

**Indus School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes November 6, 2023**  
**7:00 pm via Zoom**

This meeting is open to all parents and guardians of Indus Students. It will be an in-person and online meeting. Please use the main doors of the school when you arrive. Zoom link to be sent out.

**Call to order** (Time: 7:01 pm) Christine Nielsen chaired the meeting. Via Zoom

**1. Attendance:**

Christine Nielsen (President), Zeynep Andreotti (Vice President) Kerri Volk (Treasurer), Lindsay Blatz (Secretary), Laurel Weigum (Director) Katherine Winkler (Past President), Sherry Bishop (Casino Coordinator), Amy Weston (Special Events Coordinator) Mandi Tomblin (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Cindy Robinson (Merchandise Coordinator) Shelley Kinley (School Trustee Ward Two), Chael Wyper (Principal), Liz Kane (Vice Principal)

**Parents/Guardians:** Meghan Mckenzie, Andrea Proed, Deanna Muchka, Sharon Vanderburgt, Miranda Rogowski, Tyler Stamler

**2. Approval of the agenda**

- a. Additions- none
- b. Motion to approve: Christine Nielsen
- c. Second: Chael Wyper
- d. All in Favour. Carried

**3. Approval of last regular meeting minutes**

- a. Motion to approve: Sherry Bishop
- b. Second: Amy Weston
- c. All in Favour. Carried

**4. School Trustee report**

- a. Trustee Shelley Kinley- SEE ATTACHED REPORT

Chael asked about the removing of portables from Indus and how this would impact classroom arrangements and option classes. Shelley will refer this question to the administration and board for clarification.

**5. Administrators/Teacher report**

- a. School Education Plan -Chael
- b. Updates: Admin report- as presented by Liz Kane – PowerPoint Presentation including Teachers/Staff, PBIS, PL day, Indigenous support and presentation, Early Literacy

**6. Financial Report (Treasurer):**

- a. Current finances- Kerri Volk see report attached
- b. Committed finances for 2023/2024 School Year
- c. Motion to approve Treasurer's report
  - i. Motion to approve: Christine Nielsen
  - ii. Second: Zeynep Andreotti
  - iii. All in Favour. Carried.

## **7. Committee Reports**

- a. Hot lunch coordinator report presented by Mandi Tomblin
  - i. Juice Box Receipt to be submitted. The program has been going very well and is appreciated by parents and school.
  
- b. Merchandise coordinator report as presented by Cindy Robinson
  - i. The possibility to offer merchandise to all students, not just the players on the sports teams. No objections. Link will be emailed out to parents.
  - ii. Cindy asked for an iron-on option for parents to add the logo to their own clothing but our supplier cannot do that since it is a digital print and needs to be pressed on a press. These are not vinyl.
  
- c. Special Events report as presented by Amy Weston
  - i. Halloween Event/Pumpkin Fundraiser/ Bottle Drive – Pumpkins made \$741.00 and \$251.95 on Bottle Donations
  - ii. Bake sales- during parent teacher conference (Dec 4) in between fundraisers.
  - iii. Christmas Basket Fundraiser - Xmas concert Dec 14, Sherry Bishop to get gaming license and Meghan will send email to staff for requests.
  - iv. A new backdrop is needed for the Xmas Concert.

## **8. Funding requests**

- a. Special events- none
- b. Requests from school- none

## **9. Society Update**

- a. Fundraising events for this year
  - i. Baskets Raffle at Christmas Concert- December
  - ii. Little Caesars Jan/Feb
  - iii. Purdys Chocolates- Easter
  - iv. Westjet Ticket Raffle

## **10. Discussion/Questions:**

Tyler brought up the concern regarding parking/drop off on the east side of the School. He is concerned about having his Grade 1 daughter walk around the school to the doors where there is no supervision and children are out of sight.

Chael stated that the front door parking lot is unsafe for children to be dropped off due to the buses and increased traffic. And that they are making these concerns a top priority.

The following suggestions were made by attendees:

- Waiting until the bell has rung to send children to doors as then there are teachers present by the doors
- Have staff supervision by the north door to ensure children make it around to the front of the school safely, Chael mentioned this may be difficult due to limited/shortage of staff.
- Walk your child to the door
- Have a buddy system (having an older child walk with the younger ones to the front)
- Allow grade ones to use the kindergarten doors

Chael stated that the school has better snow clearing equipment this winter and that paths will be better cleared.

