



AGENDA
Glenbow School Council Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

6:30 pm, Oct 9, 2024 – Location: Glenbow Learning Commons

Attendees: Sara Caldwell, Breanna Baxter Fiona Gilbert, Amanda Heninger, Elva Fisher, Emilia Giesbrecht, Rebecca, Amber Leroux, Annette Lemke, Vincent Ellis, Rhonda O’Rae, Melinda Polo, Jessica Sartison, Michaela Dyck, Rebecca Brae, Caitlin Dresler, Samantha Seman, Carling Mortimer

1. Call to order: 6:34 by Amanda
2. Welcome and Introductions: Done by all
3. Approval of Agenda: approved by Carling; seconded by Elva
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Sept 11th, 2024
 - a) Review:
 - b) Business Arising from Previous Meeting
 - c) Approval: with change by Emilia; seconded by Elva

5. Rocky View School Division updates – Fiona Gilbert

- Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Education visited Cochrane to see the Bow Valley High School expansion
- At the last board meeting approved placement of modular classrooms: 3 are going to Fireside school and 2 are going to CCA.
- Consultations occurring in Chestermere around boundaries
- RVS organizational meeting occurred - Fiona continues as the chair of the committee
- Calendar and Ward boundary feedback - draft summary will be posted soon and final decisions will be made Oct. 17.
- Superintendent is retiring at the end of this school year. Will start search soon and have someone in place prior to the end of the school year.
- Conversation with the minister of education around the funding formula and September assessments with strong feedback that September assessments are challenging for many reasons.

Questions:

- Does RVS work with the town to get high school sites ready? A - Yes, this work has been happening since 2013. The Town of Cochrane has a budget to do the servicing for this land - in the town’s hand.
- Has the timing changed for Rivercrest? A - No, because full funding has already been given for this project.
- If Heartland were to get a k-8 school, what would happen to Mitford? A - We don’t know - with the projected growth, they could probably both be supported with potential grade reconfigurations. There are currently 8 school sites according to the town but this doesn’t mean that they are actually ready or approved.
- Has the new funding changed the P3 model? A - No, the government still likes this model.
- Is there any feedback from phones and internet being down? A - Schools did the best they could to manage the circumstances. Not the fault of RVS so likely no further investigation. Will be a debrief.
- It was surprising that communication about the outage came so late from RVS. We would appreciate feedback be given to RVS that communication could have been more timely.
- It is challenging to keep track of all of the different access methods that RVS has.

6. Glenbow Updates from Administration

Questions:

- How is the lockdown explained to kids? A - Staff use a PPT presentation that is geared towards young children, let parents know ahead of time what the date will be
- Will the Remembrance Day ceremony include acknowledgement of current wars? A - Often someone from the Legion comes and acknowledges wars in general, not just past wars.



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- Is kindergarten participating in Stone Soup Day? A - No

- 7. Current Business Items to be discussed
 - a. Feed the Teachers during SLC Oct 16 & 17 - email glenbow-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca if need sign up link
 - Spots still available. Please sign up if you can.
 - b. Feed back on Lunchbox Fun Lunch program
 - Some mix up with having to re-order A&W
 - Process is smooth though
 - c. Parent Night Ideas
 - November Parent night is Literacy and Numeracy night
 - School council provides the pizza
 - \$500 grant from the government that we can use to
 - Ideas: Sport psychologist who speaks about resiliency in sport and the link to school/life
 - d. Joint Board School Council Meeting Oct 24
 - Amanda and Sarah are attending
 - e. Playground Update
 - We are at approx. \$140 000 raised for the playground. Need between \$60 000 and \$80 000 by December to get the 2024 prices (and prevent a 15% price increase)
 - Additional money coming in from donations/grants with additional applications for additional grants submitted.
 - Donations to United Way can be allocated to FOG

- 8. FOG Update
 - October - Candy Count this Halloween
 - February - Pick-a-kid draw for a package of donated items that families can do over the long weekend
 - Mabel's Labels fundraiser goes until the end of June
 - Skip the depot is ongoing - will pick up bottles textiles and tech

- 9. Confirm Immediate Action Plan items

- 10. Round table – Any additional items that need to be addressed? – All

- 11. Motion to Adjourn – by Amanda at 7:55pm

Next Meeting: School Council Meeting – Wednesday Nov. 13, 6:30 pm @ Glenbow Learning Commons

School Council Admin Report
October 9th, 2024

Recent Events

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Activities – Classes did a number of activities during the last week of September to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This



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included listening to Indigenous music, reading/listening to books, completing activities and wearing their orange shirts.

Upcoming Events

Stone Soup Day – Is tomorrow! This is always such a special day at Glenbow, and we look forward to smelling soup throughout our building tomorrow. The classes harvested many vegetables from the community garden and our committee supplemented with some purchased veggies.

Literacy Groups – We will be starting our literacy groups next week. In our English and French classes, students are grouped to receive targeted support from teachers, literacy teachers as well as Learning Assistants. Our groups run for 5 weeks and then we meet and change the groups based on student progress.

Student-Led Conferences – October 16th and 17th at 3:30-6:30pm (Kindergarten all day October 18th, No School). We look forward to having families in for 10-minute time slots with their child(ren)'s teacher. This is a great time to talk about your child(ren)'s success so far this year and goals for the next few months. Our next conferences take place in March and are a celebration of learning, which includes completing different activities in the classroom. **Thank you for feeding the staff over conferences!**

Hour Zero Drills – We have completed two fire drills so far this year. We will also be completing a Lock Down drill later this month. Students will be prepared for the drill, and we walk them through this drill. We know it can be an unsettling experience for some and we want to make it as comfortable as possible for them. We will let families know when this is happening.

Take Me Outside Day – October 23rd. Classes will be encouraged to take their learning outside on this day!

Halloween - October 31st in the afternoon; hallways will plan activities. Students can wear their costume in the afternoon. We ask that students leave masks and accessories, including weapons, at home.

Remembrance Day Ceremony - November 8th at 10:30am

School Council Info Session Proposal

Once again this year, we are thinking of inviting teachers to present 10-15 minutes at School Council meetings. We are looking for ideas of what parents may want to learn more about.

January: PBIS

February: PowerSchool and Real Time Reporting

April: Looking for an idea!