

Notes

RMSS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – In person at Library

Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 at 7pm

MISSION: Through a co-operative partnership, the school council will work through actively supporting staff, students, programs, school events, and the school division.

Objectives of School Council:

- A) Support and enhance student learning
 - B) Provide advice to our principal
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- 1. Call to order 7:04am
 - 2. Welcome and Introductions
 - 3. Adoption of agenda
 - a. adopted the agenda Marla
 - b. seconds the adoption Fatima
 - 4. Previous meeting minutes are posted online – please review and provide responses to rmsschoolcouncil@hpsd.ca

Attendees:

Christopher Gardner (Teacher LSO)
Kris Herbert (Principal)
Marla Lee (parent/interim secretary)
Kennedy Lukan (Teacher)
Murray Murran (Superintendent)
Fatima Kamar (Educational Assistant)
Tamara Lukan (Parent)

New Business:

- 1) Superintendent's Address (Murray Marran)**
 - Lobbying provincial gov't for mental health supports. Over the last year we have been lobbying with different trustee groups. Board of trustees have written several letters to various ministers.
 - Results: will be seeing implementation with CASA classroom – Residential program that provides students with high psychiatric needs. They are expanding mandates and creating classroom in High Prairie school division.
 - Additional suite of psychiatric services for families in distress.
 - Pilot project for services in psychiatry, tele-health.

- PUFF program – pre-kindergarten kids, working with AHS in Slave Lake, for kids struggling. Previously had not medial services for these children, now we can add additional OT's, speech people.
- Director of mental health services for HPSD has been hired, looking at restructuring for families accessing counselling and ED psych testing. There was a back log of families waiting for ED Psych testing. Contracting ED psych services out and will have completed by the end of this year 40-45 tests, to clear up back log.
- Will be offering family counselling for families in crisis.
- Reorganized wellness workers, there are wellness workers in all schools.
- Attendance officer will be working with families in the near future.
- Community consultations taking place, looking at assessment and reporting. Also looking at all the various policies and giving feedback. Two have been done already.

2) Trustee's Message (Murray Marran)

- Finalizing fall budget at next board meeting.

3) School Report – (Kennedy Lukan)

- Please see attached 'RMSS School Updates.'
- Lunch Pilot Program:
- Struggling to keep up with the snacks.
- Currently serving 40-60 students on a regular basis.
- Grade 10 students can purchase a punch card and come to the cafeteria at 11:45am, after junior high have been served.
- Salad bar grant – this salad bar will be free for students.
- Correction – Alimo's Pizza has offered to donate pizza for our cafeteria to sell in November only, not once a month until June.
- Looking at getting a square so kids can tap with their bank cards.

4) Potential of partnering RMSS and LSO school councils together.

- This is our second attempt at trying to connect the two schools.
- This may turn into an advisory board as there is not as much support from parents as was hoped.

5) Election of New Executive: All positions are open

- We have 90 days to form a committee. There are not enough parents in attendance to vote on council members at this meeting.
- Kris will confirm the date that we need to have an executive formed before it turns into an advisory board.

6) AERR – Data review and input

- Improvement on feedback from teachers.
- Citizenship – has been maintained.
- Educational Quality – Parents and students still see this as a concern.
- Parent involvement is at a very high achievement and our numbers surpass the province.
- Program of studies – Fine arts, career, health, physical education – across the board, parents and teachers are rated at very high, and we have surpassed the province in all these areas.
- Students at risk – programs are easy to access and timely – rated as being maintained and low. Murray - This should improve over the year. Also, if you have an ISP in place, we need to have that information when they change schools.
- School improvement – overall, we have improved – parents and students still score this as low. Staff rate this as very high.

7) Bussing

- A parent brought up an issue with short notice cancellations of out of town bus.
- Shortage of bus drivers in all areas.
- School board is working on solutions.

8) Early Intervention

- Parent has asked what are we doing at the younger schools to prepare them for the higher grade schools.
- Kris - We are working on unifying the division.
- Murray - Three pilot programs in the division to test early intervention.
- Murray - Psych services will be testing children to see what instructional strategies are needed.
- Murray - PAT results for grade 6 and 9 have jumped by 14% in one year.