**11. Next Meeting:** January 15, 2024 @ 7pm

**12. Termination of Meeting:** 8:03pm

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President, [Christine Nielsen](#)

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Secretary, Lindsay Blatz

**Indus School Council Treasurer's Report  
November 6, 2023**

This report is based on financial information as of October 30, 2023

**Previous Council Balance** **\$ 1,308.50**

Council Activity September 14, 2023 to October 30, 2023:

**Revenue**

Healthy Hunger profit cheque (Subway) \$ 67.26

**Expenses**

Terry Fox Refreshments \$ 154.76

Chimp Embroidery, Coaches shirts - merch \$ 47.25

Total Expense \$ 202.01

**Ending Balance** **\$ 1,173.75**

**Approved requests not yet paid**

Athletic gear for students unable to purchase own \$500.00

Athletic gear for coaches \$202.75

Subtotal \$702.75

Note: Hot lunch and Merchandise transactions will go through the Indus School Council account. At year end, best practice is to have council balance at \$500. To do this, we can reimburse funding requests from council account vs general/casino.

Kerri Volk  
Treasurer

**Indus School Fundraising Society Treasurer's Report  
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**General Report**

This report is based on financial information as of October 30, 2023

**Previous General Bank Balance** **\$16,148.41**

General Activity as follows (September 12, 2023 to October 30, 2023):

**Revenue**

Interest	\$ 0.13
Bottle Drive	\$ 251.95
Pumpkin Fundraiser	<u>\$ 741.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 993.08

**No Expenses**

**Ending Balance** **\$17,141.49**

## **Casino Report**

This report is based on financial information as of October 30, 2023

**Previous Casino Bank Balance** **\$ 65,052.62**

Casino Activity (September 12, 2023 to October 30, 2023):

### **Revenue**

Interest	\$	<u>0.53</u>
Total Revenue	\$	0.53

### **No Expenses**

**Ending Casino Balance** **\$ 65,053.15**

### **Approved requests not yet paid (reimburse from Casino first if applicable then General)**

CDA Food/Hygiene Supplies (remaining balance)	\$	17.75
Insurance	\$	1,300.00
Center for Sexuality	\$	400.00
Class Funding(\$750x9+\$250 each kinder,rm1025)	\$	7,250.00
Bus for swimming lessons	\$	3,300.00
Accelerated Reading/STAR program	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,408.53</u>
Subtotal	\$	12,508.28

General & Casino Total \$ 82,194.64

Kerri Volk  
Treasurer

## November Parent Council Report

- 1) Exemplary Practice Presentation - Jander Talen, a Grade 10 Teacher at Cochrane High School presented to the Board of Trustees. Jander was selected to be the Grosvenor Teacher Fellow on the National Geographic Society expedition to the Galapagos Islands. He shared his trip with us and his students. He uses connection to the environment and outdoor education with his students in a program he teaches called ROAMS (Rivers, Oceans and Mountain School).
- 2) Our second exemplary practice: students who had achieved 100% on one of their diploma exams during the June 2023 sitting. Two Chestermere students achieved this milestone – Rashveer Sandhu – Chemistry 30 and Baltroop Toor – Physics 30 along with two other students from Cochrane High School and George McDougall High School. Congratulations to these students on achieving excellence!
- 3) A delegation presented their perspective on human sexuality at our Oct 19 th Board meeting.
- 4) The Board approved an Ad Hoc naming committee for the new school in Langdon. AP – 5402 Naming of Facilities. The committee is tasked to put forward two names for consideration to the Board by February 1 st , 2024. As the local trustee, I will be a part of this committee and we will be looking for others in the community to join. If you are interested, please let me know and I will add your name to the list. Students, parents, staff are all encouraged to participate.
- 5) Langdon School Consultation. Online Feedback is still ongoing until November 13 th on RVSEngage.com Please be sure to read the new presentation before selecting the option you prefer. Delegations November 16 th and Board Decision December 14 th , 2023. Please be sure to read the new information that was provided at the October 17 th presentation and then answer the questions.
- 6) RVS requests an additional 22 Modular Classrooms, as well as the relocation of 12 classrooms and one wet (washroom) unit. In addition, five surplus units were awarded to RVS from Alberta Education which the province will pay to deliver and set up. We are likely to find out this decision about modulars in March.
- 7) Last month, I shared information on the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS). BASS seeks stakeholder feedback to help inform the Board’s decision. Due to the size and scope of this engagement, the Board has added an extra Board Meeting date to handle delegations.
- 8) The Board welcomed School Councils to our joint meeting on October 26 TH . An excellent presentation from staff about Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) discussed how RVS intends to create safe, positive, predictable, inclusive cultures. We also provided information to assist new chairs, new Chair packages, and provided information for schools as to how others have used their ASCE Grants. Our next Joint School Board Council meeting will be held March 14 th , 2024.
- 9) Strategic Plan Priorities – Improving our Students’ Learning. “Our instructional practices and supports are data driven.” Multiple assessment tools are being used -Benchmark Assessment

System, Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI), Alberta Numeracy Assessment. Net year we will have comparative numbers and will use them to assess direction even further. A sample bit of data from our Strategic Plan:

Number of in class presentations/work from Education Centre Staff regarding student mental Health – 1207.

This is just one of the stats you can find in our Year One Report. I encourage parents to look for this Strategic Plan on our RVS Website.

Questions:

Shelley Kinley

Trustee Ward Two

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