



Herons Crossing School Council Meeting
February 28, 2024
6:30 pm – HCS Learning Commons

EXECUTIVE & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Foat, Co-Chair

Members at Large:

Kristy Rohl, Treasurer of Friends

Laurisha Carty

Kayla Zawada

Lindsay Sararas

EXECUTIVE & MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elise Andrews, Co-Chair

Anira Vanderwerald, Secretary

Cora Thiessen, President of Friends

Meghan Farrar, Volunteer Coordinator

Tara Antosh, Community Liaison

Tyler Rabel, Outdoor Equipment Project Manager

Lynn Mitchell

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/REPRESENTATIVES:

Brendan Trinca - Principal

RVS TRUSTEE:

Todd Brand

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Call to Order / Introductions
 - *called to order at 6:34*
- ❖ Approval of Agenda & Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - *Feb Agenda Michelle approved. Lindsay seconded.*
 - *Jan Minutes Michelle approved. Lindsay seconded.*
- ❖ Old Business / Business Arising from Minutes
 - Family Dance March 15th - postpone? Need Sub committee of 3+ people & 10-15 volunteers for event. Giving more time for ticket sales & student/classroom involvement with decorations, etc.
 - Laurisha Heading up. Kayla & Lindsay will help
 - Look at Dance/Market for Apr 12/13 or 19. Need to confirm Market timing with Cora/Friends.
- ❖ Administration Report / Q 'n A :
 - PBIS Matrix Visual finalized and is being used in classrooms.
 - Owens/Kindermann will present "exemplary practice" of embedded professional learning to RVS Board meeting.

- Learning Specialists - work with schools to support teachers (literacy, numeracy, assessment). Learning cycle - classes can sign up for times to have Learning specialists to come cover class & meet with teachers.
 - Food Bank Drive going well. Ends Feb 29.
- ❖ Grade Team Presentation: Brian Calkins - Bike Mechanics
 - Safety Program w/ bylaw. Kids practice safe riding weekly techniques & fixing issues, etc. Ride from Banff train station to Johnson Falls.
 - Offered for Grades 7 & 8. 50 last year, prior year was 70ish.
 - Cost of year end trip is cost prohibitive to some. Approx \$35 per kid. \$2000 full cost for all kids (last year).
 - Would like funds to help subsidize cost of trip for kids.
 - Trip will be in June this year (1st or 2nd week).
 - Council will take away to vote at next meeting as we do not have quorum this month.
- ❖ Trustee Report / Q 'n A (Todd Brand):
 - See handouts from Todd (can be found at <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about-rvs/board-of-trustees/board-agendas-minutes-highlights>)
 - Jan 25 Meeting - Student Transportation needs continue to grow. Currently well funded to meet needs. Drivers are needed. How can the board help retain drivers?
 - Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces - format, visual layouts & staff to talk to was well received by attendees.
 - Feb 15 Meeting - Budget Priorities. Provincial Budget announcement is Feb 29.
 - Staff Benefits to transition from Self-Insured Plan to Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan
 - Funding for Students - Weighted Moving Average negative for growing divisions
 - Balancing Student Spaces - Survey is open until March 17. Decision will likely happen sometime in April. Worried about changes not bringing enough value. Modular announcements could affect Balancing SPaces decision
- ❖ Chair Report: None
- ❖ New Business
 - Readathon Dates - nothing yet. Hopefully before Easter Break. Waiting to solidify bits & pieces.
 - Parking Communication will be in next Herons Headlines.
 - Grade 6 Fundraising is going well. Bottle Drive Fundraiser will close later this week.
- ❖ Fundraising (Friends) Report
 - Friends Account Fund Report - January Closing balance \$5,263.40 (same as December)
 - Need to have a Friends Meeting
 - Market is still going ahead. Waiting on quotes from insurance then will put a call out for vendors

❖ Adjourned time: 7:27pm.