

**SPRUCE VIEW SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2023**

1. **Call to Order** A meeting of the SVS Parent Advisory Council was held on October 10, 2023 in Spruce View. It began at 6:34 and was presided over by Jenn McIlwain with Suzie Sveinson as secretary. Members in attendance included Suzie Sveinson, Jenn McIlwain, Reba Buhler, Colleen Pipke, Carrie Klassen, Claire Funk, Linda Wagers, Rick Dunnigan, Kim Cyr, Scott Stephanek, Cathrine Robin, Lorissa Christiansen, Rayanne Czajkowski, Tennera Vandervalk, Katie Hillman, Kim Brown, Alyssa Bechtold. ( 19 attendees )
2. **Approval of Agenda** Colleen moved the agenda to be accepted, Reba seconded the motion. **Carried**
3. **Approval of Minutes** Reba moved the minutes to be accepted. Sherease seconded. **Carried**
4. **Reports**

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

Congratulations to Claire Funk on being with Spruce View School for a year

Fall Alberta School Board association general meeting in the fall

If there is anything parents feel Linda needs to address please let her know she is always open to receiving feedbacks or concerns

Lots of collegiate programs are on going and Spruce View School's participation in dual credit programs is doing really well.

The school board approved international travel but due to insurance cost increase it favors community lead trips.

**4.2. Principal's Report ( Claire Funk )**

Volleyball Season has started - we have jr. High and Sr. High Teams

X-Country Running Team - we have had a great season - we had 17 students running this year. Gr. 5 - 9. Looking forward to next year, to recruit more students to participate.

Sam Demma Presentation - this was a hit with the students, he had a great message about kindness - "small consistent actions". Thank you to Red Deer County for providing partial funds for this event.

Spencer Speaks - gr. 9 - 12 students attended - we went to Bowden School to hear him speak today. Thank you to Bowden Grandview School for inviting us. It is Fire Prevention Month and the Fire Marshall invite

Field Trips - teachers are in the process of figuring out field trips for their grades/wings for this year. All curriculum based trips.

Swimming has started for grade 5 and grade 6 students this week

New curriculum is now being taught this year for:

K-3 - Math

K-3 ELA and Literacy

K-6 Physical Education and Wellness (PEW)

Grades 1 -3 Science

Grade 4-6 ELA and Literacy

Grade 4-6 Math

Hot Lunches have started - again, thank you to the parents who are volunteering for Hot Dogs, and handing out food to each classroom

YES program with Ireland Black is up and running for our students, Thrift store will be open for gr. 9 - 12 students on Tuesday and Thursdays. It is also available to students who are younger if there is a need.

Tech with Seniors - our students in grade 8 - 12 are teaching Seniors in our Community how to use their phones/technology - partnership with the Community Library, Red Deer County and the school.

Red Deer POW WOW - grade 9 students will be attending for the day (Friday, October 13), part of our Social Studies Curriculum with Mrs. McInnis and Mr. Stefanek.

Dual Credits- TECH 1000 at Olds College has started - we have 9 students attending.

Vet Tech course offered through Olds College - 2 students completing and participating in.

U of C Day of Discovery - October 18, 2023 - 3 students going to this, great opportunity for students to listen to other students experiences in the programs and the job opportunities when completed schooling.

ELAA - October 26, 2023 - 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Post Secondary Institutions will be here for our grade 9 - 12 students and their families to talk to:

Grade 9 and Grade 10 - 2 pm.

Grade 11 and Grade 12 - 2:30 pm.

Thank you to Mrs. Schweer for organizing this. It will take place in the gym. More information will be available on our Facebook page for Spruce View School.

Book Fair - Week of Interviews - October 16 - October 19, 2023

Parent Teacher interviews - October 17 & October 18 - 3:15 pm - 8 :00 pm. Links for parents to sign up to have a meeting with their child(ren)

have been sent out today - via Facebook, and school messenger. 10 minute slots available.

Dungeons and Dragons Club has started after school W/TH  
Lego Club starts tomorrow after school in the Library through the Community Library - 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Students must have a signed message in their agenda to participate.

Remembrance Day Ceremony - 1pm. 2pm. Nov. 7, 2023...we will have a special guest for the day - Mr. Stefanek's father in law will be talking to all the classes.

#### **4.3. Community Representative Report ( Kevin Velthius Kroeze )**

Thank you to everyone who helped recruit some youth for the Tech Time with seniors. We, at the end of the date, had 15 youth total after opening to the grade 8 classes. Amazing Feedback from Seniors on the program.

Innisfail Family Resource Network - Jody Carrington; Feeling seen : Reconnecting in a Disconnected World. Free Registration. Email [lesley.whalen@mcmancentral.ca](mailto:lesley.whalen@mcmancentral.ca)

Stay read and learn- SV library 9:30 to 10:30 on Tuesdays

Red Deer County Programs. Playgroup-Thursdays at 10:00 to 11:30 am SV Community Hall. Fee assistance program -can be used for sports registration, etc. First Aid Course -November 18, 2023, Low registration, need numbers up or will be canceled.

#### **4.4. Parents Matter Report ( Warren Thompson )** Meeting was on October 04, 2023. Main Topic was Feedback on the Division website.

Main points 1. Most parents only use the Division website for calendar and use their local school's website for everything else. 2. Could us better navigation search feature. For the next meeting ( in January ) There will be a survey for each PAC group to fill out about things that they'd like in a newsletter. General questions are welcome to be submitted and will be answered at the next meeting. I can send them in and report back any answers we get. Broader topic suggestions can be submitted.

#### **4.5. Snack Program ( Kim Brown )** Snack Program has funding secured from King and Kings and Shelley has stocked the basket the first month. As always, it's a popular program. And I'll keep banging the drum of anyone who needs extra help, please contact the food bank.

### **5. Correspondence**

**Received** None

**Sent** None

### **6. New Business** None

**7. Business arising from the Minutes -Crosswalk**

Because of major cost increase Red Deer County only approved the Blinking beacons. More discussions will be coming regarding PAC possibly contributing to financially to the project once we have more information

**8. Date of Next Meeting** November 14, 2023

**9. Adjournment of Meeting** 7:17