

## Langdon School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

**Attendees:** Amanda D.S., Brandi-Lee M., Patty S., Norman E., Connor R., Kim B., Tammy R., Chantelle E.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:31pm by Amanda D.S.

**Approval of Agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Brandi-Lee M. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connor R. All in favour, agenda approved.

**Trustee Report – Patty S.** (copy and pasted from e-mail)



**WARD 2 TRUSTEE  
REPORT**

**OCTOBER 2020**

### Safe Return to Class Fund Spending Plan Approved

- On August 26, 2020, the Government of Canada announced \$2 billion dollars in funding to support schools to cover additional costs for COVID-related measures. From this fund, \$9,285,850 is being directed from the Government of Alberta to Rocky View Schools (RVS).
- Trustees approved the jurisdiction's spending plan as follows
  - \$2.8 million in additional teacher staffing to support online offerings and address class pressures now and in February 2021 (the one-time transition point between alternative learning approaches);
  - \$2 million directly to schools for the principal, in consultation with their school community, to decide how to best address local issues related to

- COVID-19 (ex. social-emotional learning supports, supervision, breakfast/lunch programs, staffing and class pressures, sound amplification systems, reading materials and manipulatives);
- \$2 million for additional substitute teachers resulting from COVID-19 related absences;
  - \$1 million for centrally funded personal PPE and sanitizer;
  - \$900K to maintain bus routes (that could be combined) to minimize the number of riders on the bus;
  - \$400K for additional online curriculum resources, technical support and equipment to better support those working from home; and
  - \$200K for Education Centre staff to support schools and departments with additional hiring needs as a result of COVID-19 and to help schools with confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- These federal funds will supplement the \$2 million the Board already committed from reserves to increase caretaking staffing in all schools/sites and \$1.4 million of 2019/2020 operating funds dedicated towards COVID-19-related health and safety expenditures.

### **September 30 Enrolment Summary**

- As of Sept. 30, 2020, RVS had a total enrolment count of 25,289 students, a decrease of 348 students from the previous school year.
- The Sept. 30 enrolment count includes:
  - 21,264 in-class students;
  - 3,074 online students;
  - 629 Community Learning Centre (CLC) students, of which 307 are homeschooled and 322 Gr. 9-12 are in outreach or other CLC options.

### **Patty Sproule**

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# Board of Trustees Advocacy Priorities

## Support for Students

**Student Health and Wellness** – additional supports need to be provided both provincially across ministerial departments and locally through community policies, Family and Community Support Services and not-for-profit organizations, to support the increasing number and complexity of student needs.

**Locally Elected School Boards** – as representatives of the community we are in the best position to understand and reflect the values and priorities of our students and families.

**Board Autonomy** – school boards should be empowered with the flexibility and autonomy to make local decisions in the best interest of our students and families.

## Funding for Students

**Prioritize Public Education** – government needs to prioritize and strengthen the funding for public education recognizing the societal benefits of investing in students.

**Equitable Funding** – government needs to fund all students every year. The current funding model (weighted moving average method) considers an enrollment average for the previous, current and projected school year. For a growing district like RVS, funding does not keep up with the number of new students. A new model is needed.

## Space for Students

**New Schools** – government must provide new schools in alignment with the needs of growing communities with increasing student populations.

**School Sites** – municipalities should prioritize right-sized, shovel-ready sites for new schools in early phases of any land development plans.

**Modulars** – government must provide modular classroom approvals and funding to address student enrolment growth while new schools are being built.

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### **Langdon School Playbook Discussion – Norman E., Tammy R.**

- Continue work on 3 year plan with RVS
- Moving goals forward
- Continuum of learning/engagement/instructional practices

### **School Safe Funding – Norman E., Tammy R.**

- \$79/student, ~ \$45000 for school, divided into 2 payments
- Parent survey e-mailed to random recipients from each grade
- Grades 7, 8, 9 surveyed
- Staff were surveyed
- Surveys asked for feedback on best way to spend money for students/school because of enhanced needs due to covid practices (ie voice enhancers needed due to masks muffling teacher voices, etc).
- Administration to compile survey results to share with school community

### **School Council Elections – Amanda D.S**

Secretary needed – no one stepped forward to take on role, position remains vacant

Introduced Chair (Amanda D.S.) and Vice Chair (Brandi-Lee M.) as per AGM election

### **New Business – Amanda D.S.**

- Newsletter – Parent suggestion to update newsletter to showcase student activities, work, and achievements. Parent suggestion to showcase student guest writers. Comments that newsletter format is much easier to read this year. Parent suggestion that hyperlinks should be updated to ensure linked page is correct. Admin noted suggestions and comments.
- Lockers – Parent query regarding students receiving lockers for increased storage needs due to winter gear. Admin and Trustee provided answers. At this time, RVS Superintendent has stated that lockers will not be available as there's not distance between lockers due to social distancing requirements, plus more students outside classroom not in cohort. Older grades currently have boot trays and hooks in most homerooms. Younger grades have hooks and boot storage in classrooms. Trustee to follow up with RVS to reinterpret AHS directives as other school districts in province have allowed locker usage.

- Clarification on covid procedures – currently, students to isolate for full 10 days if they've been exposed to a positive covid patient. RVS has updated health assessment on website, including flow chart with symptoms. Will continue to be updated based on directions from AHS.
- Parent question – does school council handle fundraising? Answered by Brandi-Lee M. – school council acts as an advisory committee for school administration. School Council Society is a separate entity that fundraises for school needs via hot lunch, casino, other activities. Society works with administration and teachers based on requests and needs and pays for purchased items. Society also reports back to the government and AGLC (with casino funds) on items bought within specified guidelines. Parent asked if a report could be provided to council from society and vice versa, Brandi-Lee to take back request to society at next meeting.
- Parent question about band – because students are not currently playing instruments and are instead focusing on theory, can students opt out of band before the end of term and take another option? Answered by administration – there's no space available in other options to move mid-term, but could look at it for term 2. Administration is looking at other options for being able to play instruments in class, including using other class rooms, splitting class up into smaller groups to play together, playing for 30 minutes followed by 10 minutes of sanitation. Suggestion to talk to Chestermere High School about their practices, to ensure that students in grade 9 who would be taking band in high school are able to have a smooth transition.
- Parent question – would it be possible to have teacher/CDA presentation to parents during a council meeting to discuss what's available for students/families regarding mental health? Admin answered, will touch base with CDA to join a council meeting.
- Upcoming parent/teacher conferences – Dec 1 & 3 – conference manager will be opened mid November to book video/phone conferences with teachers.

**Next School Council Meeting – November 18 @ 6:30pm via Zoom**

**Meeting Adjourned** – Amanda D.S. adjourned meeting at 8:11pm