

Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021

In attendance via Google Meet: Kathleen Terry, Matilda Kleinsasser, Robyn McIntyre, Trudy Bratland, and Lana Leonhardt.

1. Called to Order at 5:10 p.m. by Chair, Lana Leonhardt.

2. Agenda
 - 2.1 Additions - None
 - 2.2 Adoption of Agenda - Due to lack of quorum, we were unable to adopt the agenda.

3. Minutes from March 2, 2021
 - 3.1 Adoption of Minutes - Due to lack of quorum, we were unable to adopt the minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report - Read out by Treasurer, Matilda Kleinsasser.

Treasurer's Report					
Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council					
As of April 30, 2021					
Opening Balance:				\$28,530.28	
Expenses					
Income					
Balance as of April 30, 2021				\$28,530.28	
Total Balance RES Account				\$594.80	

School Improvement Account Balance				\$14,766.65
Yearbook Balance				\$24.45
Field Trip Fund Balance				\$2,482.34
Hot Lunch Account Balance				\$10,499.73
Student Activity Fund				\$162.31

5. Business Arising from Minutes - None

6. New Business

6.1 Yearbook - Evelyn at Michael’s Studio reached out to ask if we would like to go through the same program as last year for yearbooks. We did not receive a quote yet on prices. Robyn and Lana will likely retire from putting the yearbook together, therefore we would need parent volunteers to help create the 2020/2021 yearbook. Feedback from Lana and Robyn about the program: once you get a feel for the program, it is very easy to use, and is fun to make. Evelyn is excellent at helping when needed.

6.2 Outdoor Rink Grant - Kathleen Hull-Beagle contacted Lana in regards to an application being sent for a grant for the outdoor rink. All the required documents to apply have been submitted.

6.3 School Council Annual Report - Together we filled in the 2020-2021 School Council Annual Report. Lana will finish the report at home and forward it to Kathleen Terry.

7. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report

School events

May 12 - Zoom meet with Gordon Korman (grade 4-6)

May 14 - Terrific Storyific Day (K-3)

May 21 - Professional Development day

May 24 - Victoria Day

June 3 - Beach Day

June 4 - Professional Development day

June 21 - Summer Solstice

June 29 - Report cards/last day of school

Approved Differentiated Calendar

August 27, 30 and 31- staff only

September 1 - Students first day

June 24 - Student's last day

June 27 and 28 staff only

Assurance Model

The Assurance Model replaces the Accountability Pillar that has guided our school ACE plans.

Assurance is a broader concept than accountability, with a focus on demonstrating to stakeholders and communities that the education system is meeting the needs of students and that students are successful. Assurance is achieved through **authentic engagement** between education partners and by creating and sustaining a culture of continuous improvement. These are the key shifts from the existing accountability framework to an assurance framework.

WCPS gathered input using three tools: Thought exchange, TAG feedback and School Administrators and used this input to plan priorities.

The overarching themes are:

- Inclusive Learning Environments

- Quality Teaching
- Collective Responsibility for Student Success

Within these three overarching themes there are multiple subthemes. Each school staff had the opportunity to prioritize the sub themes in each broader theme by ranking them in numerical order. This was completed on the April 30 PD day and the results will be shared with us at the May 11 administrators association meeting.

7.2 School Trustee's Report

Since the last Parent Council Meetings in March, the Board has continued to Meet once a month for Board Meetings but have had a number of other meetings in order to deal with the Budget for the upcoming school year, school calendars and hiring of the new Superintendent. We have had two Zone 4 meetings and an Assurance Model workshop in order to keep up to speed with the mandates from Alberta Education. We have participated in a Steven Covey workshop called 5 Choices to Extraordinary Productivity which was very informative and thought provoking. We held a Public Relations and Advocacy meeting where we discussed the budget, a proposed partnership with the Town of Blackfalds regarding the new High School there, target funding for Mental Health, a Virtual Learning Program, the new curriculum and Live Stream Protocols for our Board Meetings in addition to setting an Agenda for the School Councils/Board meeting.

The School Council Chairs meeting was held on April 7 and the Budget, Student and Staff Well Being (Mental Health), Virtual Learning, and the Curriculum were discussed before a small group discussion was held prior to adjournment.

I have attended a number of webinars regarding well being and how to maneuver through the pandemic. I attended a meeting with representatives of the support staff, Corrine Thorsteinson from Central Office and two fellow Board members. We had a very good discussion regarding challenges and bonuses during the school year and some great ideas were shared. School Division staff will be made aware of some of these discussions. I was to have attended a Liaison meeting with representatives from the ATA Local but that has been postponed.

Our next Board meeting is on May 20. I will attend three School Councils and an Advocacy meeting that week as well. May 31 is the Zone 4 meeting and following the meeting, a virtual gathering will be held and we will learn who the successful candidate for the Edwin Parr award is. Bluffton's Ty Wagar is the nominee for Wolf Creek.

AND Congratulations to Lana for being nominated for the Wolf Creek Friends of Education Award for all of the work she has done for the staff and students at Rimbey Elementary School!

8. Adjournment at 5:44 p.m. by Lana Leonhardt

Next meeting will be held September 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.