

School Council Meeting Minutes

Cochrane High School

Monday, November 4, 2024 6:30pm-7:30pm

In-Person CHS Learning Commons

Attendees: Jeff C, Jarett H, Bri L, Rhonda B, Sue P, Kilty, Marianne W, Supreet

AGENDA

1. Welcome – Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:34 (Bri)

2. Approval of Evening Agenda –

- a. Add Tracy Brooker, PBIS, and Career Training to agenda
- b. Motion to approve agenda carried

3. Approval of May **01**, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- a. Push back approval of May AGM minutes to December meeting

4. **Tracey Brooker** – Chair BVH Council Chair

- Hosting presentation by David Irvine (local) - “Raising accountable teenagers”
- Local author / psychologist
- Thursday Jan 16 – Thur – Bow Valley gym – Age 12-18 (can bring younger if siblings)
- Tickets - \$10/adult, kids free
- Proceeds to Bobcat Backers Fund Society and Wayfinders Wellness Society
- Invite as many families in the community
- Start promoting 6 weeks out. Tracy will email CHS beginning of Dec with flyer

5. Admin Report –

- a. Athletic update – lots prov competition and successes
 - i. Cross country – whole team did phenomenal (12 athletes) 2 First place finishes (intermediate boys and girls)
 - ii. 3 VB playoffs tonight – finals Wednesday
 - iii. football zone final game on Saturday
- b. Grade 9's had presentation today on online safety and consent
- c. Grade 12 presentation on Nov 18. Anita Swanson from RCMP

6. Trustee Report (emailed from Fiona)

- a. 2025-26 School Calendar approved.
 - i. First day of classes for students: Sept. 2, 2025
Organizational Day: Jan. 28, 2025
Winter break: Dec. 22, 2025 – Jan. 2, 2026
Spring break: April 3 – 13, 2026
Last day of classes for students: June 26, 2026
182 instructional days
8 professional learning days
- b. **Student Enrolment Increases by 641 Students**
 - i. For the current school year, the total number of students enrolled in RVS as of Sept. 30 is 29,243, up 2.2 per cent from the 2023/24 school year but down slightly from what RVS projected in January.
 - ii. RVS' ongoing enrolment growth continues to be a challenge for student spaces with system wide school utilization over 90%. Twenty-seven of RVS' 53 schools are already full or over-full, and the Board is committed to advocating on behalf of our students, families and staff to ensure new schools, modernizations and modular classrooms receive timely provincial approval.
 - iii. The Board agreed to write a letter to the Town of Cochrane encouraging the Town to fulfill a previously agreed to

memorandum of agreement to get the future site of RVS' next high school in Cochrane ready.

c. Superintendent to Retire at End of School Year

- i. The Board Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Board to Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach who announced he would retire at the end of the current school year for his 34 years of service to improving the lives of students.

d. Decision Regarding Board Ward Boundary Review Made

- i. The Board engaged the services of a consultant to conduct a review of the current boundaries of the wards within RVS. Board Policy 29 – Ward Structure guides the process and factors to consider when performing a ward boundary review.
- ii. Based on the information provided and feedback collected from community members, the Board has approved one additional trustee to represent Cochrane as well as combining current Ward 2 (Langdon, Indus and Chestermere rural) with current Ward 4 (Crossfield, Beiseker, Irricana, Kathryn and Airdrie rural areas). The overall number of trustees remains at eight. These changes are intended to provide more equitable representation of constituents on the Board. This will be implemented during the next Alberta municipal election in October 2025.

7. New Business

- a. 3 academic awards
 - i. **Honor roll** – criteria the same - 80 % avg on best 5 of 8 courses. 3 have to be core courses; if any mark below 70; not eligible
 - ii. **Principal's Academic Award** – 80 on 4 core courses; no mark below 75 (if in 3 sciences – best of the 3)
 - iii. **With distinction** – 90 % higher – all cores

- iv. Discussing what to do with kids who achieve that all 4 years – pin with different bars, etc

8. PBIS

- a. Division developing behavior matrix
 - i. Staff really values character community commitment
 - ii. Want to create a matrix that is observable
 - a. Providing recognition in a common place
 - iii. Have a draft behavior matrix made up
 - a. Cobras are Respectful, Responsible, Engaged
 - i. Coming up with ideas of what this looks like / how to teach
 - iv. Start putting posters up and establish expectations around the school

9. Career Education – Mr Hooper

- i. Division created committee in regards to careers including university, college and trades (more than just “typical” trades),
- ii. Celebrate careers in the background / new careers that exist
- iii. Nov 25 – week long career slam connecting with grade 11; will also connect with Grade 10’s as well. Current CALM teacher on leave, so will wait to do grade 10’s
- iv. Students to go on to my blueprint, do survey; learn what kind of learner they are and what career choices correspond
- v. Also use another source – O-net – same idea
- vi. Explore what options exist for gap years
- vii. Have a week for grade 9 – 12 having an experiential week; scaled it back to K-8 having a experiential learning week;
- viii. Career type fair in the spring – look at your survey, venn diagram etc then attend career fair presenters.
- ix. Tracey Lambie spearheading and will have instructions online

- x. Tracey and Tricia are very good at finding niche programs – very well connected – focus on preparing kids to have a plan
- xi. Foster internship opportunities within the community via career fair as a starting point

10. Staff updates

a. Staff Changes

- i. Mr Ross – not returning; Mr Cooper will fill in
 - ii. Mr Cooper coming back– design thinking, 3d printing. Mr Bolduc and Mr Cooper creating workshop / plasma cutting / mechatronics shop
- b. Discussion on mechanics – create more of a broad piece where time on many tools then specialize later; or return to specific mechanic program. All topics that are being explored
- i. Everyday mechanics – oil change, change tires etc vs working with small engines etc

11. Vacant Council Positions: Student Rep, Community Member – Anyone interested.

12. Next Meeting will be held on December 9, 2024 at 6:30pm CHS

- a. Mr Singeris / leadership to attend
- b. Bri Link to attend

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm