



Glenbow School Council Meeting

6:30pm Sep 14, 2022 – Location: Glenbow Learning Commons

Minutes

Attendees: Amanda Heninger, Sara Webster, Barb Olson, Nadine Gudmundson, Amber Leroux, Sarah Caldwell, Jason Billings, Brittany de Winter, Rhonda O'Rae, Emelia Giesbrecht, Kimberly Thrasher, Fiona Gilbert, Tricia McPherson

1. Call to order 6:33 - Amanda
2. Welcome and Introductions - all
3. Approval of Agenda - approved by Tricia; seconded by Sarah
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 11th, 2022
 - a) Review
 - b) Business Arising from Previous Meeting
 - c) Approval - approved by Amber; seconded by Brittany
5. Rockyview School Division updates – Fiona Gilbert
 - a) Questions:
 - What can we do as parents to support building new schools and boundary changes? Fiona answered that there will be community consultation prior to decisions made around boundary changes. The board has started conversations about this and will share them with parents to share further and get interested in.
 - Can you grandfather kids into the school they started at? - Fiona answered yes, if there is space, especially for children in their last year at a school.
 - Has the school in Heartland been approved? - Fiona Answered no. Priorities in Rockyview School Board have been identified as a K-8 in Airdrie, then a K-5 in Heartland. No word on approval.
6. Glenbow Updates from Administration - Jason Billings and Sarah
 - a) Questions:
 - Will relaxed entry be for the whole year? - Jason answered yes, lots of positives e.g., calm, easy way to get the day rolling.
 - Has a teacher been hired for the 2/3 split? - Jason and Sarah answered that administration is in the process of hiring. They plan on having a transition period with the current substitute teacher and the new one. Sarah spends time with the grade 2s while the grade 3s are in English class. This will continue.
 - Will the hired substitute continue if the leave gets extended? - Jason answered that is the plan.
 - Will student-led conferences be any earlier? - Plan is for early November. Recognize that some schools do it earlier.
7. Current Business Items to be discussed
 - a. Combined parent workshop on internet safety with Mitford School - Amanda has met with the School Council at Mitford. She will continue conversations on next steps for planning.
 - b. We have the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant of \$500 that can be used for parent engagement - some ideas include payment for a workshop or some sort of multi-school event. Last year's \$500 was spent on a learning library that parents will soon be able to borrow for added help at home.
 - c. Other workshop ideas - Powerschool how-to, additional conversation to come.
 - d. Fun Lunch update - Kim will place the orders for fun lunch this school year.
 - e. Questions:
 - How do Parents access the Learning Library? - Will kick off at student-led conferences. Also parents whose children use the materials will be contacted



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about it earlier.

8. FOG Update - Nadine and Amber
 - Last year FOG funded activities around Aboriginal Learning week, school buses for field trips
 - AGM to happen by the end of September. Right now only two members
 - Plans for the fall: candy draw, draw for hockey tickets, Christmas movie with a raffle and a small concession, Skip the depot fundraiser
 - Emilia volunteered to be involved in FOG
9. Confirm Immediate Action Plan items - none
10. Round table – Any additional items that need to be addressed?
 - Can each class have a classroom mom/dad? They would attend and then share information with the other parents from the class. Is there another way to share information? With FOIP we can't share class lists but maybe the information could be shared a different way. Maybe with community-based Facebook pages
11. Motion to Adjourn – 7:40 by Amanda

Next Meeting: School Council Meeting – Wednesday Oct 12, 6:30pm @ Glenbow Learning Commons

Glenbow Admin Report - Sep 14, 2022

Glenbow Staffing News

Mme Sarah – Assistant Principal

Mme Seguin (for Mme Julie) – Temporary Grade 2/3 French Immersion

Mrs Boukall (for Mrs. Rose) – Temporary Grade 1

Ms. Yager – Grade 2

Ms. Hamilton – Grade 3/4

Mme Caroline – Learning Assistant

Ms. Schneider - Learning Assistant

Mrs. Coombes - Learning Assistant

We are still hiring for the Mme Julie's class coverage until Nov. 30 and for our French Immersion Literacy Teacher position.

Operational Updates

517 students registered for this year – increase resulted in the addition of a new teacher at the end of August

Relaxed Entry – 7:55 – 8:02am each day. Staff are in classes welcoming students during this time.

All students are out for the 1st recess together. Still have our staggered lunch/recess times.

Construction This Summer

Roof work was completed and monitored this summer

Ceiling tiles were replaced throughout the school

New lights installed throughout the school

Minor bathroom renovations – lowered sinks for our younger students



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Assessments To Start The Year

All grade 2 and 3 students are being assessed using the provincial LeNs/CC3/Numeracy assessments during the month of September

All grade 4 students are completing a numeracy assessment and a reading benchmark assessment in September

Grade 1 students will be assessed with the LeNs/Numeracy assessments in January

Some students will receive some additional intervention support as a result of the assessments

Upcoming Events

Terry Fox Walk/Run – September 23. 1:00pm assembly and 1:35pm walk/run

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day – Activities planned for the week of Sept. 26 – 29

Picture Day – October 5

Stone Soup/Garden Harvest Day – October 6

Thank You!

All the staff at Glenbow would like to thank the Friends of Glenbow Society and the School Council for an amazing Welcome Back BBQ during our Open House. It was a great community event!

Trustee Report - Sep 14, 2022

School Councils

School Councils are such an important part of our education system in Alberta. They are so important that it is a requirement in the Education Act that all schools have a School Council and RVS Board of Trustees is committed to being part of each school council to connect with and hear from parents, and to keep apprised of what is happening in our schools. Each School Council across RVS is a member of the Alberta School Councils' Association and they are a good resource in supporting the important work of school councils.

www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca

School Start Up

September is such a busy time in schools, and an exciting time! RVS schools welcomed over 27,700 new and returning students which reflect a 4.3% enrolment growth. This is more than projected and schools are responding to the growth as best and as efficiently as they can. The enrolment numbers will continue to fluctuate with official enrolment to be determined end of September.

With this continued growth, RVS' is in urgent need for new schools and additional student spaces in order to continue to provide the quality learning experiences that our students deserve.

Summer Projects

Lots done over the summer as operations and maintenance staff use the time to do upgrades and renovations that can't be done while students are in the buildings.

Looking Ahead

Joint Board School Council meeting set for Thu Oct 27 at 5:30pm at the Education Centre in Airdrie. Stay tuned for invitation.