



Glenbow School Council Meeting

Draft Minutes

6:30pm September 11, 2024 – Location: Glenbow Learning Commons

AGENDA

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Attendees: Amanda Heninger, Melinda Phlox, Carling Mortimer, Nadine Gudmundson, Emilia Giesbrecht, Michaela Dyck, Jessica Sarison, Rebecca Brae, Danielle Deschamps, Ashlie Martin, Vincent Ellis, Annette Lemke, Caitlin Dresler, Elva Fisher, Amber Leroux, Fiona Gilbert, Rhonda O’Rae, Sarah Caldwell, Breanna Baxter

1. Call to order - 6:32 by Amanda
2. Welcome and Introductions - done by all
3. Approval of Agenda - approved by Emilia; seconded by Elva
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 8th, 2024
 - a) Review
 - b) Business Arising from Previous Meeting
 - c) Approval - approved by Emilia; seconded by Amber
5. Rocky View School Division updates – Fiona Gilbert
 - Fiona defined her role (e.g., give updates from the school board level and also to hear the parent voice) and the role of parent council (e.g., to share our voices and perspectives).
 - Fiona can be best reached via text and email.
 - RVS growth continues though it has slowed a bit compared to previous years. Growth from a divisional perspective is about 2.6% which matches projections (a good thing).
 - Some additional funding was announced over the summer from the Alberta government to address increased operating costs. This will be allocated after October budget discussions.
 - The Alberta government approved 12 new modulars and the movement of 12 additional modulars for RVS over the summer. Allocation will be debated next week at the division level.
 - There is a divisional strategic plan for the year - there is a report that is available for viewing online.
 - Literacy and numeracy results are down and below the goal. More information to come on plan to address this division-wide. Based on grade 6 PATS, and other assessments.
 - Administrative procedure in place for policy around use of mobile devices in schools across the division.
 - Council chairs and bylaws orientation on Nov. 23
 - Questions:
 - Why are literacy and numeracy numbers down? Sarah Caldwell shared it’s hard to pin down why. Additional assessments in numeracy and literacy will be conducted in all grades.
 - Are assessments optional? Sara answered - perhaps. The assessments provide info on where kids are doing well and where they would benefit from additional support. Teachers keep it light. It’s one piece of the puzzle and one bit of information. Sara will look into the optional piece.
 - Are they done in French for FI kids? - yes. These assessments are new and parents are welcome to email the MLA who could put you in touch with the Ministry of Education.
 - Why is the support dog waiver so intense? - Fiona answered that there is probably an insurance piece. Business and Ops people would know more.
6. Glenbow Updates from Administration
 - Question:



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- When do kids go outside? All kids go at 9:35-9:55 with alternating playground days given the volume. Lunch is 11:25-12:05 so Gr. 2 and 3/4 FI and 4 are outside first. Gr 1 and 3 are outside after.
 - How is the wasp situation? Wasp nests have been treated and are blocked.
7. Current Business Items to be discussed
- a. Magnets from ASCE Grant
 - For the last 2 years, the AB government has given a \$500 grant to increase parent involvement in school councils. Last year's money was spent on a calendar - one per family with limited extras for children with multiple homes.
 - b. October Student Led Conferences 16 & 17 - Feed the Teachers
 - There will be a sign up sheet for parents to choose to bring specific items for a potluck for teachers during student-led conferences
 - Additional info will be in the Gazette closer to the date.
 - c. Fun Lunch Program
 - Using a different program this year through Lunch Box.
 - Have to order by noon on Sunday.
 - Questions: Can one donate to kids who can't afford it. Yes.
 - How much does the school make? - Glenbow doesn't use it as a fundraising program in order to keep costs down to families.
 - Did you get volunteers for Little Caesars days? - Yes. Pizza days need labelers. Need Criminal Record Check done to help out.
 - d. Parent Nights
 - i. Family Literacy Night on November 21
 - Run with the Learning Support staff
 - ii. Ideas for future nights
 - Historical topics: internet safety, mental health, indigenous learning specialists, BAM session
 - Will have a movie night and a school dance
8. e. Playground Update
- FOG is fundraising for a new playground. Goal is \$500000 with \$200000 by end of December to purchase the equipment with 2024 prices
 - Design is picked and now finalizing the small pieces
 - Will have a communication board
 - Transfer station for those with limited mobility
 - Still hoping for an outdoor classroom to come down the road
9. FOG (Friends of Glenbow) Update
- Fundraising has to be separate from Parent Council. Currently is an executive of 4. Ends up being about \$25000/year. Half of this goes towards bussing/field trips and the other half goes towards technology and other activities (e.g., in school residencies, back to school BBQ, freezies at the Fun Run).
 - Different fundraisers occur throughout the year.



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- Challenging to raise money for regular items AND the playground
 - Most successful fundraising is when there is student buy-in (e.g., candy count)
 - Doing Mabel's Labels, Colibri, Mitchell Soup, Bottle drop for Student-Led Conferences, Pizza night at Student-Led conferences
 - Looking for additional members because all 4 current members are in their last year.
 - Questions: what is the time commitment? Meet once every 6 weeks

10. Confirm Immediate Action Plan items
 - none
11. Round table – Any additional items that need to be addressed?
 - none
12. Motion to Adjourn – 8:00 by Amanda

Next Meeting: School Council Meeting – Wednesday October. 9, 6:30 pm @ Glenbow Learning Commons

School Council Admin Report September 11, 2024

We have about 550 students; this is about the same number of students as last year.

Class Configurations

English Classes

- 3 Kindergarten class (2 AM and 1 PM)
- 3 Grade 1
- 1 Grade 1/2
- 3 Grade 2
- 3 Grade 3
- 1 Grade 3/4
- 2 Grade 4

FI Classes

- 2 Kindergarten (1 AM and 1 PM)
- 2 Grade 1
- 1 Grade 2
- 1 Grade 2/3
- 2 Grade 3/4

Staffing Update

We welcome Breanna Baxter, our new AP, who was previously at Prairie Waters elementary; Katherine Baldwin (Grade 1/2), who was previously at Westbrook School; Jess Pendergast (AM Kindergarten), who was previously at Herons Crossing School; Joty Das (Grade 2/3FI), who worked at East Lake School last year; Melissa Love (Part-Time in Grade 3 and Grade 4), who is a new teacher; and Ashley Delorme (Grade 1 FI), who came to us from BC.



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We welcome back Hannah Korody (Part-Time Music), who was at Rancheview School last year and Glenbow the year before that!

We currently have 9 Learning Assistants supporting us again this year.

You may have noticed our wonderful Carmen Hodges has not been around at the office. She is on a medical leave, and we are very fortunate and grateful to have Tracey Viste in while Carmen is away.

We are sad to say Amie Gaudet, our Learning Commons Facilitator, has resigned and her last day is Friday. We will be looking for a new Learning Commons Facilitator in the coming days.

Upcoming Events

- Fun Lunch starts this Monday, September 16th
- Our annual Terry Fox Assembly and Run is planned for Friday, September 20th – 1:30pm start
- Orange Shirt Day/The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be recognized via activities the week of September 23rd-27th (No School on September 30th)
- Our annual Garden Harvest is coming up quickly! Stone Soup Day is Thursday, October 10th.