

Ronald Harvey School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Ronald Harvey School Library

October 21, 2024, 7:00pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:59 pm by Jackie
2. In attendance: Amanda Ansah, Naomi Auber, Jackie Bennett, Brandi Buell, Erin Chessor, Kylie Dryer (teacher), Heather Ferguson, Tarah Lazowski, Alex le Riche, Kirsten Lefebvre, Kelsey Lockert, Villian MacDonald, Brandy Mitchell, Denée Reansbury, Krisit Rouse, Rob Sauv , Kira Stewart and Matt Tripp (principal).
3. No additions to agenda.
4. Amanda motions approval of September 18, 2023 School Council AGM minutes. Seconded by Erin. All in favour.
5. Kira motions approval of today’s agenda. Seconded by Den e. All in favour.
6. Reports
 - **School Council Executive:** None at this time.
 - **Board Trustee Rouse:** Trustee report kristi.rouse@spschools.org 780-718-0656

Board Priorities for 2024-25 include:

- i. Support Wellness for Students and Staff
- ii. Support Engagement with Students, Families and Community
- iii. Adapt to Growth and Change
- iv. Support Connection and Inclusivity

Priority topic areas for government relations include:

1. Space for Students
2. Funding
3. Supports for Students

Government Announcements:

June 17 - [Limiting Restrictions in Alberta’s Classrooms](#)

July 11 - [Supporting Alberta’s Youngest Students](#)

July 23 - [More Support for Alberta’s Growing Education System](#)

August 13 - [More Support for Student Mental Health](#)

September 11 - [New School Year, New Mental Health Classrooms](#)

September 17 - [Fast-tracking New Schools for Alberta's Students](#)

October 18 - [Accountable and Transparent Local Elections](#)

4. The Board is undertaking a review of foundational statements and core beliefs. The board and senior administration met with Dr. Dustin Louie on October 2 as part of this work.
 5. Planning is underway to convene the first meeting of a governance level working group to explore joint advocacy opportunities with representatives from City Council, as well as trustees from St. Albert Public, Greater St. Albert Catholic, and Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord.
 6. Trustees and Senior Administration attended the annual Mayor's State of the City Address on September 18.
- a. On September 25, Chair Allen and myself attended an Alberta School Boards Association engagement with the Minister of Education and staff to discuss priority topics including the School Construction Accelerator Program and the current funding framework.
 - b. On September 26, policy engagement sessions were held at Division Office for staff as well as parents and community members to obtain input in three policy areas including Cell phones, Anti-Racism and Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Inclusive, and Safe Learning and Working Environments.
 - c. On October 4, an Alberta School Boards Association session was held to discuss potential impacts to the 2025 Municipal and School Trustee elections resulting from legislative changes expected this fall.
 - d. Trustees participated in the Public School Boards Association of Alberta Fall Conference and AGM on October 16-18.
 - e. The first Council of School Council meeting will be held on October 24. School Councils may wish to begin planning for use of the School Council Engagement Grant funds as well as the Alberta School Council Association policy position process for the Spring 2025 AGM.
 - f. Reference information and resources for [Partners In Education](#) can be found on the division website.
 - g. [Policy Review Process](#):
 - h. **September 2024:**
 - i. D-620-AR, Staff Development; G-130, Campaigning at Division Sites; G-610-AR, Advertising by External Organizations
 - j. **October 2024:**
 - k. NEW, Cell Phones; A-180, Anti-Racism; B-160, Trustee Honouraria and Expense Reimbursement
 - l.
 - m. **September 18, 2024 Public Board Meeting Highlights**

- n.
 - o. • The board **approved:**
 - p. The 2025-2026 Basis of Allocation issues to be reviewed
 - q. An additional remuneration in the amount of \$1,300 for Trustee Kristi Rouse and \$1,300 for Trustee Sheyanne Levall-Crouse for additional duties over and above trustees' general duties. The amounts are to be taken from the board and governance general account and reflected on the August 31, 2024 year end statements.
 - r. A modification to the 2024-2025 Schedule of Public Board meetings by cancelling the September 25, 2024 Public Board meeting.
 - s. The minutes of the Organizational Meeting and of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees both held June 19, 2024.
 - t. The international student fees for the 2025-2026 school year and summer school 2025
 - u. Joseph M. Demko's Logos Retreat fee
 - v. Paul Kane High School's Wildlife Activity Fee, Climbing Club Extracurricular and Climbing Club Clothing Fee
 - w. Outreach High School's Further Education Exam Fee
 - x.
 - y. • The board **provided direction to circulate:**
 - z. Draft Administration Regulation D-620-AR, Staff and the accompanying regulations
 - aa. Draft Board Policy G130, Campaigning at Division Sites and the accompanying regulations
 - bb. Draft Administration Regulation G-610-AR, Advertising by External Organizations and the accompanying regulations
 - cc.
 - dd. • The board **received as information:**
 - ee. The status report for policies/regulations/procedures currently in development.
 - ff. The 2025-2026 Principles for the Allocation of Resources
- **Administration report by Matt Tripp:**
 - **Cross country running**
 - **Truth and Reconciliation Day - recognized with classroom activities**
 - **Picture day - a success**
 - **Upcoming events**
 - **parent-teacher conferences - first one last week and 2nd day tomorrow (23rd)**
 - **Gr 6 indigenous activities - birch bark biting (24th)**

- **Picture retakes (29th)**
- **Halloween classroom activities**
- **PD day Nov 1**
- **No school Nov 11 & 12**
- **Christmas Concert Dec 11 & 12**
 - **Kindergarten 5:30-6:00 Dec 11**
 - **1-6 split by class - Dec 11 & 12 6:30-7:15**
 - **Tickets: 2/family with visitors welcome during rehearsals**
 - **Matt to ask Mrs. Kelly how the class splits will look.**
- **Teacher's Report with Kylie Dryer:** P.D. Speaker for all staff, Cadmus Delorme-amazing. Parent-teacher interviews split over 2 weeks. Kylie presenting school council report at staff meetings.

7. Communications:

- a. Newsletter: October newsletter was printed and sent home with each student. Thank you Erin Chessor for creating the newsletter! Newsletter is also posted on the bulletin board at the front entrance, on Facebook, sent out via email and on the school website; hopefully there will not be any complaints ;)
 - b. Website: Kylie Dryer in charge of the school website. Membership form that is currently posted is out of date; Jackie will bring paper copies. Fundraising can be ut on website.
 - c. Email/Google drive: Checked regularly. By whom?
 - d. Social Media (Facebook Parents Group): Going well. 357 members.
 - e. Bulletin board: Fall theme complete; thank you Jackie and Heather! Amanda and Kira to complete the winter theme.
8. No new business
9. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:59 pm by Brandi. Seconded by Kylie. All in favour.

Next meeting Monday, November 18, 2024