

Indus School Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022

6:30pm held via Zoom.

1. **Call to order** (Time: 6:32pm)

2. **Introductions and attendance:** Emily Paxman, Katherine Winkler, Shelly Kinley, Deanna Muchka, Andrea Desjardins, Chael Wyper, Sherry Bishop, Liz Kane, Amanda Jo Couture, Kerri Volk, Amy Weston, Cindy Robinson, Linda Hopp, Jeff Kearns

3. **Approval of the agenda**
 - Motion to approve: AD
 - Second: CR
 - Approved

4. **Approval of last regular meeting minutes**
 - **Motion to approve: CW**
 - **Second: SB**
 - **Approved**

5. **Trustee report** Trustee Shelley Kinley

See attached report for further information.

-Shelly ran for school board as she is a former teacher who is concerned about students loss of school time due to the pandemic

- masks and rapid tests should arrive soon for students but the provided masks are not required for students

-the new curriculum will be rolled out but there have been some changes after consultations with schools, parents and school boards

-Langdon high school is going ahead and will be open 23-24 school year

-asked if our council would like an email account with rockyview schools

- discussion about middle school sports, masking.

6. Administrators/Teacher report

a. Updates:

LK

Land acknowledgements

School Councilor attending Indus school every Monday to offer support to students and run sessions

Jan 31 PL day- teachers will be discussing my blueprint and making learning visible at school and inclusion and positive behavioral and social skills

CW

Medical grade mask and rapid tests should arrive this week

Modernization is ongoing- building management system is online, no air recirculation- fresh air, septic system froze but has been sorted out, some damage to floors but has been fixed, trophy cabinet is installed, cupboards in maker space, looking for a set of VR helmets.

Exploratory modules are starting soon- photography, curling, design and build.

High school transition will begin in February- grade 9 students will be working with a councilor from CHS via zoom and in person to get registered and work on their schedule in February-March

Brock Hadden is a student teacher in grade 5- from Ambrose University. There is also a student teacher in grade 3 that was in prior to Christmas break and will be back in February as well.

RVS is trying to keep students in the classroom as much as possible

Discussion:

Concerns brought forward from parents regarding covid restrictions at Indus School.

Discuss about parents helping with supervision should there be too few teachers- the school is prepared for now and has options should it be an issue

7. Financial Report (Treasurer): Kerri Volk

Current finances- see attached report

- Committed finances for 2021/2022 School Year
- Motion to approve Treasurer's report
 - i. Motion to approve: SB
 - ii. Second: AW

All in favour. Approved

8. Funding requests

SB

\$500 Grade 9 for their field trip

\$400 donation to Centre for sexuality program for grade 7-9

\$200 Judy Hammel Scholarship

\$500 Staff appreciation

\$500 BVAS donation for skating

\$300 Year End BBQ

Swimming- is a question as to whether it will still happen

Westjet- will discuss in ISFS

Discussion, questions about funding requests- no objections, some of these fundings requests may come out of ISFS accounts

9. Parental Engagement Grant Discussion

\$500 RVS parent connection grant was given to RVS school councils. Can be used for resources and workshops. Discussion as to where it should be used.

AC discussed Jody Carrington (psychologist) possibly doing a presentation for some school councils- pool resources to get someone good to speak. Discussion about options of doing other speakers- online safety for kids, arts etc.

10. Committees leads

- Hot lunch coordinator report

As per email from Mandi Tomblin:

Hot lunch has been running smoothly! We have had so many positive comments from staff, students and parents on how happy they are that hot lunch is back on this year. I am currently working on setting up lunches for March and April, I just had confirmation from Andrea on dates work for the school, I work on aligning vendors in the coming week. As per suggestion from Andrea, we will only have two available on the hot lunch website at a time...given all the uncertainty, hopefully this will help mitigate potential changes to school/restrictions etc. It seems Mary Browns is an obvious popular one, I am going to try and coordinate with Subway, and I will also be speaking with the Saucy Bread Company and Opa to verify their nut policies, and hopefully schedule each of them as well. We have received the cheque from Healthy Hunger for the first hot lunch, on November 23. I would assume the December hot lunch cheque should be showing up soon as well. The A&W order on January 11 had a lower number of orders, however, I think maybe between it being January and maybe people are watching their spending a bit, and the uncertainty of everything, perhaps that was the reason for lower order numbers. Hopefully it picks up for the next few orders! So far, every vendor I have spoken with, has been very accommodating of the possibility of change (classes going online etc). Further to that, so far, food is arriving packaged very well, making for easy distribution to the students & staff.

