

Windsong Heights School Council
Sept. 13, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

Present: Penny Beaudry, Lucie Salucop, John Robertson, Pam Thurston and many others.

Regrets: Kim Kully, David Patayankorn-Fithen

Called to Order:

I. Penny toured the attendees around the school

II. Trustee Report: Todd Brand

- Trustee Todd Brand spoke about upcoming election and the importance of
- 3 trustees for Airdrie instead of 2 for the election
- Provided scenarios for how trustees will work with Airdrie schools – encouraged feedback on the different scenarios through email to Todd
- Trustees want to feedback and consistency
- Encouraged parents to make connections with their trustees
- Transportation information
 - Unsure if RVS will be able to continue to transport students living 1.5 - 2.4 km from school
 - Government does not pay within 1.5-2.4 km of the school and RVS is approaching \$1M deficit
 - Instructional money may have to pay for the transportation deficit
- Community engagement opportunity before and after the election regarding transportation issues

III. Advisory Agenda

A. Philosophy

Penny Beaudry: Hope for the school council to enter with a collaborative approach with a global perspective, considering all sides of decisions. We want to create a council with open communication, with a willingness to find solutions, to improve Windsong, to recognize and celebrate what is happening.

B. Council Options:

- Penny reviewed the council rules, positions, roles
- Clarified that the fundraising body (Friends of Windsong Heights School) is a separate division of School Council
- Friends of Windsong Heights Society meeting is usually after the School Council meeting
- i) Council Rules
 - Provided in *RVS School Council Guidelines Document*
- ii) Positions, Terms, Size
 - Nominations and elections

Teacher position: rotating monthly
Student position: rotating monthly

Council Chair: Nomination: John Robertson Elected: John Robertson
Vice-Chair - Nomination: Leila Lochan-Singh Elected: Leila Lochan-Singh
Treasurer – Nomination: Evette Elected: Yvette

Secretary – Nomination: Jodi Emo Elected: Jodi Emo
Parent Involvement/Volunteer Coordinator- Nomination: Pam Thurston Elected: Pam Thurston
Renee volunteered to help with establishing “Helping Hands” and Samreen Junaid volunteered to establish the WSH Volunteer data base through Google Forms.
Media Relations/Communications (not elected or part of executive) - John Robertson, Ashley Janzen

· Motion made by John for Jolyn to be removed as official bank treasurer and Ashley and Ivette to be added to the bank accounts for Friends of Windsong Seconded by Leila

Motion: (Meredith) School Council Executive needs to have a quorum of 4/6 executive members need present to pass motions. Second by Samreen Junaid .
Motion Passed.

Motion: (Meredith) All parents in attendance during School Council meetings are eligible to vote and majority is needed to pass a motion. Second by Samrina Junaid.
Motion Passed.

Motion: (Meredith) During School Council meetings majority is considered to be 51% of the vote. Second by Samrina Junaid. Motion Passed.

Motion: (Angela) School Council meetings will open discussions not closed. Second by John Robertson.
Motion Passed.

Motion: (Meredith) School Council meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to start at 6:15 pm. Second by Smarina Junaid.
Motion Passed.

Discussion on the role of School Council:

To assist administration to define what we would like to see and create as a parent presence and involvement at Windsong Heights. We want to be open and have comfort with parents being in the school and having a dialog on the ways parents can be part of the community and what we can create at Windsong Heights.

- a. Administration Report
- i) Student Population: 722
 - ii) Staffing Update: 33 teachers, 4 custodial, 10 support
 - Additional Kindergarten class being established
 - iii) Special Events:
 - Beaker Head – guest speaker tomorrow
 - Kindness Diaries – guest next week
 - Open House: Meet and Greet – next week
 - Terry Fox Run – end of September
 - iv) Volunteer security check – required for all RVS schools
Discussion about collecting forms at the school and delivering to RCMP to assist parents
 - v) Cash-less procedures
 - i. All RVS Schools are going cashless
 - ii. Any fees should be paid online
 - vi) Lunch Options
 - Options discussed:
 - i. Chartwells contract – servery becomes Chartwells, Private enterprise; school gets no money from it
 - ii. Vending Machine – we will get a portion of
 - iii. Hot Lunch – Healthy Hunger, fundraiser
 - iv. Sports teams serve students as fundraisers
 - v. Consideration of certifying a staff member in safe food handling practices
 - Servery/vending machine tabled to the next council meeting
 - Agreed to wait out the year before making a final decision
 - vii) School Fee Guidelines – available on school web site
 - viii) Parent Teacher Interviews (advisory topic)
Discussion of dates and formats.
Mid- term, term end, appt times set discussed as options
 - Mid-term parent teacher conferences was the option parents preferred

Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm