



Hérons Crossing School Council Meeting
January 17, 2024
6:30 pm – HCS Learning Commons

EXECUTIVE & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Foat, Co-Chair
Anira Vanderwerald, Secretary

Members at Large:

Kristy Rohl, Treasurer of Friends
Laurisha Carty
Leah Prentice
Danielle Birney
Lindsay Sararas

EXECUTIVE & MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elise Andrews, Co-Chair
Cora Thiessen, President of Friends
Meghan Farrar, Volunteer Coordinator
Tara Antosh, Community Liaison
Tyler Rabel, Outdoor Equipment Project Manager
Kyla Zawada
Lynn Mitchell

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/REPRESENTATIVES:

Brendan Trinca - Principal

RVS TRUSTEE:

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Call to Order / Introductions
 - *called to order at 6:33pm*
- ❖ Approval of Agenda & Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - *Jan Agenda Kristy approved. Leah seconded.*
 - *Nov Minutes Anira approved. Kristy seconded.*
- ❖ Old Business / Business Arising from Minutes
 - Playground process, if we were to move forward with working on funding?
Tyler absent from meeting but received correct email
 - Wrap up incentives for top sellers from our last fundraisers- gift cards were given to Brendan to pass out.
- ❖ Grade Team Presentation by: None
- ❖ Administration Report / Q 'n A :
 - Positive Behaviour Supports and Interventions
 - Our committee has reached its goal of developing wording and visuals for PBIS

Matrix! We will invite attendees to vote on their preference (the same form will be shared with staff)

- Focus on Grades 6-8 more for reporting problems. Feeling safe to report back to staff (principal. Important that kids can come and talk if there are any problems in school.
- Teach this Matrix to K-8s. Teaching the lessons to all of the school and what that looks like in all the grades. Goal is to have an overall calm in the school with the staff and students.
- Attach the rewards and incentives to the Matrix for the house teams (a vehicle to make the Matrix happen)
- Sound Kreations Dance Residency: March 4-15th:
-gauging interest if school Council would like to be a part of hosting a Family Dance during this time, and planning accordingly (look below)

New program that kids will love - similar to phys ed schedule 3x per week over 2 weeks. Each grade will learn a dance routine.

- Learning Disruption Staffing addition:

Government gives funds to school based on the loss of learning post-covid. It is called learning disruption funds. Sue Long, friend and former-teacher at RVS. Sue will aid grades 1-5 to help with literacy or numeracy. She is a specialist for numeracy and literacy. She will be at our school half time from now until the end of March.

Teachers put forth names of students requiring the help from Sue.

- School Council Account Funds Report
Gisselle absent. Email report to come.

❖ Trustee Report / Q 'n A (Todd Brandt): not in attendance

❖ Chair Report: None

❖ New Business

-Open House for Balancing Schools. Read Letter . Presentation not drop in.

Dear Airdrie RVS Parents and Guardians,

The Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools' (RVS) is considering possible solutions to help address overutilized schools in Airdrie. Each solution could have a range of impacts including boundary changes/new designated schools/changes to grade levels served in schools. The [Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces](#) engagement is ongoing through March 2024 with in-person open houses on **January 23, 30, 31 and February 6** and a new online survey open January 23 to March 17.

We encourage you to visit an open house most convenient for you and share your thoughts in-person and through RVSEngage starting January 23. Each of these open houses will have the same information so you can visit the one that is convenient for you.

Jan. 23, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: George McDougall High School

Jan. 30, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: C.W. Perry School

Jan. 31, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: W.H. Croxford High School

Feb. 6, 6:30 – 8 p.m.: Bert Church High School

Comprehensive information on the possible solutions being considered will be available at the open houses, as well as a chance to connect with RVS Trustees and administrators. The open houses are a drop-in format in order to be flexible for attendees.

Detailed information about the potential solutions being considered and how to provide feedback is also available on [RVSEngage](#). The Board highly values input and feedback from Airdrie families and community members to help inform this important decision.

The Board aims to reach a decision at the April 25, 2024, public meeting, which will take effect at the start of the 2025/26 school year. Given the current overutilization of some schools, it is possible changes for specific schools may need to happen as early as September 2024. We understand the importance of these decisions to Airdrie families, and we thank you for your contributions in this process. We look forward to hearing from you.

You can go in to RVSEngage to share your thoughts if there are any additional ideas for the decisions being made

- Readathon is predicted to be in April. HCS is hoping to do better money wise. Teacher/aid incentives, such as duct taping to wall etc. Jenny Owen will present council about readathon in future meeting. Ideally money raised will be used for stocking library with books.
- Meghan Farrar, Volunteer Coordinator, absent but correspondence sent through email:
Wondering if Council can be notified of fundraisers that are not being run by Council so that there is no overlap ie. Gr. 6 camp or Band. Too much to ask of parents. Also if they need any assistance in running them effectively, we can help.
Meghan will need one month's notice to attain volunteers for planned events, if possible.
There will be an ongoing volunteer sign up sheet online in which I would like to add all known events for this year so far including how many volunteers are needed and what they would be doing.
Google form will be sent out at the end of the week to parents.
- Possibly a Movie night in Feb to help with grade 6- outdoor camp fundraising.
Brendan will send information to council.
- Market in April (Cora and Kristy) where are we at with that?
April 12/13th tentative dates for a market. Insurance needs to get organized before anything else. As a society you need to get insurance.
- What time can we get in: set up tables. Whatever time on Friday, April 12th just notify school once time is confirmed.
- Spring Fling Market- vendors to email friendsofheronscrossing@gmail.com
- Kristy will send Brendan information on how to sign up for market for all vendors interested, priority goes to school parents.
- Make sure that the dance in March doesn't conflict with the Band/ Spring Concerts the week of March 18-22/ break it up into many classes.
Gym max. Fire code- 678 people max. Non- seated. Decided to have an earlier dance (K-4) and later

one (5-8) if there is not enough attendance we can combine into one dance. Draws and baskets for students. Also talks about a raffle.

Paying for the dance/tickets can be done on school cash.

This will be parent/council run, staff can join if they wish to do so.

Budget \$1100.00 including supplies. Talks of a concession.

Laurisha dance proposal: Waiting on approval from council, meeting scheduled for early next week.

March 14/15 2024 Dance. Friday-

- Once council approves, a SAVE THE DATE to be sent out to all staff/parents

- ❖ Fundraising (Friends) Report

- Friends Account Fund Report
- Financials printed and brought in to look over
- \$5263.40 balance
- Fundraising total for Purdys and Greenery was \$3732.16
- Teacher appreciation
- Spring fundraiser - possibly in May.

-Touching base about the kiss and go area in front of school, no solutions at this time.

- ❖ Adjourned time: 7:31pm.