



**AGENDA**  
**Glenbow School Council Meeting**

**7:00 pm, April 13, 2022 – Location: Glenbow Learning Commons**

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**Attendees:**

Amanda Heninger, Jason Billings, Cindy Stefanato, Brittany de Winter, Fiona Gilbert, Nadine Gudmundson, Laura Wellman, Rhonda O'Rae

1. Call to order - 7:03 by Amanda
2. Welcome and Introductions - all
3. Approval of Agenda - approved by Laura, seconded by Nadine
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - a) Review
  - b) Business Arising from Previous Meeting
  - c) Approval - approved with addition of Fiona's report by Brittany, seconded by Laura
5. Rocky View School Division updates – Fiona Gilbert
6. Glenbow Updates from Administration - Cindy Stefanao
  - a. Questions regarding school fees: Are there subsidies for families that cannot afford their school fees? Jason answered: Yes, there are funds available when needed.
  - b. Input on staggered entry to school: Will there be an open house? Jason answered: Yes. Additional feedback from council: The open house was great. The small group start for kindergarten was nice. The staggered start for grades 1-4 was a surprise and harder to accommodate as a parent.
  - c. Input on split recesses: Brittany shared that it is tricky for split classes as they don't necessarily get to play with their peer groups. General support from parents to keep the split recesses - Laura, Nadine, Rhonda.
  - d. Based on the school workbook and survey results, Laura asked: Can Elders be brought in as part of the environmental stewardship? Cindy answered that they hope to when possible. Nadine asked: Is 'bucket-filling' part of the language used in the school? Ans. Not yet, but similar concepts in the school's current approach. Amanda and Nadine shared that they are impressed with the involvement of admin and their knowledge of students. Brittany asked if student-led conferences will be in-person again. Ans. Yes. Nadine and Brittany shared that they would like a combination of student-led and teacher-led opportunities. Laura shared that she has appreciated the invitation from teachers to come in to the school to volunteer. Nadine shared she appreciates the regular emails from the teacher. Rhonda shared that she would like the first parent-teacher conference to be earlier in the school year and liked the 8:00am school start time.
7. Current Business Items to be discussed
  - a. Review of Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - Amanda shared that the \$500 would be spent on resources that would stay at the school - a lending library of resources for parents for developmental areas
  - b. Review March Parent Workshop - Amanda shared that it went well
  - c. Review of March Joint Board School Council Meeting - Amanda shared that the presentation was on mental health and mental wealth
  - d. ASCA conference - Upcoming next weekend online. Amanda will be attending.
8. FOG Update - Nadine shared that the Calibri fundraiser has launched. FOG is thinking of doing an in-school fundraiser though not sure if families would be comfortable with it yet. Sound creations is a go for next year as well.



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9. Confirm Immediate Action Plan items - none
10. Round table – Any additional items that need to be addressed? – All
11. Motion to Adjourn – 8:33 by Amanda

**Next Meeting: School Council Meeting – Wednesday May 11th @ 7:00 pm @ Glenbow Learning Commons**

**Glenbow Admin Report - April 13, 2022**

**School Workbook Review**

Admin reviewed the 2021-22 School Workbook and sought feedback from our School Council regarding our school goals. Prototypes were shared around Instructional Design, Making Learning Visible, Inclusion and Student Engagement. Council was asked to share feedback on things that they feel are going well in the school, things that have been tricky as well as areas that we could improve on. It was a great opportunity to share what has been happening and to look forward to next year.

**Fee Review**

Admin consulted with School Council regarding fees for next year. These fees will remain the same for next year and are:

ACT Kindergarten Field Trips and In School Activities \$ 50.00

ACT Kindergarten Skating Program \$ 40.00

ACT Grades 1-5 Field Trips and In School Activities \$ 100.00

ACT Grade 1 Swimming Lessons \$ 65.00

**Staggered Entry and Recess**

Admin asked for School Council feedback regarding staggered entry days for our K – 4 classes. It is proposed that our grade 1 – 4 will have staggered entry on Sept. 1 and 2 and our kinder classes will have staggered entry on Sept 1, 2 and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Admin also sought feedback on recess configurations for next year. The options include going back to one recess for all students or continuing with two recesses which result in half the students out at each time. The benefit of the two recesses has been fewer incidents at recess.

**Learning Disruption Funds**

We have just wrapped up a 12 week cycle of literacy and numeracy intervention for our grade 2 and 3 students. We assessed all grade 1 students in January and just received additional funds for grade 1 literacy and numeracy intervention. The grade 1 English and French classes will now receive support for 6 weeks. We have 2 English and 1 French teacher that will provide this intervention.

**Budget/Staffing**

Admin shared that our school budget and staffing levels for next year have not changed much from this current year. We anticipate that our staffing numbers and classes will remain the same for next year. The configurations may change due to numbers but the number of staff remains the same.

**French Culture Week**

This year, our celebration occurred from March 21st to March 25th. During this week, all classes both English and French participated in a number of activities related to French Canadian culture such as French music and songs, creating les ceintures de flechee, French BINGO,



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showcasing of staff and some student families who speak French, Cabane a sucre activities, digital activities from ACFA thanks to support from our Friends of Glenbow Society, and a culminating in person assembly.

### **Earth Day/Week**

Earth day/Week Activities will include a garbage clean-up, a nature scavenger hunt, story-reading (sign up if you would like an eco-kid to come to your class), and an Earth Hour on Friday.

### **Kindergarten Information Night**

Kindergarten night is scheduled for May 18. A letter will be sent home to our new families

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to our School Council for organizing the Caregiver Presentation for parents. It was well received by our families and we were happy with the turn out.

## **Glenbow School Trustee Report - April 13, 2022**

### **2022/2023 School Year Calendar**

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Board has altered the 2022/23 calendar to observe Sept. 30, 2022 as a holiday for RVS staff and students. The Board believes it is an important step on our journey towards truth and reconciliation to recognize the history and legacy of residential schools in Canada.

### **2023-2026 Capital Plan**

Trustees approved the 2023-2026 Capital Plan which describes the critical need to provide additional space for students in Airdrie, Cochrane, and Chestermere. The #2 priority is a K-5 school in Cochrane. Full details are posted on the division's website at [https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about\\_rvs/plans\\_results](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about_rvs/plans_results)

### **RVS 2022/2023 Budget**

RVS' annual budget is driven by RVS' vision of being a world-class learning organization where all students achieve their absolute best. In support of this vision, the Board of Trustees has identified four key priorities to guide the development of this year's budget:

- Improving literacy and numeracy skill development at all levels
- Boosting mental health and wellness for staff and students
- Advancing student success through school level supports
- Enhancing innovative programming and learning spaces for students

The divisional budget will be considered by the Board at its May 26, 2022, public board meeting

### **Transportation Fees**

Transportation fees will remain at the current level of \$325 for the upcoming 2022/23 school year. The early registration discount incentive has been increased from \$25 to \$40. The early registration incentive offers a savings to parents/guardians who register their children for busing before June 24 and helps RVS in pre-planning routes for September.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The next public Board meeting is on Thu Apr 28, 2022, beginning at 10am, and are now accessible digitally via zoom at <https://rockyview.zoom.us/my/rvsboard>

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