

**Rimbey Elementary School Council Meeting\_Minutes**  
**November 8, 2022**

**In attendance: Jodi Bramfield, Trudy Bratland, Ashley Fowler, Matilda Kleinsasser, Lena May. Arrived after meeting had started: Nicole Fox, Christine Hanson.**

1. Call to Order at 5:02 PM
2. Agenda - Note: all agenda items are to be added prior to the meeting.
  - 2.1 Adoption of Agenda - Accepted as presented. No motion due to lack of quorum.
3. Minutes from September 20, 2022:  
**On RES Website - Parents - School Council.**  
**Available at this link: <https://res.wolfcreek.ab.ca/download/400901>**
  - 3.1 Adoption of Minutes -Accepted as presented. No motion due to lack of quorum.
4. Business Arising from Minutes - None.
5. Treasurer's Report. (Matilda Kleinsasser). Accepted as presented. No motion due to lack of quorum.
  - September 2022 Balance
    - Opening Balance = \$201 517.01
    - Expenses = \$85 472.06
      - Sande Brothers Concrete INC (Outdoor Rink) = \$75 061.25
      - Chinook Farm Innovations (Outdoor Rink) = \$10 410.81
    - Transferred \$5000 from School Improvement Fund to Field Trip Fund.
      - New School Improvement Fund = \$9766.65
      - New Field Trip Fund = \$3990.95 (as this line was in a deficit prior to the transfer of funds).
6. New Business
  - 6.1 Outdoor Rink Update (Kathleen Hull Beagle & Allison Goodwin)
    - Boards installed end of November
    - Ice by December if all of the installs go through as scheduled
  - 6.2 Hot Lunch Update (Michelle Service) - not in attendance - no update.
  - 6.3 AB School Council Engagement Grant Funds
    - \$800 available (\$300 from last year + \$500 this year)
    - The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant has specific requirements on where the funds can be spent as per the [guidelines from Alberta Education](#) (guidelines start at bottom of the first page) and requires the School Division to track the use of these funds.

- Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) has more information about these guidelines and ASCA learning opportunities such as workshops for school councils which can be found on their [website](#).

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/216323>

Discussion around joining with another school to bring in a speaker. Ashley will look into Joe Social Media, Jodi will look into Jody Carrington and see if other schools are interested in joining together for a parent presentation. Kahtleen Terry will connect with Leanne Evans to see if she has any suggestions for presenters.

## 7. [Principal's Report](#) (Jodi Bramfield)

### Upcoming

- Nov. 15: School Picture Retakes
- Nov. 16: Grade 6 Peer Mediation at recess starts (30 joined the team)
- Nov. 22: Rock your Mocs
- Dec. 8: Candy Cane Noon Dance for students
- Dec. 12 - 22: Singing in the library
- Dec. 21: Fun Day in PM
- Dec. 22: PJ/Movie/Subway Day
- Jan. 12 Div 2 Ski Day at Canyon Ski Hill in Red Deer

### Items

#### 1. Feedback on Growth as a Learner

Growth as a Learner		
CON	Consistently	Demonstrates this attribute consistently.
OFT	Often	Demonstrates this attribute often.
INC	Inconsistently	Demonstrates this attribute inconsistently.
<b>Growth as a Learner</b>		October 2022
Is able to work independently		
Is able to work cooperatively		
Demonstrates organizational skills		
Manages time effectively		
Perseveres with tasks		
Asks for help when needed		
Listens and follows instructions		
Makes choices that contribute to a safe and caring learning environment		
Treats others and property with respect		
Accepts responsibility for own choices		

- Inquiry as to why the report was changed. Explained that a common report card across the division is beneficial to have consistent student reporting. That the common report card is very similar to Rimbey Elementary's past report card.

