

**INDUS SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE: Monique Williams, Andrea Desjardins, Cindy Robinson, Rachel Cairns, Brenda Kuryk, Charlene Gosling, Crystal Sproule, Bev LaPeare, Chael Wyper, Peggy Graham, Shawn Tomlinson, Jamie-Ann Kearns, Christine Nunn, Robin Kearn

Co-President: Monique Williams

Secretary: Andrea Desjardins

The Co-President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Welcome and introductions.

Agenda was circulated. Motion made by Brenda Kuryk to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Christine Nunn. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes from the May, 2016 Council Meeting were circulated. Motion made by Brenda Kuryk to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Christine Nunn. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes from the May 2016 AGM were circulated. Motion made by Rachel Cairns to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Jamie Ann Kearns. All in favor. Carried.

Trustee Report by Bev LaPeare (attached)

Bev LaPeare introduced her role and the role of Parent Council.

Report Highlights:

Check out the Rocky View Schools app.

School Act – has been given a 2 year extension before it expires.

New Superintendent.

Budget passed.

Parent Symposium – November 19; Parent Symposium for parents with Special Needs students – October 22 – maybe Chael can send an email out to parents

Revamp of curriculum. Will be looking for input.

Ward Boundary Review – in Nov a Youtube video will come out, then community consultation.

Approval before next election.

Principal Report by Chael Wyper (attached)

Highlights:

204 students total population

Mostly straight grades with some combined for prep time 1-2 and 2-3

Grades 7-9 are combined for some prep and a few subjects

Reduced to 2 options from in Division 3

New Teaching staff: Melanie Yonofsky – Grade 2; Lisa Laughton – band

2 new resource assistants - Casey Collinge and Stacie Schuller

Funded for 8 classrooms in 1-9 – resulting in the divided classes

There is a budget for parent council

Renovations

New discipline plan for Div 3 (&4?)

Parent loading/unloading zone moved – due to number of near accidents

Past Events - Back to school BBQ, Terry Fox Run

Student Union Packs changed to Admazing Savings Coupon Books

Evergreen Theatre in this week – grant from Arts Alberta covered 75%

Provincial Achievement Test Results shared

Discussion about new parking and some of the problems encountered and possibility of snow removal in winter.

Jr Achievement Speaker

This has been deferred until the November meeting as the speaker was unable to attend this meeting.

Student Council Report

Report not provided at this meeting.

Funding Requests

\$770 made by Monique Williams for insurance for Marsh's – Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.

\$1000 made by Mr. Tomlinson for bussing to and from Tyrrell Museum for Grades 4-5.

\$400 made by Mrs. Wood to cover the cost of speakers for presentations in April on Theme 5 Sexual Health Unit – Human Sexuality from the Heath Curriculum (approx. 66 students grade 7-9).

\$1000 made by Mrs. Ellefson for grades 6-9 to go to Banff National Park and White Museum as part of Canada 150 Design Cohort (estimated cost of \$100 x 30 students + transportation costs of \$700).

\$3,610.63 made by Mrs. Potter for Accelerated Reader Program (This is approximate cost based on US \$2700).

\$497 made by Mrs. Yanofsky – for Grade 2 in school field trip – (First Nations Dream and Small Crawling & Flying Animals).

\$250 made by Mrs. Graham for transportation to Grey Eagle Events Centre for grades 7-9 to see The Making of Treaty No. 7. Tickets will be paid for by the students. We get a deal of \$7 per ticket for a special show over lunch for students. (Tickets retail for \$100 each.)

\$1725 made by Mrs. Graham for Evergreen Theatre for K-6. (Total cost \$6,900 – our grant is 75% of this.)

\$1000 made by Mr. Wyper to fix the elevator outside – we must have RVS maintenance fix it for liability reasons. (This is an approximation as we do not yet have cost for siding and roofing.)

\$500 made by Mrs. Laughton for band students to go to concert performed by CPO Pixar (includes \$75 for bussing + subsidizing tickets for approx. 35 students - Tickets are \$40 less 10-20%.)

\$500 made by Mrs. Laughton for transportation for band festivals – RV Band Festival and possibly one more for grade 5-7 band students.

\$600 made by Mrs. Hart for students in room 1025 who require handi-bus for 2 trips – approximately \$300 per trip.

\$150 made by Mrs. Hart for grade 9 farewell (\$50 supplies+ \$100 photographer honorarium).

\$500 made by Mrs. Hart for Equine Assisted Learning program for 8 students (3 schools are involved so it brings our cost down) – Spring session only. A grant cannot be applied for as the organization is a for-profit organization.

