

**SPRUCE VIEW SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 12, 2024**

1. **Call to Order** A meeting of the SVS Parent Council was held on March 12, 2024 in Spruce View. It began at 6:35 and was presided over by Carly Hansen with Suzie Sveinson as secretary. Suzie Sveinson, Carly Hansen, Jenn McIlwain, Carrie Klassen, Claire Funk, Linda Wagers, Scott Stefanek, Rick Dunnigan, Sherease Corcoran, Colleen Pipke, Anna Rasmussen, Kim Cyr, Reba Buhler Kim Brown, Warren Thompson, Rayanne Czajkowski, Lindsay Bridge, Lorissa Christiansen and Carla Wells. (18 attendees).
2. **Approval of Agenda** Reba moved the agenda to be accepted, Colleen seconded the motion. **Carried**
3. **Approval of Minutes** Kim moved the minutes to be accepted. Jen seconded the motion. **Carried**
4. **Reports**

- 4.1. **Trustee's Report ( Linda Wagers )** \*CESD Board members attended the ARES (Alberta Rural Education Symposium) held in Edmonton. Again it was an opportunity to be able to discuss current issues rural school boards have in common. A couple of main concerns are teacher retention and transportation. We are all being hit hard with the rising costs of keeping our buses out on their routes. Discussion has centered around what can be done to perhaps reduce costs, ie gas. Some ideas: could we change to dyed fuel, could we have the carbon tax removed.... Other suggestions?

We had a very informative meeting the first evening with the Education Minister and many things were discussed.

Cadmus Delorme, former chief (Cowessess First Nation) talked about reconciliation and where we have come - talked about current issues.

There was also a presentation from an agricultural school (Altario) that simply started with a steer and how the school has grown to a number of different animals and now is looking at embryos with cattle to find the best breed that emits the least amount of carbon dioxide/methane. Now expanding into the production of fodder! 1000sq feet make enough food equivalent to multiple acres of farmland.

\*Student Panel and discussion of pros and cons of rural schools: class sizes/option (CTS) opportunities/distance to colleges, etc.

\* Penhold Waskasoo Middle School has now started with the building!  
→ next school project will be New Grade 10-12 high school in Sylvan Lake

\*Transportation - we are going to be continuing with the reduced rates for early registration.

\*ASCA - we have two parent reps from SVS attending... the Board has now made a decision on how to support parents attending this conference in the future- the Board will have an annual budget for up to \$12000 and will look at having new participants as well as some that have attended previously to allow for smooth transition.

\*Just as an observation, CESD has incredible connections with both Olds College and RDP. Some neighboring school divisions are far behind where Chinook's Edge currently is and do not provide as many opportunities. CESD also has the privilege of being in close proximity to both post secondary institutions.

- 4.2. Principal's Report ( Claire Funk )** Presentation by Thatcher U on Dual Credit Courses - ATG 1008 and ATG 1007. What has he learned? And other great information to share...
- Online through Olds College, Saved approximately \$1000. Textbooks were around \$150, Computer programs were provided by CESD at no cost to the students, attended a summer camp too at Olds College, this was free and along the same lines as the dual credit courses. Lots of work, but so worth it to learn problem solving skills, looking at real world problems, coded a robot, and learning how to make a circuit board.

Parent Teacher Interviews: March - google Meet, phone call or in person  
March 27 & 28 from 3:30pm - 7:00pm.  
(5pm. Supper break until 5:30 pm)

Grad pictures are coming up fast - March 14th and 15th

Mr. Stefanek has accepted a Principalship position at Innisfail Middle School for 2024/25. He will be missed.

Mrs. Densmore will be out on Maternity Leave as of April 2, 2024. We will be hiring a teacher to finish the 2023/24 year.

Linda Lapere who is the Vice Principal from Cremona will be our new Vice Principal for the 2024/25 school year. She is passionate about literacy and numeracy, taught in Rocky View and in Scotland at Dundee University. Linda is moving into the area too. She will be a wonderful addition to our staff family.

Blinds being put up in the High School Studitorium tomorrow! High school students say...THANK YOU!!! Muchly appreciated.

CESD Survey - Spruce View School

We will be sending out a email link to all parents of Spruce View School to participate in the CESD Survey on Wednesday, March 13. This survey helps us measure our success at school, and with students.

We would really appreciate your feedback! Your input will be a valuable part of our planning for the 2024-25 school year. This link will be open until April 10, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact us at the school: 403-728-3459. Thanks in advance for participating!"

Health Presenters coming for grade K-4. No Secrets on April 9 and April 11. This is presented by CASASC (Central Alberta Sexual Assault Support Centre) **The presentations DO NOT refer to sexual assault or sexual violence and is NOT sexual health or gender education.** Letters will go to students and their families with more specific information on the presentations closer to the dates.

There is one letter that explains the student program, and **we have added an opt out option for parents to this letter if they do not wish their child to participate.**

Additionally there will be a letter sent out from Haley Dowler, our Family School Wellness worker, with a link to a **Zoom meeting for parents on Tuesday, March 26 th - 6 pm.** This will give parents/guardians the opportunity to learn more about the No Secrets Series and ask presenters any questions they may have about the series. Mrs. Funk and the elementary teachers will also be present at this Zoom meeting.

Here are the dates and times for the sessions: April 09 Kindergarten to Grade 4.  
April 11 Grade 1 to 4.

- 4.3. **Community Representative Report ( Carla Wells )** Tech time in Spruce View and Markerville, will focus on help with Alberta Digital ID.

Pizza and swim night for youth in Innisfail April 29, registration TBD

Tuesdays youth connect; Badminton

- 4.4. **Parents Matter Report ( Warren Thompson )** Next meeting April 24.

- 4.5. **Snack Program ( Kim Brown )** Going well

## 5. **Correspondence**

- 5.1. **Received** None

- 5.2. **Sent** None

## 6. **New Business**

- 6.1. **Resolution Package from ASCA** Resolution package was reviewed and voted on by the board, and recommendations were given to Lorissa Christiensen, our parent representative.

## 7. **Business arising from the Minutes** None

## 8. **Date of Next Meeting** April 09, 2024

## 9. **Adjournment of Meeting** 7:54