

Notes

RMSS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – In person at Library

Tuesday, January 28thth, 2025 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:

Kris Herbert (Principal)
Marla Lee (parent/interim secretary)
Kennedy Lukan (Teacher)
Stuart Adkins (parent)
Fatima Kamar (Educational Assistant/parent)
Chantel Simon (Teacher)

New Business:

- 1) Trustee's Message**
 - No trustee in attendance

- 2) Alberta School Council Association will be hosting a half-day virtual Spring Symposium on Saturday, April 26, 2025**
 - No one has expressed interest in attending.
 - Resolutions discussions taking place on February 25 and March 18.
 - Kris will ask trustees to be present at resolution discussion on March 18th.

- 3) School Report – (Kennedy Lukan)**
 - Please see attached 'RMSS November School News'

- We will see if graduates are on track to graduate, marks come out tomorrow.
- We have around 100 scheduled to graduate.
- Kris – We are currently running a girls group for junior high, focusing on social interactions and resolving conflicts. This group is doing very well so far. The kids this year are having much less problems with fighting and suspensions.
- Carley – Can school council set up a booth for Open house night (it will be called Parent Engagement Night)? Carley will talk to Tara about this.
- Grad update
 - Purchased squares to take payment for cake auction. A parent purchased them and we will donate them back for next years' grads.
 - Grad committee will be taking shifts for cake auction on February 20th.
 - Bottle drive on February 15th.
 - No grad left behind – We need approx. \$7000, we are close to \$5000, after next bottle drive we should have that amount.
 - Parents purchased their own volunteer shirts so everyone knows who is volunteering – deadline to order is January 29th.
- Kris – gave report to the board, it went really well. One thing they said in report was that we need to sustain grant for salad bar. We also asked about building a new gym and cafeteria.
- Looking for donations for Musical. Kennedy will email Marla the letter.

4) Student Union Report (Chantelle Simon)

- Chantelle currently teaches junior high health.
- Chantelle has been running the school union for the past two years.
- Student Union has been talking about bringing back dances to the school.
 - Students want a junior high dance.
 - Students will need to put the plans together and fundraise for it.
 - In November they did a popcorn fundraiser and raised \$350.
 - Reindeer candy gram's as fundraiser was completed as well, made about \$160.
 - Planning a valentine's day fundraiser.
 - Kennedy will ask Tammy about volunteering DJ for the dance.
 - Kids' could write a donation letter.
 - There's about 15 kids consistently attending the meetings.
 - Carley will ask Terrance how much he would charge for DJ for the dance.

5) School Main Entrance Access Plan

- Kris – there is a buzzer system in place, other schools in the division have it as well.
- What does everyone think about implementing locked-door policy at the school?

- In junior high entrance, when you come in second set of doors, there is a buzzer to be buzzed in.
- Senior high buzzer is outside, which isn't as easy to buzz people in.
- Between 8:15-8:45am and lunch time the doors would be open.
- Doors will be locked during instructional time.
- Kris will talk to admin tomorrow and then put it out in email to staff.
- Likely to start after teacher's convention.

6) French Course

- We used to have mandatory French class but a lot of kids didn't like it.
- What does everyone think about continuing to offer French as an option?
- Some parents feel it is taking a teacher away from other options.
- We have approximately 8 kids in each French class.
- We now have it as an option. Each junior high grade has a French class.
- Survey from kids is that they want more options.
- We could incorporate it as a Travel and Tourism course with a French language section of it.
- Possibly incorporating French and ESL.

Next meeting: February 25th, 2025, 7pm

Add to next agenda: ASCA

Meeting adjourned: 8:23pm

AGENDA

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- 1) Trustee's Message
- 2) Alberta School Council Association will be hosting a half-day virtual Spring Symposium in April on Saturday, April 26.
 - a. On Sunday, April 27, they will host their Annual General Meeting.
 - b. Watch the ASCA website in the coming weeks for more information.
- 3) School Report - what great things have been happening (Kennedy Lukan & Brandon Rubisch)
- 4) Student Union Report (Chantelle Simon)
- 5) School Main Entrance Access Plan

Additions for February Agenda:

Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

RMSS January School News

Wellness / Career Coaches

- **Busy time of year getting prepared for 2nd semester**
- **Career coaches:** meeting with all senior high students to ensure they are on track and have all the correct classes for graduation / future success.
- **Wellness:** February is focused on bullying awareness and kindness campaigns, so we will be sharing resources for students on this topic as well as taking part in Pink Shirt Day.

Open House

- **When:** February 27th, 5-7pm
- **What:** RMSS 2nd annual open house
 - Plan to offer a taco salad supper to families to encourage attendance.
 - Staff will showcase activities and information in their classrooms in lieu of traditional PTIs. (We're still brainstorming ideas)
 - It's an opportunity for parents to meet teachers for semester 2 if they haven't yet, and spend some time at the school in a more relaxed capacity.

Grad Update

- **Cake Auction:** February 20th, from 6-8pm

Cultural Day

When: Friday February 28th at Lunch hour (11:30-12:30)

Where: RMSS Senior High Gym

What: it will be a celebration for students and staff. Students are encouraged to wear cultural dress, and we'll have guests from the multicultural society joining us to share their experiences, food, games, dances, etc.!

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RMSS Lunch Pilot Program

New Updates on Salad Bar:

- It is scheduled to begin on February 6th!
- We are starting with Taco Salads
- Competition will be sent out to students to vote on a name for the salad bar (Romaine Real, Lettuce Indulge, Veggie Vibes Salad Bar..)

Work Experience Students / Supervision

- 2 students (supervised) will be responsible for ensuring the Salad Station is set up on time, that students are lining up and using the tongs to dish up.
- The students supersizing the station (with assistance of staff scheduled on supervision) will help ensure no wasting, re-using plates for seconds, etc.
- Tara Boyle emailed staff a heads up so that lunch supervisors can spend more time down in that area to support.

Musical: Lion King Junior

- Rehearsals continue weekly (sometimes on Saturdays)
- ***Financial support***
 - still looking for many donations to help the performing process, sound systems, props, costumes, etc.
 - Letters available to take if you know anyone who can possibly donate.

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Athletics

Curling:

Zones: Hosting Senior High Curling Zones in Slave Lake, February 14-16th, 2025

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

- Looking for donations for our Zones tournament to run smoothly (monetary or food)

Basketball:

Senior Boys Upcoming Tournaments:

1. February 14/15th - Whitecourt
 2. February 19th - Home game vs St. Francis
- The Senior Boys Basketball Team is having a phenomenal season (The best this school has seen in at least 8 years!)
 - The team currently holds a record of 8 wins and 2 losses and are 4th place overall in the zone.