



**Hérons Crossing School
School Council Meeting
September 20th, 2023
6:30 pm – In-person @ Learning Commons**

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elise Andrews - Chair
VACANT- Council Treasurer
Tara Antosh, Community Liaison
Meghan Farrar - Secretary, Vice of Friends
Kristy Rohl, Member at Large
Andrelynn Mitchell, Member at Large

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kristin Siedlyk, Vice Chair
Shirley-Anne Tarry, Volunteer Coordinator,
Amanda Crawford, Member at Large

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/REPRESENTATIVES:

Brendan Trinca - Principal
Brianna Storey - AP
Justina Law - AP - absent

RVS TRUSTEE:

Todd Brand - absent

- ❖ Call to Order / Introductions/ Approval of Agenda & Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Agenda Approved by Elise Andrews, Lynn Mitchell
 - Minutes from previous meeting Approved by Tara Antosh and Lynn Mitchell
- ❖ Reminder of School Council Duties taken from the Rocky View School Website. School councils play a vital role in RVS. They are a way for Parents and community members to work together with our schools to support and enhance student learning. At the school level, they help shape the delivery of education to children through ongoing feedback to school administrators.
 - Support school activities
 - Advise principals and the Board of Trustees on matters related to schools
 - Provide liaison between the school and the community Consult principals
 - Perform any function or duty required under government legislation or regulation, or delegated by the Board of Trustees
- ❖ Old Business / Business Arising from Minutes
 - none
- ❖ Administration Report / Q 'n A :
 - Start Up 2023-2024 going well, staffing is ongoing
 - Learning is interactive within the whole school and kids have the chance to see how they contribute etc.

- Positive Behaviour Supports in Schools
 - Respect, Responsibility and Respect are school's behavior model
- Budget
 - Technology, literacy, resources to support kids directly have been arranged
 - Every grade has approx. \$2000
 - Would like to identify past expense lines and use to support in school opportunities
 - Numbers across grade classes (School at 940)
 - Grade 1: 22 students
 - 2: 26
 - 3: 23
 - 4: 28
 - 5: 25
 - 6: 32
 - 7: 25
 - 8: 29
- CDA: Child Development Advisor supports the emotional and regulative behaviors of the students
 - Christina Craig works in lower grades
 - Kelvin Ganpatt works in Upper grades
 - Along with one other per group
- ❖ Trustee Report / Q 'n A: n/a unable to attend
- ❖ Chair Report:
 - Council Orientation next week
 - Working on 22/23 final report to send in to RVS
 - AGM in October
 - High level work plan for Council 23/24
 - Send out information to Parents regarding joining Council and roles available
- ❖ New Business : (20 Minutes)
 - Kidoodle Money allocation, still waiting on the cheques to be delivered in person
 - Will Council provide financial support for Whole-School-Events? How much?
 - Trinca: council is not being mandated to provide money
 - Spring dance, raffles, ticket prices,
 - Residencies
 - Sound creations residency
 - Art cards made from student work to sell
 - Space will be provided for Fundraisers to be sorted and delivered
 - How do we promote volunteering within the school community?
 - Sharing of information to identify how the support has been offered, will be provided to Parents
 - Events Considered
 - Movie Nights?
 - Dances?
 - Markets?

- 50/50, Raffles? (Friends of Herons Crossing Society to control)
- Volunteer recognition (Volunteer Tea)
- Microwaves/Vending Machines for student use
 - Trinca & Storey: vending machines are run by vendors, OHS guidelines are strict with location, supervision (fires, hazards, cleaning)
 - *"We will not be exploring the purchase of microwaves this year at Herons Crossing School. One of the main reasons is that we do not have the people power to supervise the use of these microwaves. We have three different lunch blocks. It is a challenge to supervise all of the necessary areas on a typical day, and even more so when there are staff shortages. We are prioritizing our efforts into providing activities (clubs, intramurals, teams, etc) for our students during this time.*

Healthy hunger will be offered once per week to our school community this year and twice on weeks leading into holidays. Please feel free to communicate with administration for further questions or information."
 -Brendan Trinca

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- Breakfast Club Funding is \$7,000
 - Communication will be sent out requesting support and interest, hopeful to have in place by Thanksgiving
 - Snack attack is being explored through the CDA's, further information will be made available to families
- Canteen? Grades that are having events coming up can volunteer. (Sports tournaments, 3 way conferences)
 - Seeking efficient organization, having teachers/Parents/student availability
 - Ways to fundraise: shop the halls, etc.
- Next month AGM at 6:30pm (Council table to be set up)

❖ Fundraising

- Information to be provided to Parents for October - December initiatives
- FUNDRAISERS:
 - TO BE USED TO CONTINUE FUNDING OF FIELD TRIPS FOR EACH GRADE, WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/RESIDENCIES AS WELL AS ANY IDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT SHORTAGES
 - Information will be shared with Parent Community following all fundraisers as well as the allocation of the funds
 - Evergreen end of November (Lynn Mitchell to support)
 - Purdy's Beg. of November (Meghan Farrar to support)
 - Team fund in Spring (Tara Antosh to support)
 - MABEL'S LABELS ASAP
 - BOTTLE DEPOT TAB
 - Pizza Day (optional) Papa John's
- Will send out a newsletter after each meeting directing Parents to minutes and fundraisers etc.

- ❖ CDA Kelvin has offered his experience and times to share and meet with Parents to provide any additional support to the benefit of the child. kganpatt@rockyview.ab.ca
- ❖ Friends of HCS Report:
 - Dispersal of funds raised in 2022-23 School year
 - *Meghan Farrar moves, seconded by Kristy Robl, that the Friends of Herons Crossing Society contribute a maximum of 10,000 towards field trips and in-class field trips, allocating a maximum of \$1000 per grade team 1-8, including a maximum of \$2000 towards Kindergarten and families in need. Motion CARRIED.*
 - Financial/Treasurer's report (noted that treasurer was not in attendance, and forwarded the balance for FHCS to Secretary and President)
 - Friends Account: As of August 15, 2023, \$11,096.88 in account
 - HCS Council funds, as reported from June 2023 Meeting remains at \$3,080.08
 - Brendan Trinca uncovered an un-known portfolio of substantial amount by the Herons Crossing School Council generated funds from previous years. Request for use for grade team budgets.
 - *Kristy Robl moves, seconded by Tara Antosh, that the Herons Crossing School Council generated funds be allocated towards the grade teams budget. Motion CARRIED.*
- ❖ Kiss and Go:
 - Cars are currently parking in this zone and causing severe back up and an unsafe pedestrian and vehicle environment
 - A reminder of this zone including visuals will be considered to send to Parents
- ❖ Adjournment @ 8:25