



Hérons Crossing School Council Meeting
Wednesday November 15th, 2023
6:30 pm - Learning Commons

EXECUTIVES & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elise Andrews, Co-Chair
Meghan Farrar, Volunteer Coordinator, Acting-Secretary

Members at Large:

Cora Thiessen, President of Friends
Kristy Rohl, Treasurer of Friends
Tara Antosh, Community Liaison
Laurisha Carty
Leah Prentice
Kayla Zawada
Lynn Mitchell

EXECUTIVES & MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tyler Rabel, Outdoor Equipment Project Manager
Danielle Birney
Anira Vanderwerald, Secretary
Michelle Foat, Co-Chair

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/REPRESENTATIVES:

Brendan Trinca - Principal
Justina Law - AP -

RVS TRUSTEE:

Todd Brandt

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Call to Order / Introductions
 - *called to order at 6:35 pm*
- ❖ Approval of Agenda & Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - *Lynn Mitchel approved. Tara Antosh seconded.*
- ❖ Old Business / Business Arising from Minutes
 - Location reserved for organizing fundraising orders on Dec 1 will be in the AUX Gym
 - Volunteer report from school forms to initiate volunteer opportunities (Janelle)
 - Update the Council info on the school website and post meeting drafts and minutes, send explanation of steps to Cindy
 - Request for \$1000 for Career Technology Foundations (options classes) - will submit motion through email to all Executive Members to reach quorum
- ❖ Administration Report / Q'n A :
 - Budget
 - Funds from Kidoodle and school budget has been used towards technology
 - SOUNDKREATIONS - March 15th, (\$6,137.25)

- Adding to our Learning Assistant staff
 - Mrs. Ferguson had a healthy baby
 - Substitutes: Staff has been great at accommodating lack of substitutes
 - Nov. 20th PL Day - Focus is: learning on the crisis cycle, numeracy and kidsSim (med emerg scenario)
 - School Updates:
 - Mrs. McNish has a group of students going to Extraordinaire Nov 23rd, yearly event for student leadership, Ryan Strazniski, kinder kindness ninjas, ride of the mustang reps, mental health initiatives etc.
 - Breakfast program, \$7000 grant to support
 - Volunteers needed
- Playground information: 2015: \$86,000
 - Now this would be \$162,000 for equipment and \$72,000 for installation
 - May not have enough space for playground, petition city?
 - Reach out to Ecole Elementary for details on moving forward
- ❖ Trustee Report / Q 'n A (Todd Brandt):
 - Follow Highlights [Link](#) to find details on their meetings from Rocky View Schools site
 - Change needed to offset capacity at schools, options include :
 - 1. Create a new High School for Airdrie
 - 2. Adjust grade levels within schools
 - 3. Reshuffle of grade configurations and attendance boundaries within Airdrie - some areas will have a lot more change than others based on population etc.
 - New School in planning stage in South Windsong (K-8),
 - Pre-Planning for New High School - in South Windsong, beside New Rec Centre: RVS has approved, but waiting on construction funding so could be 3 or more years until breaking ground
 - BALANCING AIRDRIE STUDENT SPACES public engagement
 - Details will be available in a few days after the next meeting for a communication to discuss all points with the public
 - Q: Why are new developments going in without schools for these kids?
 - A: each development must provide land and services for a school, however, this does not account for government approval and funds
- ❖ Chair Report
 - Financials, not available from Financial Secretary
- ❖ New Business :
 - Airdrie plan for reorganizing, community engagements and website release date and scenarios: explained above with Trustee Report
 - Outdoor Equipment Coordinator Report on new playground: above with Admin Report
 - Breakfast Program: in Admin report

- Sounds Kreations and family dance - a celebration of learning in March
 - Set up Christmas decor, volunteers needed, decoration
 - Christmas Dance? Determined at this time as not an option as planning needs to be done in advance (timelines vary), there is not enough after school time in the calendar; funding, lack of volunteers
 - Add to Action Items to readdress for the March Dance
 - Family Literacy Month - February. Read-a-thon.
- ❖ Fundraising (Friends) Report
- Budget
 - \$11,715.25
 - Fundraisers
 - Greenery: approx. \$1,266.91
 - Purdy's \$1477.09
 - Incentives for students,, motion for funds in Friends Meeting
 - Suggestions for fundraisers:
 - Cookie day per week? Add this to the school store that is being initiated by a teacher in the school, or Cart Sale Days.
 - Parents can contact School Council with ideas and suggestions to support the school at hcschoolcouncil@gmail.com
- ❖ Adjournment at 8:41, Next Meeting January 17th, 2024