



# Glenbow School Council Annual Report 2021/22

**Principal:** Jason Billings

**Assistant Principal:** Cindy Stefanato

**School Council Chair:** Amanda Heninger

**School Council Co-Chair:** Brittany de Winter

**School Council Secretary:** Rhonda O’Rae

## **Message from School Council Chair, Amanda Heninger**

It has been a privilege to serve as this year’s school council chair for Glenbow School. This year we welcomed a new Principal and Assistant Principal who have been amazing to work with. As a school council we have been able to work together with our school administration, our fund raising society, teachers, parents and our Division Trustee to help the students at Glenbow receive the best possible educational experience. We are very grateful to all who have a hand in helping our children learn and grow.

## **Recent Achievements**

This year has been an exciting one for our school council. Despite the challenges that COVID-19 restrictions presented we were able to host two parent workshops. The first was virtual in October featuring our Assistant Principal, Cindy Stefanato, who taught parents about the history of the Indigenous Peoples in our area. Our second was held in person in March featuring representatives from Stepping Stones for Mental Health who taught attendees about Parent/Student Mental Health. Both evenings were very well received and served to bring our school community closer together.

As a council we were able to use our School Council Engagement Grant and work together with the Learning Support staff and create a Lending Library of materials for parents who have children with developmental, learning and/or social/emotional challenges. These materials will allow parents to directly help their child’s education progress by having the resources needed at home without having the expenditure. We are very excited to have this program up and running in September 2022.

Our greatest achievement this year was reestablishing our connection with our school’s fund raising society, Friends of Glenbow (FOG). With both school council and FOG working together we have been able to better serve the staff and students at Glenbow. We have been able to plan events, fill needs and strengthen the connection of the members of our school community. As an example, in May school council, FOG and school staff were able to work together to host an amazing afternoon of cleaning out the Glenbow Community Gardens followed by a BBQ. The event was attended by students, staff, parents and community members of all ages. Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed working and connecting with each other especially after we were not able to connect in that way for so long due to COVID 19 restrictions. As a school council we look forward to continuing working closely with FOG in the next school year.



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## **Challenges**

This year, like the last 2 before it, was faced with the challenges that came from health restrictions. Not being able to meet in person for meetings, parent workshops and larger community and school events made it difficult to engage with parents. We did our best to make these connections through virtual means. However, we were all very grateful when restrictions lifted and we were able to meet in person again for events.

A continued challenge that our school council, and many others, face is the lack of parental engagement. We would like to have a higher number of parents attend our meetings as well as volunteer for events. Events such as our Fun Lunch program are completely volunteer run and without more volunteers we will not be able to continue the program. We are also able to function more efficiently as a school council when we have more parent voices. We will continue to invite parents to attend our meetings and help out with events around the school.

**Financial Statement** (see attached report)

**Minutes of School Council Meetings** (attached)



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## Glenbow School Council Calendar of Events 2021/22

MONTH	ACTIVITIES
September	Glenbow School Open House Wed, Sept 7th 8-9am: BooHoo (WooHoo) Tea Wed, Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> @7pm: GSC Meeting in Learning Commons
October	Wed, Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm: GSC Meeting in Learning Commons Parent Workshop
November	RVC Joint Council Meeting Student Led Conferences – <i>Feed The Teacher: Potluck dinner organized by GSC and Provided by volunteer Parents</i> Wed, Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm: GSC Meeting in Learning Commons
December	
January	Wed, Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> @7pm: GSC Meeting in Learning Commons
February	Wed, Feb.9 <sup>th</sup> @7pm: GSC Meeting in Learning Commons
March	Student Led Conferences – <i>Feed The Teacher: Potluck dinner organized by GSC and Provided by volunteer Parents</i> Begin Planning for 2021/2022 School year Parent Workshop RVS Joint Council Meeting
April	Wed, Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> @7pm: GSC Meeting in Learning Commons Alberta School Council Association’s Annual Conference
May	Wed, May 11 <sup>th</sup> @7pm: GSC Meeting in Learning Commons Community Garden Clean Up Review School Education Plan
June	Wed, June 8 <sup>th</sup> @7pm: Annual General Meeting in Learning Commons Elect New Executive for 2021/2022 School year Present Draft Calendar for 2021/2022 School year
July	Submit School Council Annual Report by July 15 <sup>th</sup>