9) Cleaning Supplies

- Social media video was recently put out saying our budget was cut and teachers need to purchase their own supplies now.
- Murray – This is misinformation.
 - Budgets are publically debated and published.
 - This is unfortunate that this was put out because this information is false.
 - Email was sent to parents responding to this information and clarifying the facts.

10) Dress Code

- Is there a dress code? Yes, there is a code of appropriate attire.
- Some students have reported being uncomfortable with other students' attire.
- Kris will look at what the current dress code is and consider giving reminder to students.

11) Next meeting: November 26th, 7pm (To be confirmed)

Meeting adjourned 9:18am

AGENDA

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New Business:

- 1) Superintendent's Address (Mr. Murray Marran)
- 2) Trustee's Message (Corey Hughes or Joy McGregor)
- 3) School Report - what great things have been happening (Kennedy Lukan & Brandon Rubisch)
- 4) Potential of partnering RMSS and LSO school councils together
- 5) Election of New Executive: All positions are open.

- a. **Chair**
- b. **Vice-Chair**
- c. **Secretary**

- 6) AERR - data review and input
- 7) Cleaning supplies
- 8) Early intervention
- 9) Bussing
- 10) Meeting dates for the year

11) Dress code

Additions for November Agenda:

Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

AP#140 - use of information technology (executive fill out forms)

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RMSS School Updates

Wellness

- We are wrapping up our first small group focusing on personal responsibility and self-management
- Gr. 10 PE class is joining wellness to do presentations/activities at EGW & CJS for Anti-Bullying Week.
- Our next blitz will be in November with the topic of how to help a friend or family member (we gathered student requests and this is a topic they wanted)
- Tim Horsman from AHS is scheduled to present in CALM classes for National Addictions Awareness Week in November.

Education Emporium

- Have you missed a test and need an opportunity to take it without falling behind in your classes? Do you need extra time to finish up a project? Are you looking for a quiet place to review / study / just work on your homework?
- If so, please come check out the Education Emporium in room 145, open at lunch time on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of every week!

Grad Update

- Grad 2025 - fall photo completed.
- Next steps for Grad will be forming our student grad committee.
- Then hosting a parent meeting to form a grad parent committee.

School Council / School President

- **October 30:** 2024-25 Student President Election during block 2 (period 3)
- Email from Kris sent Oct. 27 for video & details

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Lion King Jr. Musical

- Performance: April 10th, 2025 at the Legacy Center
- Rehearsals have begun and it is sounding amazing already!
- They need more props / outfit options for the musical if you know anyone that is willing to donate.
- Fundraiser: Purdys Chocolate Drive (For musical, band, and athletics)
- The link is on FB, or contact Tracy Trethewy for more information

Fundraisers

- RMSS Student Council- Selling "Papa Jacks Popcorn"
 - Members will be selling from November 18th-December 6th
 - Popcorn will be delivered around the end of January, 2025.
 - Reach out to Ms Simon for any questions
- Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser (Musical, Band, & Athletics)
 - Contact Tracy Trethewy for more information

RMSS Lunch Pilot Program

October Update:

- At this time 40-60 students have been purchasing food daily
- Salad bar in November (provided by Salad Bar Grant- Brennan)
- Anticipate more influx with the Winter weather coming!

New Updates:

- We have included Senior high students to purchase food if they wish *in November*
- Alimos pizza has offered to donate pizza to sell from our cafeteria ~~once a month~~ *until June!*

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Athletics

Volleyball

Sr. High Boys

- November 1-2nd Divisionals in High Prairie
- November 15-16th Zones in Westlock

Sr. High Girls

- November 1-2nd Tournament in Edson
- November 15-16th Zones in Whitecourt

Jr. High Girls

- 2 teams attended Divisionals in High Prairie, they did great and had fun!
- Placed 3rd in their tournament in Mayerthorpe on November 25-26th

October

Curling:

Mixed- Brandon Rubisch (League Play every Monday 7-9pm)

Girls- Kennedy Lukan (League Play every Wednesday 7-9pm)

Boys- Max McGregor (League Play every Thursday 7-9pm)

Practice: Tuesdays 4-5pm

Zones: We are hosting zones in Slave Lake, February 7-8th, 2025

Provincials: If any of our teams place 1st at Zones, they will travel to Provincials on February 20-23, 2025.

Basketball:

- Tryouts for all teams will begin Early-Mid November
- We aim to have all 4 teams this year