



Hérons Crossing School Council Meeting
March 15, 2023
6:30 pm – Zoom Room and In -person in Learning Commons

EXECUTIVE & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elise Andrews, Co-Chair

Anira Vanderwerald, Secretar

Members at Large:

Laurisha Carty

Tyler Rabel, Outdoor Equipment Project Manager

Tara Antosh, Community Liaison

EXECUTIVE & MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michelle Foat, Co-Chair

Kristy Rohl, Treasurer of Friends

Cora Thiessen, President of Friends

Meghan Farrar, Volunteer Coordinator

Lynn Mitchell

Kayla Zawada

Lindsay Sararas

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/REPRESENTATIVES:

Brendan Trinca - Principal

RVS TRUSTEE:

Melissa Bowen - fill in for Todd Brand

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Call to Order / Introductions
 - *called to order at 6:33pm*
- ❖ Approval of Agenda & Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - *March Agenda Elisa approved. Laurisha seconded.*
 - *Feb Minutes Elise approved. Anira seconded.*
- ❖ Old Business / Business Arising from Minutes
 - Bike Trip Subsidizing approx \$35 a student \$2000 total last year - Support a fundraiser (for June)
We could support a fundraiser such as a bottle drive. Would Mr C's kids be interested in fundraising.? Contact Mr Calkins and see what he needs.
 - Readathon dates? Support? Incentives- Brendan is meeting April 9th to finalize how they want to run the readathon. Council can take charge of getting incentives. Will have a follow up after April 9th meeting.
 - Reminder about handing out last Fundrasier's incentives to students (Brendan)
 - Meghan needs to give names to Brendan- a few names got confusing.
 - Dance April 12th Report? What is needed? Ticket sales?
 - Finalize the dance date on the Headline
 - Brendan needs at least 15 adult volunteers to go forth

- Good to go with planning- budget for concession confirmed
- DJ is booked
- Sub committee so far: Kayla buying concession items / Lindsay
- Tickets? Can we open it up? Chat to Giselle- assign someone to head this.
- Meghan sign up for dance volunteers- Laurisha needs to finalize
- Can teachers send the link for sign up for the dance?
- Want to avoid selling tickets so we don't have to refund. Is there a way to donate money if dance is not a go?

❖ Grade Team Presentation by: N/A

❖ Administration Report / Q 'n A :

- Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions
 - Teachers modeled lessons. Showing examples, engaging for staff
 - Blue beads- students and house teams will start next year. Pass out beads for positive behavior. Staff modeling it at this time.
 - Can we involve parents?
- Sounds Kreations Residency
 - Worked out great- book them in again next year.
 - Ask John if they can send songs for grades.
- School Fees (Field Trips and Options)
 - Offer more to students
 - School fees handed out
 - Active Living Day for each class
 - Engage students by getting their interests and then ask staff if they would be interested in teaching new subjects (google form)
 - Any thoughts? One teacher and one from parent community
 - Open to opening it up to parent community to help with sports etc.

❖ Trustee Report / Q 'n A (Melissa Bowen):

All information can be seen in detail at:

(<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about-rvs/board-of-trustees/board-agendas-minutes-highlights>)

Discovery trails Online- 3 passionate individuals about their online school gr 1-9.

Online Learning- 214 students, very successful school

Priorities for the upcoming year.

No more than 5% increase on fees. This year it is only 3% increase.

There should not be any fees for families but underfunded hence the

increase.

Don't want students to not have the opportunities.

Approved new school in Langdon - Horseshoe Crossing High School opens Sept 2024

Staff benefits plans changed to save \$500,000
Support for council members to attend AGM
Updated work planning committee
March 7th- presentation presented
Nominee for Teacher Award
\$2.795M allowed for renewal and maintenance of buildings to keep schools in good working order
Three (k-gr8) (2 in Airdrie 1 in Cochrane) new schools approved for construction funding and 1 for design planning (highschool)

March 12th meeting canceled, board meeting March 21st.
Feedback from council members. Thoughts/concern about not knowing where kids will go next year.

Chair Report

- Financials- Council Account balance \$3080
- Sound Kreation Invoice \$6137.25 (\$3732.16 Fundraised & \$2405.09 from Council)
- ASCA Conference and AGM 26-28 April - there is a grant for any council members or for a parent to can act/vote on behalf who would like to attend. Registration closes April 15th [Registration Link](#) and schedule for ASCA Conf/AGM
Will still support \$19 virtual for the AGM. Can put in a PROXY vote with a school who will be attending. They can vote on your behalf. Interested people need to let us know.
- Our Volunteer Coordinator Meghan has been busy supporting all volunteer needs with a great response from parents. Please continue to include the link in Headlines and direct all volunteering needs to her (Meghan needs to send Brendan link for volunteers)
- Working with Band to offset costs of Camp in April - hosting a bottle drive on Saturday
 - 9:15am at school. - Danielle do another push for the bottle drive

❖ New Business

- Grade 8 Farewell, a few parents have asked for a date for this and what plans are in the works?
No date for it. They have the budget to plan something. Leadership class help plan the farewell. Herons Got Talent also in the works through Leadership.
- School Field mud pit and what can be done to resolve?
Who is in charge of the school field? HCS
Safety problem? Tripping hazards. Ice build up. RVS - Sept walked around, nothing much came of it.
Keeping kids off the fence/ kids jump over it
Maintenance of grounds needs to be done properly one time
In regards to the playground- huge numbers were sent
2yr options: Benches taken out or moved out and add in age appropriate playground equipment. Better usage of space we have.
What are the initial steps for moving forward? Brendan will have city come out again to look at space.

- ASCE Grant towards Council Parent Event \$500 - set a date and decide what we'd like to do
 - Date: May 8 2024
 - Look into options for what to offer.
- Teacher Appreciation/ Volunteer Appreciation dates- depend on funds can be talked about later
- Needs for upcoming Fundraisers for any events end of year and early next year??
 - Mother's Day greenery - present to approve
 - Big Box of Cards Fundraiser
 - 'Welcome Back' in Sept will be go. Friday before school- parents can get involved and hotdogs will be provided again
 - -Christmas dance? End of Nov?

❖ Fundraising (Friends) Report

- Account Balance \$5437.19
- Greenery Fundraiser total \$1494.35 Purdy's total \$2237.81= Total \$3732.16
- Cheque to School for Sounds Kreations Invoice Total \$6137.25 make out a cheque of \$3732.16 to School as soon as possible

Adjourned time: 8:34pm.