

## Minutes Rimbey Elementary School Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 8 at 5:00 pm

Virtual- MEET link

**In attendance:** Kathleen Hull-Beagle, Trudy Bratland, Aimee Heileman, Kelly LeBlanc, Allison Goodwin, Matilda Kleinsauer, Kathleen Terry, Jodi Bramfield, Christine Hansen

### 1. **Call to Order** (review sidebar)

- Called to order by Kathleen HB at 5:02 PM

### 2. **Agenda**

#### 2.1 **Additions** - No Additions

#### 2.2 **Adoption of Agenda**

- Christine Hansen made the Motion to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Matilda K.

### 3. **Minutes from [January 11, 2022](#)**

- Adopted by Matilda

### 4. **[Treasurer's Report](#)**

- Received \$98 750 grant from CFEP For Rink.
- February Balance: \$133 158.07
- Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as information presented by Matilda. Kelly LeBlanc accepted.

### 5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

- No Business arising from the minutes

### 6. **New Business**

#### 6.1 **The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant**

- Continue looking into working with Leanne Evans and doing a Mental Health Session for families.

#### 6.2 **Outdoor Rink** (Kathleen Hull Beagle & Allison Goodwin)

6.2.1 **Pizza Lunch celebration:** Made \$1000 to go towards the rink

##### 6.2.2. **Update**

- Concrete- \$80 000 MAX
- Sport court- \$63 363.83
- Puck board- Kathleen HB found puck board for about 152 per sheet. That means about \$7296.
- 3/8 plywood is about \$51.69 per sheet. That means about \$2481.12.

TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$153 140.95

*"School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board."* - ASCA Website

#### **Rimbey Elementary School Council should remember:**

1. *the confidential nature of some school business.*
2. *to limit the discussions at meetings to the business of the school as a whole.*
3. *to keep meetings to a manageable timeframe.*
4. *If someone would like something to be discussed at a meeting, they should ask for it to be added to the agenda PRIOR to the meeting.*
5. *Only agenda items will be discussed at meetings.*

#### **Rimbey Elementary School Council should try to avoid:**

1. *listening to individual complaints.*
2. *discussing individual students, parents or staff.*

WHAT WE HAVE NOW- \$135 466.00 (add \$1000 from today plus \$100)  
Fundraise for \$20 000?- Two grants out for \$50 000 and \$100 000

6.2.3 **Fundraising**- Kelly and Allison shared that they are looking into organizing a Cash Survivor fundraiser. They estimate it will bring in \$15 000.00

6.3 **ASCA Message** - see 6.5

6.4 **Board/School Council Liaison Meeting**- April 5, 5:30- Pink Building  
RSVP and/ or provide agenda items by March 24 (possibly virtual?)

6.5 **Alberta School Councils Conference & AGM**-*The 2022 event will be held ONLINE. The School Councils Conference is Friday April 22 and Saturday April 23. The AGM is Sunday April 24.*

6.6 **Hot Lunch**

- Jodi will see if a past Hot Lunch Committee member will spearhead the remainder of the school year and mentor Allison and Kelly.

6.7 Spring Celebration (more details from Jodi)- see Principal's Report for details.

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Principal's Report

#### Upcoming

- March 9 Earth Rangers virtual presentation
- March 11: District Wide PD
- March 18: Trying to secure buses for the Div 2 Ski Trip
- March 21: Rock your Socks! To celebrate World Down Syndrome Day
- March 28 - April 1: Spring Break
- April 4 - 24: Classes able to view Calgary Opera's production of The Brothers Grimm

#### Transferring Funds from SGF to School Council Foundation

- We cannot transfer these funds as these funds were donated to RES/Wolf Creek School Division for a specific purpose and we are required to ensure they are spent in that way.
- However, they can give 3rd party invoices to us related to the outdoor rink that we can pay using our funds.

