

Rimbey Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2021

In attendance: Jodi Bramfield, Kathleen Terry, Lana Leonhardt, Matilda Kleinsasser, Trudy Bratland, Robyn McIntyre, Suzanne Baril.

1. Call to Order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair, Lana Leonhardt

2. Agenda
 - 2.1 Additions - None
 - 2.2 Adoption of Agenda - Due to lack of quorum, we were not able to adopt the agenda.

3. Minutes from January 12, 2021
 - 3.1 Adoption of Minutes - Due to the lack of quorum, we were not able to adopt the agenda.

4. Treasurer's Report - Due to COVID-19 Michelle and Matilda have not been able to exchange everything needed to do the reports. No money has been exchanged since our last meeting.

5. Business Arising from Minutes - None

6. New Business - None

7. Reports
 - 7.1 Principal's Report

School Events

March 5 - - Zoom Primary Session: Terrific Storyific Day!

- Note: We've done quite a few Virtual Field Trips as many are being offered free or at a reasonable cost. (Many with author Sigmond Brouwer and guest authors)

March 12 - Professional Development Day: Session with Ponoka Elementary

March 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17 - Wear Green Day - St. Patrick's Day

March 19 - Crazy Socks Day!

March 22 - Virtual Earth Rangers presentation.

- A big thank you to *Plains Midstream* for sponsoring this for us! Information regarding the session is attached below.

March 22 - April 16: Calgary Opera Virtual Presentation of Hansel & Gretel.

- This is a free presentation that we thought might be something different for the kids and staff. It is prerecorded so you can view it any time between March 22 - April 16. Suitable for K - 6.

March 26 - Professional Development Day

March 29 - April 5: Spring Break & Easter Holidays

Outdoor Rink

- Allison Goodwin has joined our group to finish off the outdoor rink.
- Derek (Woods Teacher from RJSH) & Robyn (WE Leader from RJSH) joined us last year just before Covid.
- We had enough funds to replace boards and get the rink operating again, but prices have gone up so Derek is looking into this for us to see if we are still good. Also, we are looking into getting cement to make the space more usable.

2021-2022 RE Differentiated Calendar - DRAFT

AB ED Requirements: 950 Student Hours

WC Requirements: 960 Student Hours

RE Hours:

June 24 Student Last Day = 173 days and 972 hours

June 28 Student Last Day = 175 days and 983 hours

*Due to a cap on Teacher Instructional hours of 907 hours RE cannot have 176 student days. We have to have 175 to meet this requirement; which means students' last day of school will be June 28, 2022.

RE Differentiated Calendar Request:

Due to historically poor attendance when there are only 1 - 2 days in the week before summer starts.

June 24 as students' last day - in line with other elementary school requests.

June 27 & 28 - Teacher prep days to complete all year end tasks.

June 29 & 30 - Remaining two In Lieu days

Alternative:

June 28 Student Last Day

June 29 & 30 are Teacher Year End Prep Days

7.2 School Trustee's Report

February 2021

Parent Council Meeting

Since our Board Meeting in January, we have been getting busier and some of the highlights of my days until now include:

8. An Alberta School Board's virtual professional development day that included preparing for the upcoming election and a session on Lobbying Tools and Strategies for engaging the government in conversations about the needs of the school districts and education in Alberta
9. Attending a number of meetings regarding the hiring of a new Superintendent for Wolf Creek
10. Attending two Alberta School Boards Association meetings as the alternate Director for Zone 4
11. A Zoom meeting for the February Board meeting - where we discussed the Election and the NEW BOUNDARIES FOR THE ELECTION
12. Setting a number of meetings including Board, Parent Council meeting on April 7 at 7:00 via Zoom, Advocacy Meeting after the Provincial Budget comes down, a Budget meeting to discuss the Provincial Budget, a Special Meeting to endorse the selection of the Superintendent and Assurance Model Training.
13. We met with the MLA's that represent our division - Mr. Ron Orr and Mr. Jayson Nixon to impress upon them some of the needs and concerns of our district, among them the changes in Program Unit Funding, our Capital Plan that stresses the need for an elementary school in Blackfalds, Supporting Mental Health in Wolf Creek, COVID update for Wolf Creek and delaying the new K-6 Curriculum. We had good discussions and sent them a letter after the meeting just to confirm our discussions. Often they are not aware of what is happening in Education, so we wanted to make sure they had a follow up.
14. We have decided to sponsor two parents to attend the virtual Alberta School Council's Annual General Meeting April 23-25 - you should have received a notice about it.
15. I have attended two Zone 4 meetings since we last met.
16. We were invited to attend the Teacher's Convention (as we are every year) but are no longer authorized to attend but I did so on my own and listened to Dr. Jody Carrington who is always full of wisdom and entertaining.
17. The Board is also accepting nominations for our Wolf Creek Friends of Education Award so if you think of an organization that deserves the award, please fill in an application
18. I miss seeing you folks - thanks for the invitation to your meeting! Stay well.

8. Adjournment at 5:27 p.m.

Next meeting will be held May 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.