

# 2019-20 GLENBOW SCHOOL COUNCIL General Meeting

September 11, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. | Glenbow Learning Commons

Attendees: Fraser Montgomery, Neil Comba, Alison Warnock, Amanda Heninger, Robyn Chubaty, Melanie Seguin, Melissa Evans, Charlotte Tuck, Anne Hayter, Cindy Muzzin, Courtney Sheppard, Trish Rognualdson, Nancy Lewis, Amy Warark, Lisa Kinzikeev, Tricia Boukall, Sara Webster, Fiona Gilbert

- 1. Call to order @ 7pm by Alison
- 2. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Alison welcomed everyone
  - b. We had many new faces so we introduced ourselves
- 3. Approval of Agenda approved by Robyn, seconded by Amanda
- 4. Minutes from Previous Meeting May 8th, 2019
  - a) Review
  - b) Business Arising from Previous Meeting
  - c) Approval Robyn approved, Melissa second
- 5. Canadian Parents for French Association Trish and Lisa gave information on CPF and passed around hand outs
  - a. They asked the council to consider renewing membership in CPF in October
  - b. They left handouts at school for parents
  - c. They left some books for the school as well
  - d. CPF Alberta website, <a href="https://ab.cpf.ca/">https://ab.cpf.ca/</a>, is where to get more information about upcoming activities including an activity in Canmore in October
  - e. Lisa talked about Cochrane specific events coming up
    - i. On Oct 23 at Elizabeth Barrett there will be a makers space, pumpkin carving event
    - ii. Christmas Card making activity
    - iii. Skating event again on a PD day Monday
  - f. Trish will send information to Neil in future to distribute to parents
- 6. Rocky View School Division updates Fiona Gilbert
  - a. See attached report
- 7. Glenbow Updates from Administration Fraser and Neil gave their report
  - a. See attached report
  - b. New Rocky View website that was in the works last year will not coming yet



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- 8. Current Business Items to be discussed
  - a. Student Led Conferences Feed the teachers set up for Oct 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Should we use Signup.com again like last year?? New food items to add to list
    - i. Decided to use signup.com again Alison will send out email
  - b. Parent Evening Topics? Bring back Jeff Couillard for another topic? Does the support staff have another idea for an event?
    - i. Jeff Couillard again
    - ii. RCMP online safety
    - iii. Learning Support same thing as last year possibly do numeracy instead of literacy make sure age range is specified
    - iv. Teacher presentation makers space (kids running this year)
    - v. It was mentioned that on Sept 30 Cam Adair would be coming to the Ranchehouse to do a presentation on Screen Time Challenges in youth. More information is in Town Program Guide
  - c. Hosting an ASCA School Council seminar for all Cochrane councils to attend
    - i. Tabled to November meeting
- 9. FOG Update
  - a. Sept 26 is AGM
- 10. Confirm Immediate Action Plan items
  - a. Alison read new SC regulations
  - b. Alison send email for feed the teachers
- 11. Round table Any additional items that need to be addressed? All
  - a. Melissa asked about doing the Glow Germ Alison will talk with Melissa
- 12. Motion to Adjourn Amanda @ 8:30pm, Melissa second

<u>Next Meeting</u>: School Council Meeting - Wednesday Nov. 13, 7:00 pm @ Glenbow Learning Commons



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Glenbow School Council Trustee Report - Fiona Gilbert

September 2019

#### **School Start Up**

The 2019/2020 school is underway and off to a great start. RVS has welcomed over 900 new students across the jurisdiction, which is about 300 students more than anticipated, which brings enrolment numbers to about 25,562 students (as of Sep 3). This number will continue to fluctuate throughout the month and official numbers will be calculated as of September  $30^{th}$ . This is an important date as provincial per student funding is calculated based on this official number.

### **Budget**

As reported earlier this year, the Government of Alberta will table the provincial budget sometime in the Fall so final funding amounts are not known at this time, which makes it extremely difficult for the division and schools to properly allocate resources as we don't know what resources we will have once the budget is announced, likely in late October.

Keeping with the budget theme, the GOA has released the recommendations from the MacKinnon Report on Alberta Finances and included in the 26 recommendations on how to curb government spending, there are two that directly impact K-12 education. <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/mackinnon-report-on-finances.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/mackinnon-report-on-finances.aspx</a>

#### **Education Act and New Regulations**

With the implementation of the new Education Act and corresponding regulations (replacing the School Act), effective September 1 all Alberta schools are now following a new set of rules and guidelines. While similar in a lot of ways, there are differences, and these will be addressed over the coming months by the Board and our administration by reviewing and adjusting current policies and procedures where needed to make sure that we are in alignment with current legislation.

#### **Transportation**

Transportation and bussing is always a hot topic at the beginning of the school year and maybe more so this year as we are seeing more the impacts of changes to services levels as we have looked to manage the transportation portfolio. This has resulted in adjusted bell times, longer rides for some, shorter ones for others, and busses running at full capacity wherever possible. RVS transportation is working very hard to adjust routes and timings as needed. As an



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FYI, between Aug 15 and the first day of school, RVS transportation received over 1000 new registrations for bussing.

The new transportation regulation allows boards to again charge fees for those choosing to ride the bus. For RVS, the Board approved its transportation fee schedule for the 2019/20 school year on April 4, 2019, in accordance with the then legislated School Act – Student Transportation Regulation and continues to gather information about the impact of the revised regulation.

### **Organizational Meeting**

The annual Organizational Meeting of the Board will take place on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the time when the board elects/appoints members to serve as Chair, Vice Chair, various Committee memberships and Board representatives for the year.



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### Glenbow Admin Report - September 11, 2019

- 1. A big thank-you to Glenbow School Council for hosting the first day "Boo Hoo" tea for parents. This event is much appreciated! If there are any receipts for putting on the tea, please pass them into the office.
- 2. Enrollment here are the student numbers as of today:

**Total Student Population is 488** 

Kinder Eng-57 FI-32 Grade 1 Eng-42 FI-36 Grade 2 Eng-57 FI-34 Grade 3 Eng-47 FI-24 Grade 4 Eng-53 FI-25 Grade 5 Eng-63 FI-18

- 3. Staffing update We are pleased to announce the addition of three new staff members to our school for the 19-20 school year.
  - 1. Jessica Powers has returned to the school in Grade 2 after teaching at Elizabeth Barrett.
  - 2. Tina Fermaniuk has joined our learning support team.
  - 3. Kiltie Wilkinson has joined us and is teaching one of our three morning kindergarten classes. Kilte Wilkinson taught kindergarten at Elizabeth Barrett last year.
- 4. 4YP Glenbow Fall Playbook
  - 1. As we embark on the new RVS Four Year Plan, teachers spent time before students came back and worked on taking what we discovered and defined in the spring playbook. After much deliberation, staff have narrowed our focus using our teacher embedded collaborative time to focus on the school priority



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"Making Learning Visible". "Making Learning Visible" is focused on enhancing the visibility of all students' learning journey and growth. To this end, teachers will be working throughout the year on delving deeper into the aspects of COSL (Communication of Student Learning). This will include work furthering understanding and developing consistencies in areas like the use of My Blueprint as a tool for student portfolios, the gradebook portion of the Powerschool Parent Portal as well as refining our student-led conferences and goal setting practices.