#### Field Trips

- Currently planning year end field trips. There is a motion on record that the School Council will cover the cost of bussing for 1 field trip a year. Some grades will need more than one bus. Is this something that the School Council is willing to continue to do? A teacher was wondering if there are funds available to cover the cost of more than one field trip

#### Examples of Bus Costs (1 Bus)

- Kraay Family Farm (Lacombe) = 250.80

- Sunnybrook (Red Deer) = 343.12
- Jungle Farm (Innisfail) = 390.21
- Des Crossley Forest (25 km SW of Rocky) = 460.83

### Spring Celebration

- We will be hosting a Spring Celebration for our families on April 27 - 28
- Families will be able to sign up to come and visit the school with their child (4:00 - 7:00)
  - Meet the teacher(s)
  - Check out the classroom: see where their child sits, what the room looks like
  - See where their locker is
  - Students will be the *School Ambassadors* and take their family on a tour of the school.
  - A few stations set up with questions to answer to be entered into a draw.
  - Determining if we can use the \$500 School Council Engagement Grant Money for this event - does not look like it meets the criteria
  - And more! Still in the early stages of planning

### 7.2 School Trustee's Report

During January the Board met as the Advocacy and Community Engagement Committee and determined that we would go ahead with the Parent Council/Support Staff and Student Community engagement meetings. They have now all been held and the results will be shared once they are tabulated. My thanks to all who participated. We virtually met with our Friends of Education Award - the Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health people. They were pleased to have been nominated and the successful candidate. Virtually met with Carole Jean-Baptiste, a Wolf Creek Teacher who has been appointed to the Education Minister's Teacher Advisory Council who explained the role of the Council and gave a brief report of her first meeting.

A date for the Salary and Wage Committee meeting was set. This includes all staff that are not teachers.

The Board/Parent Council meeting was set - April 5th and your Chairperson should have received information about it.

Policies and revisions to Policies were reviewed. After every election the Board goes through their Policy Manual to become familiar with it and to revise those that are not current.

We virtually met with MLA Sarah Hoffman, Ministers Nixon and Orr on February 4 and discussed our needs with them. The Ministers were invited in order to talk about the Elementary School in Blackfalds that has been a priority for almost 20 years. Other topics discussed with all three include:

WiFi access for students, particularly on the reserve

Equity for rural education in schools

The new k - 6 curriculum

Mental health issues in Wolf Creek - particularly Social Workers in our schools: **They are not funded but are necessary** and take dollars out of our classrooms

Outside agencies that provide services to our students - that is not funded, either

I have attended a number of virtual Parent Council meetings, and TEBA (Teacher Employer Bargaining Association) meetings.

At our February meeting agenda topics included

- Establishing budget priorities and timelines (Provincial Budget out on Feb. 24)
- Reviewing Policies 4, 4A and 4B
- A review of revisions we have made to Policy 8, 8A and Appendix to Policy 12
- Discussing a meeting with the Town of Rimbey regarding an SRO position
- Setting agenda items for the Board/ATA and Board/Support Staff Liaison meetings
- Receiving information from Assistant Superintendent Danica Martin and Director Barb Reaney about the work they do for the School Division. The challenges they encounter and the contacts/networks that they work with.

The next two weeks are taken up with attending the Rural Education Symposium and the FNMI Gathering, both are held in Edmonton.

We have Virtually attended Zone 4 meetings and I have had the pleasure of Virtually attending the ASBA Provincial Board meeting as an alternate for our Zone.

\*\*\* Dates to remember - April 5 - Bd./Parent Council meeting

April 22,23,24 - Alberta School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting. This will be held Virtually and the information is available on their website: [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca).

There are a number of great speakers - David Irvine and Sandra Woitas are two that I have heard and would recommend. The Board usually sponsors two participants and will likely do the same this year. As it is virtual and the cost is considerably less, there is a chance that more registrations will be covered. We will discuss this at our next meeting - March 17th.

I'm not sure if it is possible but the Wolf Creek Board has met in one location (Central Office) to participate in Zoom/Google Meet presentations or meetings. That way we are able to discuss issues face to face and benefit from sharing information.

8. **Adjournment** at 6:28 PM

9. **Next meeting** will be held on May 10, 2022 at 5:00. We hope it will be in person!.