\$500 made by Mrs. Broxham for 2 busses to Glenbow Museum for Grades 1-4.

\$1100 made by Miss Alard for bussing to/from COP for ski trip for grades 1-6 (approximate cost for 3 busses).

\$640 made by Mrs. Burris for field trip to Sandy Cross Conservation for grades 1-3 (\$250 bus + \$6 per student).

\$800 made by Mr. Winters for bussing for grades 7-9 to outdoor education in Kananaskis (approximately 30 students).

Voting on approval of funding requests to take place at the Indus School Council Society Meeting on September 26, 2016.

Nomination & Elections

Vice-President – Monique Williams nominated Crystal Sproule for Vice-President. Seconded by Andrea Desjardins. All in favor. Carried.

Treasurer – Monique Williams nominated Cindy Robinson for Treasurer. Seconded by Andrea Desjardins. All in favor. Carried.

Hot-Lunch Coordinators – Monique Williams nominated Rachel Cairns and Rhonda Scharff for Hot Lunch Coordinators. Seconded by Andrea Desjardins. All in favor. Carried.

All positions were declared by acclimation.

Cheque requests are to go into Andrea Hansen once per month for payment. Monique Williams made a motion to have Crystal Sproule and Cindy Robinson added on as signing authority on the cheque request forms that go in to Andrea Hanson, and also that there must be two signatures on any requests made. Seconded by Andrea Desjardins. All in favor. Carried.

Treasurer Report

Balance on Indus School Council Account held by Indus School - \$394.

2 stale dated cheques were found at Indus Rec Centre for 2014 Coco Brooks fundraiser – costs were absorbed by Indus School Council.

Fundraising Report

Proposed fundraisers for 2016-2017:

Movie fundraiser – October 2016
Scare Hunger for foodbank – October 2016
Duelling Pianos – Winter/Spring 2017
WJ Fundraiser – Spring 2017

A discussion was had on deferring any further fundraisers for this fall for economic reasons.

Special Events Report

Back to School BBQ – was subsidized by Indus School
Terry Fox Run – cost \$103.92 (from council account)

Hot Lunch Report

Hot Lunch will move to School cash throughout the year. Chael Wyper says that orders can be imported through Excel and made into labels for ease of Hot Lunch.

Rachel Cairns advised that we are waiting for pricing from Indus Arena. Once that comes in, hot lunch orders will be available online. We are always looking for volunteers to help with delivery on hot lunch days.

New Business

Decision to defer approval of our Bylaws to our next meeting. Bylaws were distributed.

Meeting Dates

Next meeting is to be held on November 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Co-President

Secretary

September 2016 Indus School Council

- Role of Trustee
 - Politician
 - Plan for jurisdiction and set goals
 - Hire and evaluate Superintendent
 - Advocacy
 - Adopt jurisdictional budget
 - Make policy to guide system
 - Educate others
 - Gather information to make sound decisions
 - Adjudicator
- Role of School Council
 - provide advice
 - feedback and consultation on items such as SEP and SARR as well as mission, vision etc.
 - support initiatives
 - perform any function or duty delegated by the Board
 - Perform any function or duty required under the legislation or regulations of the government
- Communication – website, APP, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Replay Newsletter, OnTrack
- Check out new School Council Resource Guide on line
- Public Board meetings are on the 1 and 3 Thursday with other meetings of the Board generally planned for the other Thursdays.
- We are happy to announce that we have hired Greg Luderbauch as our new Superintendent. Greg comes to us from BC with a wealth of experience in all areas of running a school division.
- Trustees will each be taking Greg on a tour of their wards so that he can get a taste of what the division looks like and have a flavor of the strengths and challenges as well as the diversity in the division.
- Budget – Passed June 2
 - RVS' 2016/17 budget aligns with Trustees' budget priorities: direct classroom instruction, inclusive education, specialized services for students with complex needs and balanced literacy, numeracy, and 21st C skills.
 - The budget was built with zero percent grant increases, except for IMR funding where RVS received \$1.9 million in additional revenues to help address the backlog of school building maintenance projects
 - RVS' budget totals \$250 million to address the needs of 21,499 students – an increase of 817 FTE students over the previous year.
 - Of the total, 77.75 percent will be directed towards instruction, 13.04 percent to plant operations and maintenance (POM), 6.05 percent to transportation, 3.06 percent to governance and administration and 0.1 percent external services.

