



# BANDED PEAK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2024

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## 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

## School Trustee

- Judi Hunter (joined @ 6:45pm)

## Also, In Attendance:

**Absent:** Richard Dupre, Asst Principal

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## AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Call to Order & Welcome/Participant Introduction** – Rebecca Parzen > Called the meeting to order at 6:35PM
- **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
  - **Students' Unique Invention Protects Parks Through Hands-on Learning**
    - Grade 1 and 2 French Immersion students from Airdrie's A.E. Bowers Elementary School collaborated with Parks Canada in 2023/24 to develop a tool to keep our national parks and picnic areas clean. Students developed critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, collaboration, creativity, innovation and citizenship skills all key to building future-ready students which is one of the goals of Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Education Plan.
  - **Board to Requests the Town of Cochrane Provide Serviced School Site as Previously Agreed**
    - The Town of Cochrane and RVS signed a memorandum of understanding in 2021 which required the Town to provide a serviced site in the community of Horsecreek by the end of 2024. The Board will send a letter to the Town mayor and council requesting the Town honour the terms of the memorandum of understanding. The new high school in Cochrane is number six on RVS' Capital Plan priorities list for 2026 and a necessary addition of student spaces. Municipalities play an important role in ensuring school sites are ready when they are needed as part of the Provincial government's school project approval process.
  - **Chestermere Student Accommodation Engagement Open**
    - RVS' schools in Chestermere are experiencing enrolment pressures that require new school builds as soon as possible, but despite design funding being approved for one Chestermere school in Budget 2024, this pressure on existing schools will continue until this much-needed school can be built. A Board accommodation decision will be made at the public Board meeting on Jan. 23, 2025.
  - **Supporting Inclusion and Diversity Update**
    - The RVS Learning department provided an update to the Board on professional development opportunities presented to classroom staff and school administrators in 2023/24, which

support RVS' inclusion and diversity guidelines providing student-centered education that is inclusive, safe and supportive is one of the goals of RVS' multi-year Strategic Plan.

- **Ward Boundary Decision**
  - The Board has approved the recommendation of the consultant for the Board Boundary review. The change will see an additional trustee in the City of Cochrane and the combination of Wards 2 and 4 as one trustee position and adding one trustee position to Cochrane, leaving the Board composition of 8 trustees.
- **Search for a new Chief Superintendent begins**
  - Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach, has given notice. We thank him for his eight plus years of service and his commitment to providing quality learning for the students of Rocky View Schools.
- **2025/26 School Calendar Approved**
  - The Board has approved the 2025/26 school calendar. The calendar is now posted.
- **2024/25 Advocacy Priorities Focus on Space and Supports for Students.**
  - The Board has approved the priorities to guide its advocacy work for the current school year – Space for Students and Support for Students. These thoughtfully developed advocacy priorities are specific areas where increased government support is essential to address critical needs that impact the educational experience and outcomes of students.
- **Alberta's opt-in bill for sex education**
  - The legislation requires parents to be notified each time a teacher addresses gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality instruction.
- **Metis learning to be implemented**
  - Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools in Okotoks have recently announced a new educational services agreement with the Rupertsland Institute, to help students at local Catholic schools learn more about Métis history and culture.
- **Ottawa to mull restricting protests outside 'vulnerable' institutions**
  - Over the past few years, protests at schools, places of worship and other community places have increased. The City of Ottawa is considering enacting a bylaw to protect such institutions from harm, intimidation and vitriol.
- **Inflation impacts Purchase of New Buses**
  - Rising costs have impacted the purchase of new buses and vehicle parts for the Northern Lights Public Schools Division (NLPS). “We have seen prices rise to 70 percent on new buses in the past five years,” said a spokesperson for the school division, who explained that some vehicle parts have increased in price by as much as 200-300 percent in the same period.
- **Labor unrest hits education**
  - Edmonton Support Workers vote for strike action.
- **Administration's Report – Jody Moore**
  - **Remembrance Day**
    - Great success – feedback has been overwhelmingly positive
    - New inclusion of “Banded Peak Remembers” very impactful as was the inclusion of the bag piper
  - **Parent Teacher Interviews**
    - Really well attended
    - Focus on the Gazette – focus on communication and collaboration. Strength based approach – learning is hard work. Importance of working as a team.
  - **Building Update**
    - Over the Xmas holidays, our grade ½ classrooms will be getting a facelift. Removal of the shared nonfunctioning accordion wall to a permanent wall as well as paint. New flooring will also be put into the Galileo room.
  - **Technology Update**

