

SPRUCE VIEW SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2023

1.0 Call to Order A meeting of the SVS Parent Advisory Council was held on January 17, 2023 in Spruce View. It began at 6:34 and was presided over by Carly Hansen with Suzie Sveinson as secretary. Members in attendance included Carly Hansen, Suzie Sveinson, Colleen Pipke, Carrie Klassen, Warren Thomson, Scott Stefanek, Claire Funk, Linda Wagers, Rick Dunnigan, Karen Mackenzie, Reba Buhler, Lindsay Bridge, Andrea Sales (13 attendees)

2.0 Approval of Agenda Colleen moved the agenda to be accepted, Karen seconded the motion. **Carried**

3.0 Approval of Minutes Karen moved the minutes to be accepted, Reba seconded the motion. **Carried**

4.0 Reports

4.1 Trustee's Report (Linda Wagers)

- Parent meeting matter, Jan 30, 2023; presentation by Dr. Purdue on layers in place in the school division regarding social/emotional professionals in place within the school division. CESD is working in conjunction with Red Deer Catholic School Division and the McMan youth, Family and Community Services.
- CESD has actual stats about how achievement is directly related to the amount of attendance in school. Message : Attendance is important!
- Summer School info: CESD is looking into piloting a centralized summer off-campus program for students in Bowden as well as Delburne, Penhold, and Innisfail , this year that will offer such things as work experience, RAP, etc.
- The Minister of Education will be recruiting close to 40 students across Alberta to take part in the Minister's Youth Council next school year. The deadline applications is March 24th, 2023
- A nice example of utilizing means for credits beyond our schools' "four walls", is the course Winter Travel 15 where both Bowden and Spruce View students took part with some adventurous students. It is offered in partnership between CESD and the Canadian Rockies School Division and held in the Kananaskis Country.

4.2 Principal's Report (Claire Funk)

- Alberta Education Assurance Survey was extended to March 17 due to unexpected delays in the mail out of the parent survey invitation packages. Please fill it in as it gives us as a school and school division data/food for thought

to guide us in the decisions we make, areas we could improve upon, and positive trends.

- Grade 1 went to the Calgary Zoo for the Penguin Palooza...great time Feb. 7
- Mr. Stefanek and Mrs. Leinweber attended the Bus Driving Course - Monday Feb. 6 and Feb. 7. They can now drive the mini school bus - great to have 3 of us with our licenses now.
- Feb. 10 we had our collaborative Day - spent time together as a school staff, in each division- collaborative response and key issue discussions ie. student stamina in the classroom for work, made a plan for our Covid Disruption Funding grant, and how to use it.
- Covid Disruption Funding grant given by government- approx. \$4000 dollars given to SVS...grade 2 - 4. Mrs. Kraus will be working with students in small groups on literacy and numeracy skills, one afternoon a week for 7 weeks. Money could not be spent on resources, required to be for a human resource.
- Bingo Night - great fun! Staff enjoyed participating. We would do it again for sure:) We enjoyed seeing some of our parents participating in the Bingo too:)
- Basketball Teams doing well- Sr. Boys play for Gold in the last League Game this Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at the school. Game starts at 6pm. Against PAA. Everyone is welcome to attend. Then it will be on to Zones - hosted in Central Alberta - March 10 - 11. Not sure where yet...we will post on the School Facebook page when we know.
- We have had some great School Spirit Days - Colour Wars, Red Day, Pink Shirt Day, more to come - grade 9 Leadership class has been promoting and supporting these events. Super participation.
- We made Egg Muffins for breakfast - Feb. 9 for all students. Both students and staff enjoyed this event. Every school receives a Nutrition grant through CESD- and the money from that supports our occasional breakfast mornings ie. Egg Muffins, and the fresh fruit, and granola bars that are always available for students on a daily basis. Every classroom has a basket of food stuffs. The office also has a basket for students to help themselves.
- Feb. 15th we had Miss Fish from The Landing at Glennifer Lake come to talk to students who were interested in a part time job for the 2023 season. Students met with her in the Science Lab at noon. She was also able to answer questions about Hospitality and Tourism. Thanks to Mrs. Lineweiber for lining this opportunity up for our students.
- Smoothies made and handed out to all students - Feb.15. Made by the ladies from the Christ Lutheran Church - always a treat for the kids.
- 100 Days Celebration - Feb. 17 - games, dress up like you are 100, pack a lunch with 100 items, etc
- Public Speaking Competition - Grade 4-8. - great topics - single use plastics, longer summer break, Period Poverty, Real Beef vs. Plant based. Well written, clear speaking, took courage to come up in front of peers to speak, very proud of all the students who participated- Friday, Feb. 17 . Winners were announced and

showcased on our school webpage. Judges were community members. We appreciate all the community support with our events.

