeAmicis, Lauren Currie

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Call to Order & Welcome/Participant Introduction** – Rebecca Parzen
 - > Called the meeting to order at 6:33PM
 - > Introductions from current council members, administration and new attendees
- **Approval of Agenda** – Rebecca Parzen > Approved by unanimous consent
- **Approval of Minutes from last meeting** – Rebecca Parzen > Approved by unanimous consent
- **Trustee Report** – Judi Hunter



School has been in session for over a month now and students are busy with their studies, and extra-curricular activities. School calendars are posted on the school's website for family planning.

The Board is scheduling student accommodation community engagements for the City of Cochrane and the Town of Chestermere.

A few community updates

- Rocky View County held its meeting on the proposed Petro Canada station at RR33 and highway 1. A decision to follow.
- Calaway Park will be expanded TWP Road 45 to the West. This will impact access to Springbank Middle School – more to come on that.
- Please be aware that many RVS buses are equipped with cameras to register the license plates of cars who do not stop and pass the bus while the stop arm is out
- Schools report satisfaction with the new cellphone use policy. Link to parent awareness of social media. <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/digital-danger-parents-key-to-keeping-kids-safe-on-social-media>
- The City of Airdrie held a successful back-to-school clothing drive and swap in September.
- <https://www.discoverairdrie.com/articles/over-150-families-helped-at-back-to-school-clothing-drive-and-swap>

Alberta opens its first Autism school. <https://globalnews.ca/news/10753356/jim-jiwani-autism-academy-edmonton/>

Link to children's autism organization: www.childre autism.ca

Alberta Beef Producers has initiated a new program for elementary students called "Running with Ranchers". It is sponsored by the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation (GRPF).

Link to initiative

<https://www.stalbertgazette.com/beyond-local/new-curriculum-at-some-alberta-schools-has-students-learning-from-ranchers-9505693>

Alberta government in a joint initiative with CASA Mental Health is supporting 9 new 5-month student mental health programs for across the province. This a link to the story.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10750131/alberta-mental-health-classrooms-fall-2024/>

Link to CASA website <https://casamentalhealth.org/getting-help-2/casa-classrooms/>

Across the country

In Manitoba, Bill 35, the Education Administration Amendment Act, was passed unanimously last spring. It is like bills in Alberta and other provinces that offer public information regarding teacher misconduct

Manitoba implement school nutrition program <https://www.kenoraminerandnews.com/news/local-news/manitoba-launches-universal-school-nutrition-program-for-all-students>

Recommended Reading: For those of you who would like educational related reading the following recommendations are worth a look:

Supercommunicators

- Charles Duhigg
- <https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/supercommunicators-how-to-unlock-the-secret-language-of-connection/9780385697743.html>

Can American Capitalism Survive?

- Steven Pearlstein
- <https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/can-american-capitalism-survive-why-greed-is-not-good-opportunity-is-not-equal-and-fairness-wont-make-us-poor/9781250185983.html>

Eco Anxiety

- [Harriet Dyer](#)
- [digo.ca/en-ca/eco-anxiety-and-what-to-do-about-it-practical-tips-to-allay-your-fears-and-live-a-more-environmentally-friendlylife/9781632280848.html?searchType=products&searchTerm=eco%20anxiety](https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/eco-anxiety-and-what-to-do-about-it-practical-tips-to-allay-your-fears-and-live-a-more-environmentally-friendlylife/9781632280848.html?searchType=products&searchTerm=eco%20anxiety)

Links are provided so you can see the cover and read the synopsis

- **Administration's Report** – Jody Moore
 - Introductions of Jody Moore and Richard Dupre
 - **Number of Students - Class Sizes**
 - 267 students
 - K – 13
 - ½ - 52

- ¾ -61
- 5/6 – 67
- 7/8 – 74

- **Staffing Update:**
 - I-2 teacher provided by funding from RVS to address class size.
 - New teachers to BP this year:
 - Ruby Hammad – new Music teacher
 - Kayla Williamson – K
 - Janet Sommerscales – 5/6

- **Nut Aware School** – Meaning no sharing of food. Eat what they bring. Also, classes that have severe allergies have been notified and asked to not send food to ensure a safe learning environment for all.

- **Handicap Parking Stalls** – please for families who have a permit only.

- **Communication Workflow**
 - Grizzly Gazette on Friday’s – notification via email
 - Website Features – Calendar of events, archive of Gazette entries

Social Media Feedback (Richard Dupre) – what should this communication look like? What should be included?

- **Funding Request Process-** a funding request form has been created for staff to use to request funds. This will increase transparency and communication as well as support accounting processes.

- **Financial Reporting** - expenditures from team grade funding will be reported to the School Council every second month. Grade teams will also include how these funds supported their work during their schedule presentation to the Council.

- **Volunteers Needed** – Volunteer process confirmed, and SignUp Genius will continue to be used to engage volunteers. This will be a standing section of the Grizzly Gazette so families will be able to reference and sign up as available.

