

HELOISE LORIMER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 13TH 2024

6:30PM



IN ATTENDANCE:

- Jenn D.
- Adam P.
- Jessica Z.
- Candis T.
- Delasi M.
- Terry L.
- Karen R.
- Nikki H.
- Melyssa B.

6:36 pm- meeting called to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Nikki., seconded by Karen R.; approved. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Jenn D., seconded by Karen R.; approved

TRUSTEE REPORT: Melyssa B.

- Discovery Trails-online school grades 1 to 9
- Update for new [Langdon School](#) -name announced. Horseshoe Crossing High School
- Budget process started, direct resources to support literacy and numeracy
- Tech infrastructure
- School fee structure discussed to attempt to create fee equity in schools
- RVS staff benefits will be switching to [ASEBP](#). Majority of AB school boards already use this plan. The switch will save 500K annually. Will start in September 2024 or 2025
- ASKA Conference in AGM- Sunday April 28th (\$19) to send a delegate from school council
- Board planning committee to provide as much information to public meetings as possible
- RVS [Edwin Parr Award](#) Nominee
- Inclusion practices: [Stepping Stones for Mental Health](#)
- RVS awarded funding for 3 new schools
- Design Funding for the high school in Airdrie
- 4-5 years to build new schools-impacts Balancing Airdrie student Spaces, some changes may happen as soon as the 2024-2025 school year
- Joint board meeting March 14th-Canceled
- Parent Question: How many city council members attended the open houses for [Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces](#)? 4 city council members attended (including Mayor Peter Brown)

- Parent Question: Can parents provide input into PL dates? Yes. Parent and teacher voices are taken into consideration
- Moving more towards P3 schools

SCHOOL UPDATE: Terry

- Final review of School Education Plan.
- School fees for next year slightly lowered (specific fees listed in the March 28th Newsletter)
- March 15th-wear green
- Celebration of Learning March 20th and 21st, student led.
- Parent council provides staff meals for both Celebration of Learning evenings.
- Book Fair March 21st-March 28th. Volunteers can sign up online.
- Monday March 25th Spring Photos
- March 26th-wear purple for Epilepsy Awareness
- March 29th, last day to order HLS Gear and the start of Spring Break
- Numeracy night went well, Literacy night April 11th via Zoom
- Parent feedback about newsletter being repetitive, however Week at a Glance is useful for parents
- New school website launching soon for HLS and all of RVS
- Decorating committee looking at ways to include more inclusive and multicultural decorations
- Can only carry over \$1000-\$2000 max for next school year some potential ideas: legacy project, tile mural, pinnies, subsidize Active Living Week, residency, playground accessibility (rubber flooring)
- Elizabeth D.-Food and Body Image (\$500) Jenn motioned, all in favor, motion passed.
- Mr. Pratt asked for feedback on Active Living Week. Parent council members were in agreement that Active Living Week is a valuable part of student learning for the HLS community. Thanks for all you do to make it happen Mr. Pratt!
- Teacher requests for funds from various grade teams.
- Jenn motioned \$1000 for each grade team for this school year. Karen R. seconded. All approved.

BUDGET:

- \$26,000 -approximately (\$20,000) with unposted transactions
- Elizabeth D. April 23rd at 6:30pm (\$500) (adults only, no kids)
- \$1375-Winter Wonderland on budget
- Upcoming expenses: staff meals, staff appreciation week-\$3000 approx.
- Karen R.: fundraising- Purdy's \$3000, spring flowers/planters next fundraising event

OTHER: n/a

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20pm; Next meeting, April 10th 2024 at 6:30pm