

SPRUCE VIEW SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2023

1.0 Call to Order A meeting of the SVS Parent Advisory Council was held on March 21, 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 Thompson, Scott Stefanek, Claire Funk, Linda Wagers, Rick Dunnigan, Karen Mackenzie, Lindsay Bridge, Anna Rasmussen, Sherease Corcoran, Jen McIlwain, Kim Cyr, Tennara Vandervalk, Linzy Stoyberg, Kim Brown. (18 attendees)

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

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

4.0 Reports

4.1 Trustee's Report (Linda Wagers)

- The school calendar for 2024-5 has been discussed at the Board meeting for acceptance in the next meeting in April. It is reflecting the results of a survey sent out by CESD. For instance, if parents preferred school start before or after the Sept long weekend, having a fall break and spring break (longer number of days together) vs more 4-day weeks, school spring break aligning more with another school division, etc. (Remember Red Deer Catholic and CESD are in partnership with McMann Family Services for the SEW (Social/Emotional Wellbeing) program.
- Transportation: The government has made a change of distance from home to school for students and it has now dropped from 2.4 km to 1.0 km which changes eligible/non-eligible riders in the school division. Because of this, and some cost changes from the division the overall funding will be affected and the budget will need to reflect this. There will be an increase in the number of students now eligible to ride the buses and this could also increase the number of buses required in the division. The division currently has 106 buses.\
- CESD is looking at ways to improve its communications with everyone within the community. Now that we have a new Communications Officer, it is also a good time to look at how this can be improved upon.
- I attended the Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton at the beginning of this month. Resilience, Reconciliation, Rejoice was the theme. This is well attended by other school divisions with a strong focus on rural school situations and how

they can improve and keep students with new and unique programs such as dual credits, site specific courses, combining efforts with other learning institutions, etc. Along with some incredible sessions, we were also able to hear both the Education Minister and the Premier speak on the latest top subjects in education. We were also able to meet with a couple of the division's MLAs as well.

- The new school in Penhold will be called Penhold Waskasoo Middle School with construction hoping to start in the fall of 2023.
- The next priority in CESD is to build a new high school in Sylvan Lake.

4.2 Principal's Report (Claire Funk)

- 2023 Provincial Youth Pathways Symposium - SAIT - Mr. Stefanek, Mrs. Funk and Mrs. Leinweber attended. - March 2, 2023. We heard from students who have been through Dual Credits, etc. to look at Career Pathways and how taking different courses, programs such as RAP, Work Experience, etc. helped with their career choice.
 - Great to see CESD represented by students from HJ Cody
 - Got to collaborate with many different school divisions across Alberta and receive information from Calgary Schools, Lethbridge College, Prairie Schools, etc on Dual Credit, Work Experience, DAR's, RAP, Green Certificate, etc
- Grade 10 and Grade 11 went to Olds College to see Jay Steeves and the Ag Tech department on March 15th. Had a great time!
- Spruce View Lions Club - K-9 March 16th: Winter Carnival, and Hot Dog Lunch for K- 12 students, a great success, fun had by all.
- Milk Jug Curling
- Skating
- Calf sled races at the Arena outside
- Bean bag Toss
- Games in the gym - biathlon
- Crazy Carpet races outside the school
- SIVA Training for all EA's, Mr. Amundrud, Mrs. Abraham, and Mrs. Ellingson for Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachment. Supporting division processes such as KITE, RASP, and safety for all students in a safe and caring school
- March 17th, Farm Safety presentations with Mrs. Abraham.
- March 21st, today was RAWG day looking at all schools, current enrollment, budget changes as per Alberta Ed, and we do not know anything about our context as of yet and changes for next year
- March 23rd, Parent Survey for Claire closes as part of her evaluation, the survey was sent to parents email addresses.

- Lockdown Drill - will be practiced tomorrow...a letter to parents was sent out on Monday, March 20, 2023.
- March 24th, Non-Instructional Day
- Swimming starts on March 27th and goes Monday and Wednesdays, grades $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Amundrud from 9:00 - 12:00. Last day is April 26, 2023, and students go 8 times. No swimming over Spring Break.
- Badminton has begun with coaches Mrs. Leinweber, Mr. Mallinson, Mrs. Svitich and they are practicing twice each week for grades 7-9 and 10-12's twice per week. Practices are T/Th for 7-9's and M/W for 10-12's
- Book Fair is April 3-6th
- Parent Teacher Interviews: April 6 - 3:30 to 7:50 pm. Interviews will be held in person, online, phone call. A link will be sent out to families. Please look in your inboxes or on Facebook.
Thank you to PAC for providing the supper for our staff:)
- Spring Break starts 7th (no school on the 7th) and we return to SVS on April 17,2023.
- On Parent Teacher Interview night, we will have chromebooks at the front entrance for Parents to complete School Surveys. These surveys align with the three school division goals of Academic Excellence, Social and Emotional Well-Being, and Career Connections. A link will also be sent to parents email.

4.3 Community Representative (Kevin Velthuis Kroeze)

- Spring Flyer is out.
- Playgroup is going well.
- Community information night is on April 20th, 2023.
- Looking at offering first aid programs and tech courses.
- Floor hockey is on Thursday at lunch.
- Spray park coming back in July.
- July 20th possible fundraiser for PAC, Concert in the Park

4.4 Parents Matter Report (Warren Thompson) None

4.5 Snack Program (Kim Brown) Going really well

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Received None

5.2 Sent None

6.0 New Business

6.1 Staff Meal for parent teacher interviews; Suzie will make up a sign up sheet and post on Facebook

7.0 Business arising from the minutes

7.1 ASCA AGM and conference- April 23; No one is interested in attending so far.

7.2 Alberta School Engagement Grant Karen Mackenzie will look into booking Jodie Carrington in the fall

7.3 Community Fair Anna and Jen will set up a table to represent SVS Parent Council.

8.0 Date of next Meeting April 18, 2023

9.0 Adjournment 8:04