

**SPRUCE VIEW SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 18, 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 6:32 and was presided over by Jennifer McIlwain with Suzie Sveinson as secretary. Members in attendance included Suzie Sveinson, Colleen Pipke, Carrie Klassen, Warren Thompson, Scott Stefanek, Claire Funk, Linda Wagers, Rick Dunnigan, Anna Rasmussen, Sherease Corcoran, Jen McIlwain, Kim Cyr, Kim Brown, Kevin Veltuis Kroeze Rayanne Czakowski and Katie Hillman. ( 16 attendees )

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

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

#### **4.0 Reports**

##### **4.1 Trustee's Report (Linda Wagers)**

1. The school calendar for 2024-25 has been approved and is up on the website. From the majority of surveys wishing for school to not start until after the Labor Day weekend, students will be returning to school on Sept 3, 2024.  
There is still a 4-day long weekend in Oct. (Thanksgiving); a 4-day long weekend in Nov. (Remembrance Day/Fall Break); Winter Break in Feb (Family Day/Teachers' Convention week); and Easter/Spring Break in April.
2. Our new Communications Officer, Laurette Woodward, is working on further improving communications to the public. She is always posting on Facebook and Twitter about new and exciting things going on in the Division as well as keeping everyone aware of any important changes and information within the schools/division. Bowden Grandview School also has its own Facebook page as well, check both out!
3. Transportation - the government has made changes to the ridership eligibility. It has changed the distance from home to school and because of this, CESD sees the need for additional buses to accommodate this increase. It has been determined currently, that about 2/3rds of these eligible students actually ride the bus.  
Just a reminder: All eligible fees reduce from \$200 to \$175 if registered by June 1, 2023. Any eligible registration after June 1, 2023 remains \$200
4. The new middle school for Penhold will hopefully begin construction in the Fall of 2023 and will be named Penhold Waskasoo Middle School.
5. ASCA (Alberta School Councils' Assoc) Conference this weekend. Two parents from BGS are going.

## 4.2 Principal's Report (Claire Funk)

1. Grade 9 and Grade 10 Ski Trip to Nakiska with Bowden School - shared the transportation - everyone had a great time - had a lesson and then able to ski all day.
2. Thank you so much to PAC for all the delicious food parents sent in for us on Parent Teacher Interview night. We had a feast and felt so cared for and appreciated.
3. Swimming continues for grade  $\frac{2}{3}$  and grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  Monday/Wednesday...all the students are enjoying this opportunity - Last day is April 26, 2023, and students go 8 times.
4. Thank you to PAC for the funds to purchase robots for the Computers and Coding Class - have been purchased, and the manager at Staples gave us a deal. We were able to purchase other accessories for the robots too. Our students will be thrilled - Computers and Coding will be a hot commodity class.
5. Community Helpers Program - grade 9 Health and grade 10 CALM Curriculum - Connie Holbein a Youth Asset Developer from FCSS, in Sylvan Lake. This is the Alberta Curriculum, and parents were sent a letter and consent with information on the topics covered. Parents have the right to exempt their child from any part of the program. Runs from April 17 - 25. The Human Sexuality portion will be completed in May. Mr. Weseen and/or Mrs. McInnis will be in the classroom at all times during the instruction.
6. Summer Off-Campus- we are part of a pilot program with 3 other High schools to provide students with opportunities to participate in Work Experience, Internships, Green Certificate, and RAP programs over the summer months. Brianne Fletcher and Jennifer Fleckinstein (Career Connections) were at the school today to work with high school students 1:1 to help them with this endeavor and make connections for job opportunities. Students will earn credits towards graduation.
7. Sr Badminton Areas for Boys and Girls - LTCHS, Red Deer -Wednesday, April 19 - 3:30 pm. - 10:00 pm.
8. Sr. High Badminton - Wild Rose Tournament on Friday evening - April 21, 2023 - Hunting Hills High School
9. CESD Spring Bus Evacuations - Monday, April 24, 2023
10. April 27 - Career Connections Day - Mrs. Schweer, Mrs. Kreil, Mrs. Leinweber, Mr. Stefanek, Mrs. Funk attend this at CESD.