- Instructional budgets are projected to total \$194 million – an increase of \$5.2 million over the previous year – allowing RVS to hire 32 new teachers at the K-8 level and 13 new teachers at the high school level.
- Maintained 25 percent increase to inclusive education services and increased funding by \$600,000 to introduce a second multidisciplinary support team to support students with complex and emotional needs.
- Dedicated \$342,000 to replace staff lost through Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) funding being re-directed to Alberta Health Services
- Added 3 FTE Literacy/Numeracy Learning Specialists and allocated \$241,000 for literacy resources and substitute support.
- Administration and governance costs are approximately \$7.7 million or 3.09 percent – a decrease from the previous year of 3.16 percent.
- The Carbon Tax Levy is anticipated to increase fuel and utility costs by \$231,000 in 2016/17 and by \$557,000 when fully implemented.
- ASBA SGM June 6th and 7th
 - Minister Eggen
 - 4000 students from Fort MacMurray are in various Alberta schools
 - School Act will remain for the 16/17 school year. Concerns remain on Ed Act
 - Need to ensure proper programming and classrooms to extend Ed to age 21
 - Need to work more closely on proposed student residency
 - Need to make sure act is properly aligned to close the act with our FNMI students
 - Need to ensure we're properly supporting the needs of our students
 - Doing extensive work to modernize and revamp the curriculum. They plan to be redoing 6 subjects within an 18 month time frame for each grade grouping instead of the usual 1 subject at a time. Whole process will take about 6 years. Will cover FNMI history (Truth and Reconciliation Commission), computer coding, mental health, and updated sex ed.
- Our Board passed the Instructional Fees for next year. I voted against the fees amounts.
 - Kindergarten - \$25/student
 - Grades 1-8 - \$105/student
 - Grades 9-12 - \$145/student
- We are working on the Ward Boundary Review and when we have some viable alternatives, the ideas will be presented to you so you can offer feedback. The boundaries need to be set prior to 6 months in advance of the 2017 elections.
- Provincial Education Issues Forum September 27 and 28
- Minister has said that there will be a 15-minute math facts section added to the Grade 6 PAT's. No calculators allowed.

- New Ed Act
 - Still waiting to hear more about upcoming consultations
 - School Act has been given an extension for 2 years until Aug 2018
- Parent symposium October 22 9:00-3:00 Building Positive Pathways for Parents-Supporting the Learning Journey of my Child with Unique Needs: REGISTER ONLINE: crcpd.ab.ca Questions? Contact the Registration Desk e: register@crcpd.ab.ca p: 403.291.0967
- Parent Symposium November 19th 9:00 – 3:30 Ramada Plaza Tomorrow is Today – Parents as Partners in the Learning Journey (same registration)

INDUS SCHOOL

Report to Council

September 26, 2016

- a. Classroom Configurations
 - i. Straight Grades K-6 (combinations for prep and departmental meeting coverage)
 - ii. Straight Grades 7-9 except
 - 1. SS 7 & 8
 - 2. ELA 7 & 8
 - 3. ELA 8 & 9 (x2)
 - 4. Health 8 & 9 (x2)
 - 5. PE 8 & 9 (x2)
 - 6. Sc 8 & 9(x2)
 - 7. SS 8 & 9
 - iii. Reduction to two options in Division 3
- b. Teachers

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| Kindergarten - 18 | Jennifer Kaminsky |
| Grade 1 - 23 | Terri Burris |
| Grade 2 - 19 | Melanie Yanofsky |
| Grade 3 - 24 | Cheryl Broxham |
| Grade 4 - 22 | Judy Marshall |
| Grade 5 - 28 | Shawn Tomlinson |
| Grade 6 - 17 | Karen Ellefson |
| Gr. 7- 9 English | Christy Olson |
| Gr. 7- 9 Math, Science (18,17,18) | Anthony Green |
| Gr. 7- 9 SS, Health, PE | Adam Winters |
| Student total: 204 | |
- c. New staff

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| Grade 2 | Melanie Yanofsky |
| Band | Lisa Laughton |
| Resource Assistant | Casey Collinge |
| Resource Assistant | Stacie Schuller |
- d. Budget
 - i. Approximately \$1 801 000 (down from \$1 859 000 last year)
 - ii. Funded for 8 classrooms in Grades 1-9
 - iii. Council allocation (\$395)
- e. Facility
 - i. Renovations to learning commons
 - ii. Removal of carpet in Room 1003 (Grade 3)
 - iii. Replacement of flooring in south entrance
 - iv. Test area of recycled asphalt

- f. Operations
 - i. New discipline plan in Division 3
 - ii. New loading / unloading zone for parent drivers

- g. Professional Learning
 - i. Mrs. Yanofsky and Mrs. Ellefson: Canada 150 Inquiry Project
 - ii. Weekly Departmental PL

- h. Events/Undertakings
 - i. Welcome Back BBQ
 - ii. Terry Fox Run
 - iii. Admazing \$avings coupon books
 - iv. Evergreen Theatre (performances Kindergarten: Thursday at 3:00, Grades 1-6: Friday 11:45

i. PAT Results 2016

PROVINCIAL RESULTS LANGUAGE ARTS:

| | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | | 2014/15 | | 2015/16 | | 2016/17 |
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| | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | | | Target |
| L.A. GRADE 3: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 90 | 81.6 | 94.4 | 81.5 | 88.9 | 78 | | | | | |
| Standard of Excellence: | 15 | 19.5 | 33.3 | 17.8 | 22.2 | 15.3 | | | | | |
| L.A. GRADE 6: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 51.7 | 83.3 | 89.3 | 82.5 | 68.8 | 81.9 | 81.8 | 82.8 | 81 | 82.9 | 90 |
| Standard of Excellence: | 0 | 18.9 | 3.6 | 16.3 | 18.8 | 17.6 | 22.7 | 19.5 | 9.5 | 20.4 | 25 |
| L.A. GRADE 9: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 31.6 | 77.4 | na | 76.7 | 76.2 | 76.3 | 73.1 | 75.6 | 81.5 | 77 | 70 |
| Standard of Excellence: | 5.3 | 16.4 | na | 14.8 | 9.5 | 15.1 | 3.8 | 14.4 | 7.4 | 15.2 | 20 |

PROVINCIAL RESULTS MATHEMATICS:

| | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | | 2014/15 | | 2015/16 | | 2016/17 |
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| | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | | | Target |
| MATH GRADE 3: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 70 | 76.8 | 72.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 74.0 | | | | | |
| Standard of Excellence: | 10 | 25.5 | 22.2 | 25.5 | 38.9 | 25.1 | | | | | |
| MATH GRADE 6: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 48.3 | 74.7 | 82.1 | 73.0 | 68.8 | 72.7 | 86.4 | 72.5 | 66.7 | 71.4 | 75 |
| Standard of Excellence: | 0 | 16.6 | 14.3 | 16.4 | 12.5 | 15.3 | 22.7 | 13.8 | 0 | 13.8 | 25 |
| MATH GRADE 9: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | | | | | 57.1 | 65.9 | 42.3 | 64 | 76.9 | 66.7 | 75 |
| Standard of Excellence: | | | | | 9.5 | 16.7 | 11.5 | 17.5 | 23.1 | 17.2 | 15 |

PROVINCIAL RESULTS SCIENCE:

| | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | | 2014/15 | | 2015/16 | | 2016/17 |
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| | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | Target |
| SCIENCE GRADE 6: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 48.3 | 77.8 | 82.1 | 76.9 | 75 | 75.9 | 81.8 | 89.7 | 66.7 | 77.6 | 80 |
| Standard of Excellence: | 6.9 | 28.2 | 21.4 | 26.5 | 12.5 | 24.9 | 31.8 | 25.9 | 14.3 | 27.7 | 20 |
| SCIENCE GRADE 9: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 26.3 | 74.1 | 70.6 | 74.2 | 66.7 | 73.2 | 65.4 | 73.3 | 92.3 | 73.5 | 75 |
| Standard of Excellence: | 0 | 22.4 | 5.9 | 20.3 | 4.8 | 22.1 | 7.7 | 22.8 | 26.9 | 22.5 | 20 |

PROVINCIAL RESULTS SOCIAL STUDIES:

| | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | | 2014/15 | | 2015/16 | | 2016/17 |
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| | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School Results (%) | Prov. Results (%) | School | Prov. | Target |
| SOCIAL GRADE 6: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 37.9 | 73.2 | 85.7 | 71.8 | 50 | 70.2 | 72.7 | 69.6 | 52.4 | 71.1 | 75 |
| Standard of Excellence: | 0 | 19.5 | 25.0 | 18.1 | 6.2 | 17.1 | 22.7 | 18.7 | 9.5 | 22.6 | 20 |
| SOCIAL GRADE 9: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard: | 10.5 | 68.9 | na | 68.4 | 52.4 | 65.5 | 50 | 64.4 | 73.1 | 64 | 65 |
| Standard of Excellence: | 0 | 19.1 | na | 19.0 | 4.8 | 19.9 | 11.5 | 20 | 19.2 | 18.3 | 20 |