

**Rimbey Elementary School Council Meeting
January 10th, 2023 @ 5pm in RES library**

In attendance: Jodi Bramfield, Trudy Bratland, Ashely Fowler, Matilda Kleinsasser, Lena May, Kathleen Beagle, Nicole Fox, Sarah McPhail, Kendra Richardson

1. Call to Order at 5:04 pm.
2. Agenda - Note: all agenda items are to be added prior to the meeting.
 - 2.1 Adoption of Agenda – 1st – Kathleen and 2nd by Matilda. Agenda approved.
3. Minutes from November 8th, 2022:
On RES Website - Parents - School Council.
Available at this link: <https://res.wolfcreek.ab.ca/download/403670>
 - 3.1 Adoption of Minutes – 1st Lena and 2nd by Kathleen. Minutes are approved.
4. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 4.1: AB School Council Engagement Grant Funds
 - Dr. Jodi Carrington is outside out budget
 - Discussed Jo(e) Social Media as an option but decided against it. Parents want a presentation on how to moderate social media with their children.
 - To The Stars from Lacombe has presentations on mindfulness, children and anxiety, and trauma. Jodi to reach out to them to ask if they will do a presentation on the connection between parents and child and/or social skills between children.
 - To be added to the March Agenda.
5. Treasurer’s Report. (Matilda Kleinsasser).
 - Opening Balance = \$86, 718.21
 - Expenses = None but still waiting for recess equipment supply cheque to come out.
 - Motion put forth by Lena to “move the \$162.31 from the Student Activity Fund to the Field Trip Balance and remove the Student Activity Fund line from the budget”
 - Seconded by Nicole
 - Voted and unanimously passed
 - Matilda motioned that her report be accepted.
 - Seconded by Sarah
 - Voted and unanimously passed
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Outdoor Rink Update (Kathleen Hull Beagle)
 - Currently budgeting \$7500 for chain link fence
 - Separate grand opening – not on Feb. 2nd
 - Kathleen showed us the signage to be put up.
 - They will be adding more picnic tables in the future.
 - 6.2 Hot Lunch Update (Michelle Service)
 - Michelle not in attendance so no update

6.3 AB School Councils' Association- The AB School Councils' Association is seeking feedback from School Councils on *issues they see affecting kindergarten - grade 12 students and that they would like to see addressed, changed or resolved in provincial education.*

- No proposed advocacy resolutions to put forth.

6.4: Covered sandbox with benches/storage for toys - exploratory discussion (Kelly LeBlanc)

- Kelly is to begin exploring the covered sandboxes. She will bring ideas and proposals to the March 7th meeting.

7. Principal's Report (Jodi Bramfield)

Upcoming

- January 12: Div 2 ski trip
- January 13: Subway, PJ, Popcorn, Movie day
- Grade 1 Provincial literacy & numeracy assessments due Jan 31, 2023
 - We received provincial funding to have a 0.3 FTE grade 1 - 4 intervention teacher for 3 months. Started on January 9, 2023.
- Jan 26: Hot Dog Lunch donated by Hospital moms
- Feb 2: Winter Festival
- Feb 6: PowerTeacher Pro Gradebook opens to families
- Feb 8 - 9: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Feb 9: Coop Treat Day
- Feb 15 - 16: Farm Safety
- Feb 23 - 24: Teachers' Convention

Wolf Creek is seeking representation from stakeholders for our annual feedback engagement with the Board and Superintendent's team.

- **Student Session:** Tuesday, February 7, 12:30 pm - 2:30 p.m., Learning Centre at Division Office (In Person). We will be seeking a cross section of grade 7-12 students from throughout the division, approximately 20 in total.
- **Support Staff:** Tuesday, February 14, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Learning Centre at the Division Office (In Person)
- **Parent Session:** Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Virtual

Meet as a whole group, then have virtual break out rooms, and come together as a whole group at the end. Again, participants will have the format and discussion questions emailed to them ahead of time in January. The Board and Superintendents' Team is seeking representation from your School Council and/or parent community for our annual feedback engagement. Please discuss this with your School Council and provide the name(s) of interested participants.

The Board of Trustees of the Wolf Creek School Division invites you to the Board/School Council Chairs meeting:

February 8, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Supper provided

Learning Centre, Division Office

6000 Highway 2A, Ponoka

Agenda will follow at a later date.

Please note that Principals and any members of your School Council are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you in person but a zoom link (in the agenda) will be provided for those who can not make it in person.

AB School Council Engagement Grant Funds (\$800)

- Jody Carrington is \$2500 - too expensive
- To the Stars out of Lacombe is able to do a session. Price will depend upon what is selected. Topics include:
 - Trauma Informed - understand how trauma impacts brain development and the corresponding outcomes on behavior, learning and social relationships.
 - Mindfulness in the Classroom - benefits of mindfulness and how it can enhance memory, learning and social awareness.
 - Children & Anxiety

8. School Trustee's Report (Trudy Bratland)

During the first part of November I virtually attended ACE Plan presentations from The Rimbey area Schools as well as the Ferrybank and Leedale Colonies. We were to meet in person but due to the weather, a virtual meeting was offered. On the 7th, a few of the Board members virtually attended a Governance workshop in preparation for our ASBA Fall General meeting.

On November 10 some of the Board members attended the ATA Induction for new teachers. It was a very nice evening - the new teachers being introduced by their in-school mentors and welcomed into the Association by ATA Local President Michael Doll and ATA Table Executive Officer Jenny Regal. Board Vice Chair Kelly Lowry welcomed them to Wolf Creek School Division.

On November 15, I attended a TEBA meeting at Central Office and then joined Superintendent De Ruyck and Trustees as they toured Alix Mac and Mecca Glen Schools. They toured other Ponoka area schools as well as the Clive school.

The rescheduling of the Parent Council/Board meeting is on the November agenda. It will likely be held in the New Year as we are approaching a busy time of year for most folks.

Our November Board meeting's agenda included the approval of purchasing new buses and a presentation from Sean Lougheed and Korey Van Kuster on the ST Math program. We found it to be most interesting. We determined that the Parent Council/Board meeting will be rescheduled for February and a date will be determined in January. We have decided to change the location to the Learning Centre in Ponoka as it will be a better fit for technology as the Alberta School Council Association will be presenting. The Board, Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer will attend the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting that is being held November 20-22 in Edmonton.

Having attended to ASBA FGM, we participated in the presentation of Edwin Parr Awards for the successful candidate in each Zone on Sunday night, the business portion of the Association all day Monday and professional development sessions on Tuesday morning after having the Minister of Education and new Premier of Alberta address the delegates.

Tuesday afternoon I attended the Audit Committee meeting for ASBA as the Zone 4 Director and after that joined the TEBA Annual General Meeting.

I was one of three Trustees to attend the November 23 TAG meeting with teacher representatives from each school site. The conversations and questions were very interesting, open and honest discussion followed.

On the 24th we met with our auditors to discuss and approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2022. They have to be submitted to the Government this week so time was of the essence.

9. Adjournment at 6:04pm

Next meeting will be held March 7th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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