- **Updates-**
 - The Seniors Grandparents program will be coming to Banded Peak. We are joining with this well-established program to engage our Bragg Creek Seniors in our school community. More details to follow.
 - On the evening of Oct 21, the BCCA will be offering the "Screenagers Under the Influence" movie to parents and families in our community. The grade 8 students (possibly the 7s too) will have an opportunity to view the movie at school as part of their Health class and engage in a discussion about the use of Vapes and Drugs. (poster attached)

- **Leadership Initiatives in Sept and October:**
 - Fri, Sept 13 – House Induction Assembly
 - Fri, Sept 27 – Terry Fox Run/Walk
 - Wed, Oct 2 – Schoolwide Kahoot at 1:05-1:30
 - Fri, Oct 18 – House challenge assembly
 - Thurs, Oct 31 – Halloween parade of costumes/pumpkin carving

- Discussion notes:

- New 1-2 teacher will hopefully start at the beginning of October.
 - Extra empty classroom will be turning into new grade ½ classroom
 - There are several students with nut allergies
 - Handicap parking is being used by families that do not have a permit. Some families need this space and the school wants to ensure those who need the space have access.
 - Rebecca and Jody had a meeting and discussed some of the communication processes and developed a plan moving forward.
 - New layout to the school website
 - Grizzly Gazette posted on site and will be sent by email Fridays
 - School messenger to be shared with families
 - Info to be sent to Jody by Friday mornings to include in the Gazette
 - Social Media (Richard Dupre)
 - Managing the school Facebook page
 - Updating admin access for the previous account
 - Ideas for posts/content:
 - Share with community pages
 - Volunteer opportunities – SignUp Genius links
 - School events
 - Fundraising initiatives
 - Community engagement
 - Special events/day: spirit days/PJ Day
 - Student leadership initiatives
 - Celebrations at the school
 - Please email A.P. Dupre with more items you would like to see on social media.
- **Chair’s Report – Rebecca Parzen**
 - **Meeting with Principal Moore and Assistant Principal Dupre**
 - I met with Principal Moore and Assistant Principal Dupre last week to discuss School Council. They were very interested in hearing what we’ve been up to for the past several years and they had several excellent suggestions for ways we can improve. Items discussed were:
 - Meetings
 - Agenda
 - Invitation to teachers (each team will attend one meeting in November, January, February, and March)
 - Child minding - the school will organize and we can pay the sitters directly through e-transfer.
 - Try the Owl conference tool for online attendance.
 - Consider using the \$500 grant funds for the system
 - Total \$1500 for platform
 - Meeting information will be shared via the Gazette, website and social media.
 - Standardized forms for funding requests:

- Both P. Moore and A.P. Dupre have experience through their previous schools with forms for teachers to fill out to request funds from School Council/Friends.
 - Draft form to be shared with council for feedback
 - Having a standardized form has the potential to greatly improve how we provide funding to teachers.
 - One has been drafted on Google Drive
 - These funds are in addition to the allocated funds for each grade group/teaching team (\$1500 per grade and \$1000 for kindergarten)
 - Update School Council webpage
 - P. Moore invited us to review the current webpage and provide updates that she can incorporate on our behalf.
 - Add agendas, minutes and other supporting documents
 - Add names of board members and school council email address
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - P. Moore and A.P. Dupre were very impressed with the various teacher appreciation events we have held over the past several years. A well-deserved congratulations to everyone involved, especially Tova and Willow.
- **ASCE Grant, 2023-2024**
 - Unfortunately, books were never purchased last year to use the ASCE grant and the funds are no longer available. We will wait until this year's funding becomes available to see if there is an option to roll over last year's funds to this school year.
 - Judi is under the impression that the funds for the 2024-2025 school year will be available
 - Should have an update on the funds by late October
- **Balancing the School Council financial account**
 - School Council has had the goal for several years to spend down the School Council account and operate primarily out of the Friends bank account. Last year this goal was achieved, however, due to late reporting from RVS, the School Council account was overspent and Friends needs to reimburse the School Council. The details are recorded in last year's minutes.
 - Twila, Elaine, and I have been working to ensure a clear understanding of expenses that have been assigned to the School Council account by the school. We have written a cheque to cover the overspend (Elaine to cover the specifics in the Treasurer's Report).
 - After reimbursement, the School Council account will contain \$13,500 which covers the teaching grade allocations Friends allotted in May 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. A cheque was written in June 2024 from Friends to School Council for this amount.
- **Treasurer's Report – Elaine Greene**
 - Balance in School Council account at start of school year: \$3,253.71.
 - Friends owes School Council \$10,246.29 for approved spending from last school year. A cheque for this amount was written on September 18, 2024.
 - After the cheque is deposited, the SC account will have \$13,500.00 remaining. This amount is intended for discretionary spending by teaching teams, as allocated in the May 2024 Friends meeting.

- **Volunteer Coordinator's Report** – Tova Schaefer
 - SignUp Genius is set up for all school events and fundraising activities at the school
 - Opportunities to be shared on website and Gazette
 - Tova manages school council volunteer email address
 - Classroom volunteers are organized more directly with the teachers
 - Could add some of the classroom volunteer opportunities to SignUp Genius
 - Terry Fox Run – Drafted the form and details to be finalized by Jody/Tova and shared
 - General volunteer opportunities: lost & found, Bear Necessities store, grade ½ extra support, general school support, teacher appreciation, library helper, fun lunch, etc.
 - Family baking initiative – baked goods are donated by family and managed by Tova

- **School Community Input** – Floor

- **New or Other Business**

- **Motion to Adjourn** – Rebecca Parzen > Meeting adjourned at 6:46PM.

UPCOMING CALENDAR & NEXT MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, September 18 – “Take a Peek at the Peak”
- Monday, September 23 - Friday, September 27 - Toonie “Plinko” for Terry
- Friday, September 20 - Grade 6 Soccer Tournament
- Friday, September 27- Terry Fox Run
- Friday, September 30th - National Truth and Reconciliation Day, no school
- School Council Meetings
 - Wednesday, October 16 @ 6:30PM
 - Wednesday, November 20 @ 6:30PM