Springbank Middle School (SMS)

School Council Meeting

7:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 11th, 2023

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Glen Brooker

Amal Jomaa

Lee-Ann Tai

Dinah King

Judi Hunter

Stacey Poitier

**On Zoom:**

Jilli Johnson

Alan Tay

1. **Welcome**
   1. **Call Meeting to Order**: 7:01 PM
   2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Judi H.

Second: Lee-Ann T.

* 1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes, Nov 2022.**

Motion: Dinah K.

Second: Lee-Ann T.

1. **Trustee’s Report - Judi Hunter**

**January Newsletter Trustee Judi Hunter Ward 5**

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Description automatically generatedHappy New Year Wishing you a happy, healthy, and productive 2023.

The Rocky View Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the completion of its Strategic Plan, setting forth the learning vision for the next four years. This culminates extensive consultation with parents, students, staff, and the broader community.

The plan focuses on four key areas:

* Improving student learning
* Strengthening our workforce
* Bolstering our workforce
* Connecting with community

For greater detail, please see: <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/>

Rocky View School Division is experiencing a space crisis. For the past 5 years, the Board has been advocating the need for schools and portables for students. Populations in Cochrane, Airdrie, Chestermere over the past 20 years have grown between 187 and 425 percent. School builds have not kept pace. MLAs in our school division have written letters to the Ministries of Finance, Infrastructure and Education in support of our urgent need. The Board is asking parents to add their voices. More information can be found on the Rocky View School Division website. <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/>

Alberta Education has a taskforce whose mandate is to provide direction for the enhancement of Career and Technology studies. The report is due December 31, 2022.

The government of Canada has introduced Bill C-35 which builds upon the vision and principles of the federal/provincial/territorial Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework, as well as the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework that was co‑developed and endorsed by Indigenous leadership and the Government of Canada. If passed, the bill would respect provincial and territorial jurisdiction and Indigenous rights, including the right to self‑determination.

For more details see:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-introduces-historic-bill-to-enshrine-principles-of-canadawide-early-learning-and-child-care-system-into-law.html>

School Boards across the province have shared concerns around recruitment and retention of educational assistants. The Alberta government has announced changes for the ECE level. See link for full details

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=8509810E011EB-98B7-3984-E9BA5F43F1AB8978>

The legislation includes:

* Expanding the paid hours eligible for wage top-ups for front-line certified ECEs. This improvement made all paid hours eligible for the existing wage top-ups, including indirect time and employer-paid vacation.
* Doubling the enrolment capacity for the free Level 1 childcare orientation course, and making the course available to any Albertan, regardless of currently working in a childcare program.

Students currently enrolled in kindergarten 2022 will graduate in 2035. The speed and scope of technological change will impact the world of work they will be entering. Our provincial department of Education and our Board work to imagine that work and provide students will the necessary skills, attitudes and processes needed to navigate in that space. I am attaching some links that give pause for consideration about that future. I would be interested in hearing your views.

<https://ourworldindata.org/ai-impact>  
<https://ourworldindata.org/brief-history-of-ai>  
<https://globalnews.ca/news/9347959/canada-housing-labour-shortage-robots-automation/?utm_source=notification>

1. **Principal’s Report – Glen Brooker**

* Welcoming the Students Back
  + Adjustment week for students
* We want to thank families for supporting our last week before Christmas
  + Weather/buses – Students and families were great.
* 2 New Staff Members
  + Chantal de Medeiros – Learning Common Facilitator
  + Anthony Baretto – Head Building Operator
* G8 Can Crushing Challenge – Science classes
* Let’s Talk Science – G7 MacGuire (STEM-Compete in a design challenge)
* Science Olympics G5 – Inter-school events – Engineering and GeoScience impact our lives.
* Band Camp End of Month
* Christmas Concerts were well attended.  Nice to see Mrs. Ahner mad skills
* PL Work around Longitudal Data
* CARE Awards have been going out this week.  Class nominations.
* Intramural Competition
  + Winter Beach Volleyball
* Grade 7 – Moving towards making their own choices
* Lockdown drill - January
* Parking Lot Cross Walk is being blocked by vehicles – Cones in place to highlight sidewalk.
* Healthy Hunger – Process moving forward with how will deal with left over lunches.

1. **Co-chair’s Report - Amal Jomaa**

Update regarding getting a presenter to come in and do a presentation for parents/teachers. They are open to and looking for suggestions.

Also discussed bringing in someone to support and talk to kids about friendships, communication and connecting with others.

1. **Treasurer’s Report - Karin Hunter**

There were no changes to discuss.

1. **Reports from Representative Positions**
   1. **Athletic Report (Tanya Cairney)**

The Jr. A Basketball Teams had their first tournament of the season back on Dec. 16.  The Boys won both of their games, while the Girls were 1 and 1.  The next Rocky View tournaments for both teams will be on Friday, Jan. 20 and Friday, Jan. 27.  Locations and times can be found on the school's Athletic Page under the Spors Calendar section.  The girls do have an invitational tournament that they will be competing in this Friday, Jan. 13at Bearspaw Christian.

-Due to some adjustments to the school's calendar, in which Jan. 30 is now a regular school day and Feb. 10 is a PL Day, the sports calendar of tournaments have also been slightly adjusted.  The Gr. 6 Basketball Tournament that was scheduled for Feb. 10 is now on March 31.  The Jr. B Basketball Tournaments are now March 3, 10, & 24.

-We are still looking for some assistance (community or parent coaches) to run our Jr. B Boys Basketball and Gr. 6 Boys Basketball program.  Please contact Mr. Lee if they are interested in helping out.

* 1. **Fun Lunches (Leanne)**

Fun Lunch had 3 lunches in December and raised a total of $1646.65. Thank you to everyone that continues to order and support SMS.

Also thank you to the volunteers who come out weekly to help with the lunch order. It is greatly appreciated. We still have a number of volunteer spots open so if you're interested in helping out, please visit the SignUp Genius link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fa8af29a0fc1-funlunch1?useFullSite=true#/>

Thanks!

* 1. **Casino (Amal)**

Paula will make a sign up genus for the upcoming casino on May 25th and 26th at Elbow River. Please forward it on to whomever you can when it comes out, the more volunteers we have the more successful it will be. There is no license yet, it needs to be applied for 60 days in advance.

FOSMASS meeting Thursday 19th January at 7:30pm at the school. Zoom link will be provided on the school website.

* 1. **Canadian Parents for French**

$3,000 raised. Discussion around after school activities and interaction for French immersion students.

1. **Adjournment:** 7:54pm
2. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 at 1 PM.