- RVS to provide (2024-25):
      - 30 MacBooks and 30 iPads
      - Projectors - Entire fleet of projectors needing to be replaced via RVS Tech over 3 years (2024-27). School responsible for relocation/install of devices.
    - Parent Council requested support:
      - Still in the process of gather quotes and finalizing plan; however, are know some of our needs:
  - **Chrome books:** 10 - year life span – currently have 100 that are all at end of life in 5 years. RVS will only be replacing 30 of those in 5 years. Looking for 20/year for next four years.
  - **iPencils/Carts/projectors** – not included will be at school cost.
  - **iPads** – 15 – Daily teacher use in classrooms
    - Will work with Rebecca for matching grant through CIP – December focus for Jan submission.
  - **Whiteboards/Projectors** – Also looking at needs and costs. There should be 2-3 coming from RVS. Installation, electrical, whiteboard space extra expense to the school.
- **Chair's Report** – Rebecca Parzen
  - **ASCE Grant, 2024-2025**
    - Discuss if this year's ASCE grant is available. > Judy and Jody confirmed it is available. Members to contact Rebecca with ideas. Table to January meeting.
  - **Seniors Organization**
    - The Seniors group (Seniors for Kids Society) will be working on a project with students at Banded Peak on November 28. They have asked for a School Council representative to attend from 1pm to 3pm to observe their activity and speak with the program director. Rebecca planning on attending but other council members are invited to attend. > November 28 meeting cancelled as school activity was cancelled.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Elaine Greene
  - School Council - Treasurer report Nov 20, 2024
  - Not much to report. Grade groups are spending money on Art supplies, learning toys and books.

| Month                     |                         | September  | October  | Total Allocation | Total Spent (To Date from September 1st) | Remaining Allocation |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|------------------|--|----------------------|
|                           | Spent SC                |            |          |                  | \$0.00                                   |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           |            |          | \$0.00           |  | \$0.00               |
| Kindergarten              | Spent SC                | \$123.92   | \$101.88 |                  | \$225.80                                 |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           | \$1,500.00 |          | \$1,500.00       |  | \$1,274.20           |
| Grade 1/2                 | Spent SC                |            | \$660.95 |                  | \$660.95                                 |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           | \$3,000.00 |          | \$3,000.00       |  | \$2,339.05           |
| Grade 3/4                 | Spent SC                |            | \$116.44 |                  | \$116.44                                 |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           | \$3,000.00 |          | \$3,000.00       |  | \$2,883.56           |
| Grade 5/6                 | Spent SC                | \$1,373.03 | \$358.23 |                  | \$1,731.26                               |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           | \$3,000.00 |          | \$3,000.00       |  | \$1,268.74           |
| Grade 7/8                 | Spent SC                | \$270.98   |          |                  | \$270.98                                 |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           | \$3,000.00 |          | \$3,000.00       |  | \$2,729.02           |
| Grade 8 Graduation Gift   | Spent SC                |            |          |                  | \$0.00                                   |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           |            |          | \$0.00           |  | \$0.00               |
|                           | Spent SC                |            |          |                  | \$0.00                                   |                      |
|                           | Allocation SC           |            |          | \$0.00           |  | \$0.00               |
|                           | Spent FOBPS             |            |          |                  | \$0.00                                   |                      |
|                           | Allocation FOBPS        |            |          | \$0.00           |  | \$0.00               |
|                           | Spent FOBPS Casino      |            |          |                  | \$0.00                                   |                      |
|                           | Spent SC                |            |          |                  | \$0.00                                   |                      |
|                           | Allocation FOBPS Casino |            |          | \$0.00           |  | \$0.00               |
|                           | Allocation SC           |            |          | \$0.00           |  | \$0.00               |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> |                         |            |          |                  | \$3,005.43                               | \$10,494.57          |

- **Volunteer Coordinator's Report** – Tova Schaefer
  - Families are booked in for family baking initiative
  - Fun lunch November 29<sup>th</sup> and volunteers will be confirmed via Kim Snow
  - Discussion: Parent teacher conferences > are there any parents who would make/buy food for staff over the course of the two nights.
    - In previous years families have provided food or purchased food for teacher conferences. Consider asking families if they want to get involved. Jody did provide soup/buns this fall on one night for staff. We could survey staff to see if they would be interested in having families contribute and possibly in lieu of monthly baking.
- **School Community Input** – Floor
- **New or Other Business**
- **Motion to Adjourn** – Rebecca Parzen > Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.

**UPCOMING CALENDAR & NEXT MEETINGS:**

- December 1 – PD Day no school
- December 4 – Fire Safety Presentation with Mike Gaultois
- Winter Market: December 12 5-7 pm
  - This year's theme is the Gingerbread Village including concerts, Santa photos, festival of trees.
  - Market applications are due next Monday and vendor decisions will be completed for Tuesday.
  - More details to be shared as solidified.
- Next Council Meeting – January 15, 2025 @ 6:30PM