

HCHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2025

Attendees:

Jennifer Hutsell
Katherine Winkler
Chrissy Craig
Joanna Young
Sherry Bishop
Terri McNamara
Theresa DeRosier
Marie Cumberland
Jordan Fenton

Agenda:

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Trustee Report
3. Admin Report
4. New parent council bylaws
5. Cell phone policy
6. 2026 Grad
7. Adjourn meeting

Call to Order at 6:33pm

Trustee Report

Created by Shelley Kinley and read by Jennifer Hutsell

- 1- The 2026/2027 school calendar has now been set using feedback from community, staff and the board. The traditional RVS calendar was selected based on majority
- 2- Bylaws took effect Jan 1. Trustees required to pay \$100 deposit and have 20 elector signatures. No criminal record checks are required, as voted by the board
- 3- Board continues to advocate for a new government funding model that fully funds each student each year. Traditionally, funding has not increased as costs increase.
- 4- Financial support for Ed Eggerer Athletic Park Turf Field (Bert Church High School) provided by RVS.
- 5- Changes to inclement weather policy, community engagement policy and trustee communication with the public policy were approved
- 6- School councils should have received an email to complete a survey. It should be completed by the chair but all school council members are encouraged to complete it.
- 7- Check RVS website for information regarding Powerschool information breach
- 8- Band concert before Christmas was very well done
- 9- RVS Mechanics Training program celebrated 25th anniversary this year. This program is offered through Cam Clark Ford and allows high school students hands on training.

- 10- The board approved changes to grade configurations at East Lake School that will be grades K-9. Some communities have also been reconfigured and new designated schools will go into effect September 2025.
- 11- Prairie Springs neighbourhood will have a school re-designation. Please check the website for all changes being implemented in September
- 12- Education plan update – RVS is targeting government provided learning disruption funding to provide additional support to 10 schools based on the results of literacy and numeracy screening. Ourschool survey results are being reviewed. Career learning practice guide has been developed
- 13- Ad hoc committee has been created to guide the development and delivery of the orientation process for new trustees following this October election

Admin Report

Jordan Fenton

Academics

- 1- Made it through first semester and looking forward to the start of the second semester on January 30th
- 2- Re-assessment week was well utilized by the students.
- 3- Grade 9 PATs were complete and some diploma exams were written
- 4- Career exploration week in March – we are searching for partners and programs for the students to learn possible fields of employment

Athletics

1. basketball in full swing. Hosted the first tournament in the new school with the girls' team playing earning a silver medal. Boys played in the bronze metal match and finished 4th.
2. We will be hosting Provincial Zone Tournament and the girls team is ranked number 1 in our zone

Fine Arts

1. The band hosted a combined concert with Langdon School in December
2. They will host another concert later this year

Leadership

- 1- Leadership classes have been several small projects around the school to build on school culture.
- 2- Organized a food drive and spirit week in December
- 3- We will be hosting a guest speaker in February – Tyler Smith from the Humbolt Broncos has a message on resiliency.

Parent Council Bylaws

- 1- We briefly reviewed bylaws and questions/feedback was welcomed
- 2- We will have a brief special meeting before the next meeting to complete the final review and adopt the bylaws.

Cell Phones

- 1- New cell phone policy will be in place to ensure phones are locked in lockers (and are not with students) during class time. Cell phones are permitted at school and are permitted to be used outside of classes.

- 2- No all-out ban of cell phones

2026 Graduation

- 1- Wanting to create a parent committee to start planning a formal graduation for 2026
- 2- Looking to include Grade 11 students and parents to establish the committee and start booking venues, etc.
- 3- possibly also include some Grade 10 students/parents in order to have some people familiar with the grad preparation for class of 2027
- 4- Need to locate a venue for the formal graduation
- 5- Required to obtain a list of any venues that are not permitted according to Rockyview Schools

Question period

- 1- Requested more communication on reassessment week. There was confusion by some as to what this was and what the student expectations are
- 2- Issues around grade changes occurring after the reassessment forms are due. Some grades changed after the week had started.
- 3- Some parents are questioning next year's fine arts program. Some students are requiring dance and drama programs for admission to programs after high school. Will there be additional teachers/staff for these programs next year?
- 4- Options for course selections are coming up in March

Meeting adjourned: 7:18pm

Next Meeting:

Special meeting – March 24th at 6:15pm to discuss and adopt Council bylaws

Regular meeting – March 24th at 6:30pm