## **2. Donations to the school:**

Keyera Connects (runs Rimbey Gas Plant) - \$1200 donation for school nutrition program

Farm Credit Canada - \$1000 donation - It is their drive away hunger campaign

- Inquiry about promoting Agriculture and Oil & Gas within the school as they are prominent industries in our area and province. Fully agree with this. Explained we do post on social media and on our website when companies donate to the school. Currently waiting for logos to send a shout out to Keyera Connects and Farm Credit Canada for their generosity and support. As well, Ag for Life comes to the school each year and does presentations for all the students about Farm Safety and the importance of agriculture. They also send the teachers a monthly newsletter with ideas and activities to embed in class lessons. When we have a career day, we send out invitations to companies to come and speak about what they do and types of jobs available. Requested that if any parents have any other ideas to please share with the school.

## **3. Distribution of Gideon Bibles to Grade 5 students**

- Gideon's have inquired about distributing Gideon Bibles to grade 5 students at RE.
- Gideon's would bring the bibles to the school and the homeroom teacher would distribute with the students not to receive a bible will not be present at the time of distribution.
- An opting in permission form would be sent home to grade 5 families. Signed consent, with the form returned to the school must be provided for a student to receive the bible.
- Seeking feedback from the School Council on their thoughts on continuing this practice.
  - Discussion about distribution of Gideon Bibles: agreed that since parents have the choice for their child to receive one or not, that RES would allow the Gideon's to drop off the bibles to be distributed by the homeroom teacher, as per Wolf Creek's policy.

## **8. School Trustee's Report (Trudy Bratland)**

Our last Board meeting was held on September 15 and since then I have attended 5 Parent Council AGM's.

As the WCPS TEBA representative, I sat in on a virtual meeting with that organization.

The Board met in Ponoka and participated in a Franklin Covey workshop about Understanding Bias to Unleash Potential.

I attended the Rimbey Jr./Sr. High School Graduation on September 24.

Wolf Creek hosted the ASBA Zone 4 meeting - Eight Central Alberta School Boards meet regularly to discuss issues, network, support each other and our advocacy roles.

On September 28, the Board/ATA Liaison meeting was held and as I am on that committee, I attended.

On the 29th we met with our Auditors to prepare for the upcoming Audit of last years' books. We then had a partial PR and advocacy meeting before attending the Orange Shirt Day Celebration hosted by the Ponoka Library and WCPS - the Ponoka Schools attended - Drummers and Dancers entertained us, bannock and refreshments were served.

On the 12, 13 and 14th we attended the Public School Board's Association of Alberta Fall General Meeting and participated in their business meeting as well as Professional Development opportunities. On the 16, 17 and 18th the Board Retreat was held and we had

presentations from and discussions with the Superintendent and other Central Office staff regarding the Education Plan, Budget update, and Capital Plan. We discussed the Blackfalds School and its grade configuration and boundaries. Our Annual Board Self Evaluation was conducted by an outside consultant and we began our Book Study on “The Governance Core” written by Davis Campbell and Michael Fullan. We will continue with the book study at our Board Meetings.

At our October Board meeting we learned of a Pilot Project for bussing students to Ponoka Schools and it is very successful. Attendance for a number of students has increased dramatically. Dual Credit opportunities, Flashing Red Light violations and a lease to support the expansion of the Ponoka Youth Centre to the Terrace Ridge School in Lacombe was granted

- Trudy asked if there was any information the parents would like her to provide in her reports. No additional information was requested.
- Discussion about plans for a Christmas concert this year. It was explained that this year there would be a Christmas fun day and Winter fun day in February. Explained that a lot of instructional time is lost due to planning and practicing for the Christmas concert. With less support in the class, new curriculum, new online grade book, it was decided to plan fun activities with the kids and have the Christmas fun afternoon and Winter Fun Day - to which families will be invited. Focus on the fun days to help build community within our school without impacting instructional time. The parents in attendance said they could see this point of view. and it was suggested a memo be sent home to families.

9. Adjournment at 5:44

Next meeting will be held January 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m

**School Council Meetings:** September 14, November 8, January 10, March 7, & May 9