

HELOISE LORIMER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 11TH 2023

6:30PM



IN ATTENDANCE:

- Jenn D.
- Nikki H.
- Jessica Z.
- Candis T.
- Adam P.
- Erica P.
- Melyssa B
- Hope K.
- Delasi M.
- Kathryn S.
- Terry L.
- Melissa M

Motion to approve agenda by Jenn D., seconded by Delasi; approved. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Jenn D., seconded by Nikki H.; approved

TRUSTEE REPORT:

- Melyssa- Board meetings every second Thursday
- Student showcase-Minecraft competition
- Sept 30th enrollment numbers: 990 additional students in RVS (499 in Airdrie)
- 500 students a year growth in Airdrie schools-are underfunded for the population in Airdrie schools
- High schools currently at 110% capacity-130% capacity predicted by 2027
- HL at 89% capacity-other Airdrie schools average 96% capacity
- Continuing to prioritize Balancing Airdrie Spaces for Students-extremely challenging - some possibilities may include moving grade nines to middle school, changing grades offered in current schools, converting a middle school to a high school, moving modulars (portables) to schools with greatest need
- Phase 1-Fall 2023 collecting feedback in [RVS Engage](#)
- Phase 2-Early 2024
- April 25th, 2025 decision
- Changes potentially will take place for the 2025-2026 school year
- October 26th joint council meeting 5:30-7:30pm
- Parent question: Are there incentives to go to rural schools? Ex. Kathryn School?-There are some advantages in place, specific details to come.

SCHOOL UPDATE:

TERRY and KATHRYN

- September Terry Fox Run successful, Fred Fox assembly, \$2000 goal achieved. Super hero day October 12th and an extra recess block to celebrate achieving our fundraising goal for the year. \$15,000 raised for Terry Fox Foundation since Heloise Lorimer opened.
- October 16th - picture day and first day of Scholastic Book Fair (Book Fair Runs October 16th-26th also available during 3 way conferences)
- School Soft Conference Manager Opens October 11th-3 way conferences October 25-26th, 4:30-7:30pm - Kinder October 27th
- Staff dinner provided by Parent Council
- October 31st Costume Parade-Parents Welcome
Kinder AM, grades 1, 4, and 5 (9:15am)
Kinder PM, grades 2 and 3 (1:30pm)
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies November 9th-9:30am and 10:45 am- request for pictures of family members that have served, (including first responders) for a slide show presentation
- School Council Funding Request Forms from staff:
- 1) Ms. Falloon requested funds (\$560) to purchase two cordless vacuums for the school for teachers to vacuum classroom rugs-currently not vacuumed daily by facility operators-All council members approved
- 2) Breakfast Program run by school CDAs (Tait/Glambos)asking for \$500/month to fund breakfast programs from HH funds.150-250 students served every morning. The breakfast program is currently using school funds with support from Food for Thought from RVS
- Questions from Parent Council: are the current funds being used effectively? Are funds being used for consumables too high? Ex. Ziploc bags? Are we serving the most cost effective items? Is there any waste? Are there grants available?
- Parent council is look into solutions to reduce cost and revisit the request at an upcoming meeting
- School Education Plan 2023-2024 -reviewing success, continuing with literacy/numeracy goals, and building resilient lifelong learners- responsible,safe and respectful students. Advancing, building,creating. (ABCs)
The plan was presented to Parent Council and well received. SEP will be posted on the Heloise Lorimer website following RVS Board approval.
- School Song Fridays?-School song is in the brainstorming phase of being rewritten.
- O'Canada Mondays
- Knight Gear (School Swag) in progress- Mr. Pratt is researching quotes for different

items/colors and is open to suggestion

BUDGET:

- \$21,000 originally-approximately \$19,000 (waiting on updated numbers)
- Successful Fall Family Dance- \$1000 budgeted, cost Parent Council \$103.20
- \$500 Grant from ASCE-must be used in the school calendar year: Bob Wilke? Creator of Secret Stories? Another speaker?
- Open to ideas for use of council funds:
 - School dance?
 - Numeracy/Literacy Nights approved at September meeting
 - Staff Appreciation Week?
 - Active living week?
 - Field trips?
 - School equipment?
 - Playground equipment?
 - Residences?

OTHER:

- Forming the Grade 5 Farewell Committee-Interested Parent Council Members will reach out to Grade 5 teachers through Terry and Kathryn.
- Recycling grade teams are taking turns and using the funds from recycling

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm; Next meeting November, 8th 2023