If anyone has any feedback, or suggestions, I'm open to it all!

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Profits from Healthy Hunger \$

- Merchandise coordinator report

AC: got pricing from different companies for t-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts. Hoping for 48 orders to help keep costs down. Can do embroidery for extra cost.

Council could sell T-shirts- \$15, sweatshirts for \$20, hoodies for \$25-30, scrunchies etc.

Chael will ask Andrea about doing payments on School Cash Online- we can do it through school cash.

- Special events

Staff Appreciation will be March 28-April 1. Discussed with CW. We will likely be doing the same thing as last year where we ask parents to donate to the council to provide treats, breakfast, lunch to the teachers.

Motion to approve \$500 to be spent on Staff appreciation by KW

Second: AW

All in favour, carried

-funds may come from ISFS accounts depending on expenditures.

11. Society Update

- Casino/AGLC Coordinator- VACANT
- Upcoming fundraiser: Little Caesar Pizza kits, Bottle drive
- West Jet

12. Next meeting date:

March 21, 2022 and May 16, 2022(AGM)

13. Termination of meeting 8:22pm

December/January Parent Council Report

In such a changing environment, there is a lot to report this month. First though, Thank you to all of you for helping work through these changing times with the schools. We know how incredibly difficult it can be to work, shift schedules and look after your children on such short notice. This is all a part of how we are trying to ensure that your kids can stay in school as much as possible over the next month or so.

1. The decision to delay the start of school was made by the Alberta Government through the Minister of Education. We found out when you found out. There were general concerns that staffing (all staffing – bus drivers, Support staff and teachers) will be an issue due to Omicron. The week has allowed schools to check in with staff, plan and generally prepare for shortages. To help prevent Omicron spread, the provincial government has: updated the daily Health Checklist, will be providing better quality masks (8 weeks' worth) and rapid tests for all students and staff. This PPE as I like to think of it, is for your discretion. They are not mandated but are tools that are being provided to help keep schools open.
2. January Diploma Exams have been canceled but PATs are still planned for this year. We are sending a letter requesting they be canceled for the school year.
3. The Minister of Education has responded to concerns over the curriculum. We thank everyone who helped share their views. Much more feedback from teachers and other stakeholders will be forthcoming before implementation. Resources will also be acquired to assist with implementation and a phased approach is most likely. More will be shared as these decisions are confirmed. Should have more information at our next meeting.
4. RVS has been busy updating initiatives that are a part of the Four-Year Plan. Training for teachers on Blueprint Technology, participation in Literacy and Numeracy Assessments and clarification of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in Schools. More will continue during the second half of this school year.
5. RVS is pausing meetings and PL that require substitutes and/or casual support staff in order to maximize availability of staff in preparation of staffing shortages.
6. The Board of Trustees will be doing School Tours starting in February – two days per month until the end of June. Schools in our area will be toured March 1 and 2nd, 2022. It is an opportunity for us to showcase our Schools. It provides information to all the Trustees about each local area and their school needs.
7. AHS will not be contract tracing or posting information about alerts and outbreaks in schools.
8. A motion was put forward at the December 9th Meeting to Remove RVS' masking mandate for K – 3. It was defeated.
9. A motion was put forward “That effective January 3, any staff member who has refused to be vaccinated be provided at Board Cost, free rapid testing.” we will vote on this on January 20th.
10. As your Trustee, I sit on the following Committees: Appeals, Langdon Advisory Stakeholders, Budget, Transportation and School Councils.
11. I will have more information today about the IGOTMIND program if you are interested in it for your \$500.00 Grant. If I can help find more information, for other presentations, please let me know, I would be happy to assist.
12. Programming being offered through Stepping Stones to Mental Health through the school division are as follows: Student Mental Fitness Program for Parents – Mind Up. Dates are

February 7th, 2022 (in person) and March 7, 2022 (Virtual) Please register <https://register.rockyview.ab.ca/> . for both programs. As well Fourth R Training (Strategies for Healthy Youth Relationships) will also be available. Healthy Relationships Plus for 2SLGBTQIA and Youth Small Group Training. Small Group Training is this Jan 18 and 19th These programs are free.

13. Free Online Tutoring for Grades 4 – 9 will come online next week. To start with they will be prerecorded but as times goes on, live sessions in all subjects encompassing all grades 4 and up will be added. Look for these on the Alberta.ca website and through RVS website as they come online.
14. Our Joint School Councils Meeting will be held on March 10th – 6:30 – 8:00.

Do you have any questions?

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Katherine Winkler
President

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Emily Paxman
Secretary

