



**Herons Crossing School  
School Council Meeting  
February 12, 2025  
6:30 pm – In-person @ Learning Commons**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Foat - Chair  
Melissa Kellner- Council Treasurer  
Melissa Lacroix- Secretary, President of Friends

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/REPRESENTATIVES:**

Brendan Trinca - Principal  
Lisa Metcafe -Vice Principal

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Pratap -Vice president

**RVS TRUSTEE:**

Melyssa Bowden - Absent

**Members at Large:**

Tyler Rabel, Outdoor Equipment Project Manager  
Tara Antosh  
Anira Vanderwereld

**Meeting Called to order at: 6:28pm**

★ Call to Order / Introductions/ Approval of Agenda & Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Motion by Melissa Lacroix for Minutes from previous meeting (Jan 20 2025)Approved by Melissa Kellner, Second by Michelle Foat

★ **School update**

- Went over School Council Resource Guide
- Megan Farrar & Brendan Trinca sat down to figure out volunteers and need for volunteers
- Filling Trincas office with food donations for food bank going ok
- Literacy & Numeracy Initiative. K-3 Classrooms Literacy & numeracy Blocks in each class. Rotating Centers @ Library. RVS working with HC with Literacy Specialists.
- Substitutes and teachers are hard to find and retain. Classes are shuffled around on a “regular” basis.

★ **Student Leadership**

- Leadership Sold over \$2000.00 in candy grams!! AMAZING
- Filling Trincas office with food donations for food bank

★ **School Trustee Report - Melyssa absent -**

*Jan 23 meeting*

- The Mechanics Training Program celebrates its 25th anniversary. Partnership with Cam Clark Ford in Airdrie. Allows high school kids to work and learn in mechanics trade through hands-on instruction. Mr. Teasdale and 2 past students shared about the program.
- Board made a decision on how to better balance Chestermeres's Schools. 262% rise in population growth over 2 decades RVS' schools in Chestermere were experiencing significant and sustained growth.
- Changes will be shared with impacted families and school communities. Notable changes Chestermere will now have a middle school!
- Muriel Clayton Middle school designation adjusted to address utilization.
- The Board of Trustees made decisions for school designations for students in Prairie Springs to help higher projected utilization at Mureil Clayton.
- Beginning 2025\2026 school year students in prairie springs will attend : K-9 @ Windsong Heights and 10-12 @ Croxford. More information is available on the website. Communication of changes were sent out shortly after the final decision was made to help prepare for the upcoming year.
- Provincial Gov't mandatory literacy and numeracy screening and assessment results were shared. Based on results RVS is targeting gov't provided disruption funding to provide additional support for 10 schools. Other schools may reach out and each request will be considered
- RVS administered a new numeracy assessment aligned with the curriculum for grade 4-10 students
- Survey about AERR will go out again for 2025 with intention to expand the survey to parents. For grades 4-12
- RVS is expanding and deepening positive behaviour interventions and supports PBIS implementation across all schools and on school buses.
- Trustee Orientation AD HOC Committee created for upcoming trustee election. The committee will help to guide development and delivery of the orientation process for new trustees.
- Board received a letter from Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides. Board will continue to advocate for change to the current weighted Moving Average funding model to one which provides funding for every student each year.
- School Council Survey CLOSED on Feb 10 2025.

★ **New Business**

- Contacted Paul Davis RE: Cyber Security \$1700.00 - \$500 to be paid with Student Council Grant. The remaining balance is paid by the school. October 2025 is when he is available to come- Michelle Foat to ask Melyssa about payment support.
- Motion to book Paul Davis was made - Melissa Lacroix - Melissa Kellner First - Tara Antosh Second
- School Dance - Not this year motion made by Michelle Foat Second by Melissa Kellner- Second by Tara Antosh
- RVS Email needs to be created. Old email addresses :
- 7 & 8's do an amazing job with fun lunches!!

- Ideas on speakers for this year?  
-Ask Lennox - RCMP RE: Drugs - Information Night
- Melissa Kellner to check into Traffic Safety Grant
- Brendan Trinca - Portable out front is now gone and that area is now HC's. Tables, Trees, Sod have been offered??
- Tyler Rabel - List coming from Brad for approved contractors by RVS. Asked what is being done with the lone pole in the back of the school? Can a person or parent donate a basketball hoop? - This needs to be brought to Melyssa to ask if a "Larger" item can be donated to HC.
- Anira Vanderwereld- Handed out prizes from fundraisers. 2 Classes got pizza parties.
- Treasurer Update \$3,811.78 total raised - voted previously to use towards Sound Kreations. \$290.62 left in the Account.
- Read A Thon - Council/ school Fundraiser? TBC
- Meeting called to adjourn - 1st Anira Vanderwereld, 2nd Melissa Kellner

★ Adjournment @ 7:29pm