We will reflect on the work we started in November, reviewing the work going on at other schools related to the Strategic Actions of the Career Connection goal. We will use team planning time in building a 3 year plan around our school's actions going forward in our school Career Connection design - so that it is in a highly functional draft version for us as administrators to move it into our planning on May 3rd at our Off Site ADCOS Meeting.

11. April 28 - Walking Tour for Kinders to Co-Op
12. May 3 - Hats On For Mental Health
13. Skills Alberta:Edmonton Expo Centre for the Provincial Skills Canada Competition - grade 8 and grade 9 Field Trip - May 4, 2023. This is a great opportunity for our Gr 8 & 9

students to be introduced to future careers they may have never thought of. where they will be able to watch skilled teens compete at various trade skills. The trip will give students an idea of what specialized trades exist as career opportunities, with examples of the skills being portrayed in a competitive setting. Along with the competition students will have the opportunity to:

- Try their hands at various skills and discover where their interests might lie with hands-on Try-A-Trades® and Try-A-Skills.
- Learn about career and education options by engaging with the industry and education exhibitors in Skill City.
- Watch inspiring presentations at Centre Stage for an inside look at where a career in the trades or technologies can take them

Mrs. Svitich, Mr. Weseen, and Mr. Dunningan will be attending with the students.

14. May 5 - Collaborative Day for Teachers - Collaborative Response Meetings: Key issues, Executive Functioning in the afternoon. May 5 Morning - TIPI Teachings with Clare Butterfly.

June 9, 2023 School - TIPI Teachings presentations to students/classes with Clare Butterfly, and the introduction of the Treaty Flags in the school.

15. May 10 - Welcome to Kindergarten Night - 6:30 pm. - 7:30 pm.

#### **4.3 Community Representative (Kevin Velthuis Kroeze)**

- Congratulations Carly Hansen - Was nominated Volunteer of the month
- Has been busy taking kids to various activities like hockey games and West Edmonton Mall
- Community Fair is April 20th, supper provided , setup is at 4:30
- Pam Hetu is no longer working for Red Deer County
- Working on summer programming, there will be 4 Wednesday activities, more details will be available soon.
- FCSS would like to sponsor a presentation by Jodie Carrington
- July 20th, Concert in the park, need 4 to 5 volunteers, profits to go to PAC

Anna made a motion that PAC will supply volunteers for Concert in the Park with proceeds to go in the general account. Kim Seconded **Carried**

#### **4.4 Parents Matter Report (Warren Thompson)**

- Final virtual Parents Matter meeting at 7pm on April 25. This meeting will include an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on our education plan, so they are looking to expand the parent group as much as possible for this particular event.

If anyone is interested in attending here is the sign up form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWTPeCrF00ZBugif1yu8\\_4W7IZcJ8a9Op1H7hXseTxxjm1Cg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWTPeCrF00ZBugif1yu8_4W7IZcJ8a9Op1H7hXseTxxjm1Cg/viewform)

#### **4.5 Snack Program (Kim Brown)**

Still being heavily utilized. Due to inflation there has been a significant cost increase, but the King of kings church is willing to supplement this cost.

**5.0 Correspondence**

**5.1 Received** Thank you Card from SVS staff for Parent/Teacher interview meals.

**5.2 Sent** None

**6.0 New Business** None

**7.0 Business arising from the minutes**

**7.1** Thank you to all parents who provided a meal.

**7.2 ASCA AGM and Conference** Still open for registration

**7.3 Community Fair** Anna and Jennifer will set up and organize

**8.0 Date of next Meeting** May 16, 2023

**9.0 Adjournment** 7:23