- We welcomed our Student Teacher - Lindsay Rendleman - she will be working with Mrs. Abraham and grade 5. Former student of SVS. Completing her 9 week teaching practicum.
- YES person - looking to fill the position due to unforeseen circumstances, and is out and we are hoping to have the position filled by the middle of March.
- HQ - Boys and Girls Clubs are going well. Keystone Club is full. Starting up age 7 - 9 Kids Club. Charlie and Shae and we went around to talk to students in that age group. Thursday nights after school. Parents need to sign up their child.
- BBBS mentors and mentees are finalized. Hoping to start very soon.
- Teachers Convention this last Thursday and Friday - lots of great sessions for teachers to support their students in their learning and social emotional wellness. Always a great opportunity to network, share ideas and come back to school energized and ready to welcome the students back to class and learning. We have the choice to attend the Convention in Calgary - Convention Center or Red Deer at the Red Deer Polytech, and high schools in the City of Red Deer.
- Lego Club - March 1 - after school in the Library with Mrs. Birkland
- Mr. Stefanek, Mrs. Leinweber, and I will be attending the Provincial Youth Pathways Symposium on Thursday, March 2 at SAIT. CESD will be hosting some of the sessions - we are ahead of other school districts at this time for Dual Credits, and youth career pathways. Definitely something to be proud of.
- Grads have a Bottle Drive starting on March 1, 2023
- March 9 - Ski Trip to Canyon - grade 5 - 8 more info coming...
- March 10 - Collaborative Day - no students at school, we will be in Cremona collaborating with all the teachers in Chinook's Edge who work in K- 12 schools - SVS, Bowden, Cremona, Olds Koinonia, and Delburne will be in attendance.
- March 11 - Babysitters Course - Free to students hosted by Mrs. Haupt - paid for by Innisfail and Area FRN
- March 15, 2023 - grade 10 and 11 going to Olds College for Ag Tech Day - students will see Jay Steeves - Dean for Agri Tech
- March 16-17 Cap and Gown Pictures - more info to come
- March 17 - Farm Safety Presentations for Elementary - more info will be given closer to the date.
- Mr. Stefanek & Mrs. Funk - Evaluations coming up. The evaluations look a little different for VP's and P's. Parents will be asked to fill in a Parent Survey for the Principal only. This will be coming out in March. Stay tuned. We will post the survey on our School Facebook page for all those interested in participating. This will be the first time for Mr. Stefanek and 3rd time for me. I always enjoy this part of my job - it provides me with opportunities to improve my leadership skills, and grow professionally and personally. I look forward to the feedback. Mr. Stefanek and my doors are always open, and we encourage and look forward to any opportunities we have to have a conversation with parents, students, colleagues, and community members.

- Lockdown Drill in the next few weeks...what does that look like?
- Check out the High School Art Projects - Jan. 20, Field Trip to RDPolytech- Visual Art Department - pottery and drawings. In the hallway on the way to the Elementary Wing.
- Flag Ceremony - ADCOS meeting in January - Treaty Flags for all schools in CESD, mini presentation

4.3 Community Representative (Kevin Velthuis Kroeze) Not present

4.4 Parents Matter Report (Warren Thompson)

- Emotional health support program presentation is in the works
- Inclement weather policies- warning letters will be sent out to prepare parents. 1st Red day, school work will be available online, 2nd and more days online school work will be required

4.5 Snack Program (Kim Brown) Not present

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Received None

5.2 Sent None

6.0 New Business None

7.0 Business arising from the minutes

7.1 ASCA AGM and conference- April 23 Call for resolutions for the 2023 AGM deadline to submit extended to January 27, 2023

7.2 Alberta School Engagement Grant Karen Mackenzie will book Dr Jodie Carrington

8.0 Date of next Meeting March 21, 2023

9.0 Adjournment 8:00