

## HCHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 24, 2025

### Attendees:

Jennifer Hutsell  
Katherine Winkler  
Jordan Fenton  
Shelley Kinley  
Sherry Bishop  
Terri McNamara  
Joanna Young  
Jayme McHattie  
Amanada Jo Couture  
Marie Cumberland

### Agenda:

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Trustee Report
3. Admin Report
4. 2026 Grad Update
5. Chestermere Library free presentation
6. Question Period
7. Adjourn Meeting

### **Approval of HCHS bylaws**

Special Meeting call to order at 6:27pm  
Move to approve the HCHS School Council Bylaws  
Moved by Jennifer Hutsell  
Seconded by Katherine Winkler  
Bylaws are approved  
Signed by Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Principal  
Adjourned at 6:29pm

Call meeting to order 6:32pm

## Trustee Report

Created by Shelley Kinley and read by Jennifer Hutsell

- 1- Student at Bert Church HS created a new computer programming club
- 2- Sept 30 – end of January – RVS has grown by 248 students
- 3- Board approved the budget in alignment with RVS Strategic Plan for 2025/2026. Target an operating balance at 1-2% (excluding transportation)
- 4- Schools have been directed to maintain optional school fees at current levels, if possible, with no increase to individual courses greater than \$10.00 or 5%
- 5- Meeting dates for 2025/2026 school year have been posted on the website
- 6- New locally developed courses were approved and can be added each school year
- 7- Education funding in provincial budget – eliminating supplemental enrolment grant, more school builds, increased funding for trades, increased education property tax
- 8- Two new schools approved – Dawson's landing and a new high school for Airdrie. Design funding approved for a High school in Chelsea (Chestermere) and a K-9 school in Airdrie
- 9- HCHS grand opening was on March 7 – kudos to all involved
- 10- The Alberta Schools Council Association will host Spring Symposium and AGM virtually on April 25 and 26. Info was sent to the schools email. Please register by April 7. Please send a proxy to vote if you're unable to attend
- 11- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant – magnets? Books for parents to be held in the library?
- 12- RVS Home schools Learning Career is a good resource for parents online
- 13- Upcoming topics: budget, Transportation fees.

## Admin Report

Jordan Fenton – Principal

- 1- Academics quarter change April 8-9
- 2- Career Exploration Week – tours to SAIT/MRU/UofC
- 3- Grade 11 job shadow & school shadow\
- 4- Langdon Career Fair – hosted the Chamber of Commerce career fair that was well attended
- 5- Battle of the Techs – 5 Students will be competing in an engine build challenge at the World of Wheels
- 6- Course pick sheets – will be completed by HCHS students and grade 8 students – due Friday, March 28, 2025
- 7- Next year promises additional staff to accommodate new students
- 8- Expected 400 to 450 students next year (up from 330)
- 9- Athletics – basketball boys and girls teams both had silver medal finishes. We hosted the girls zone championships
- 10- Rugby – should be wrapped up by end of June

- 11- Fine Arts – combined band trip to Edmonton in April (combined with CHS)
- 12- Expecting a band spring concert – details to follow
- 13- Leadership – students did an amazing job at the Grand Opening. Thanks to them and Parent Council for their help in making a very special day
- 14- Fees – Reviewing fees and making changes to some fees to reflect actual costs. Maximum is 10% or \$10

#### Grad Update

- 1- Meeting on April 15
- 2- Verifying venues as these need to be booked a year in advance
- 3- Determining what venues are permitted and which ones are not permitted by RVS
- 4- Working on establishing banquet facilities
- 5- Many students involved

#### Online Safety

- 1- Meeting April 9 at 6:30pm
- 2- Free to attend

Meeting Adjourned 7:06pm

#### Next Meeting

Monday, May 26 at 6:30pm