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Springbank Middle School (SMS)

September School Council Meeting

1:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 4th, 2023

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Sandra Kuchuik

Tasha O’Gorman

Jean Bangle

Mark Jaffray

Jennifer Tanguay

Caley Remington

Glen Brooker

Dinah King (zoom)

1. Meeting called to Order: 1:11pm

Approval of Agenda: Jean Motion & Amal Second

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Caley Motion & Jean Motion

1. Trustee’s Report - Judi Hunter

**October Newsletter, Trustee Hunter Ward 5**

Schools are well underway with successful start-ups. I had the opportunity to attend the Welcome back celebrations at Elbow Valley Elementary, Springbank Middle School and Westbrook School. The weather was spectacular, and it was wonderful to watch the children playing and parents conversing. Thank you to the schools for hosting and providing food.

Rocky View Communications team have deservedly won a Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) award for the Space for Students advocacy campaign. This national award recognizes and honours exemplary work in all aspects of school public relations, communications, marketing, and engagement.

The Airdrie Community Engagement has begun. The engagement will inform parents of the serious space issues in the City of Airdrie and give possible scenarios to alleviate the overcrowding in schools. Options will include, changing a middle school to a high school, making boundary changes, and making grade configuration changes. Parent will have the opportunity to weigh in through the School Engage platform as well as community consultations.

Planning is in process for similar processes in Cochrane and Chestermere.

The Alberta government is consulting with stakeholders to gather input for revising the social studies curriculum. Public input will be sought in 2024.

[**Alberta says $12.4M will create nearly 2,000 apprenticeship positions**](http://link.newsletter.meltwater.com/ls/click?upn=JtZYFTfDMkv2CTPgpGBiYFamvANXDH-2BE7SIamd8pg4E9xYsBPJbr-2B3JruRgRic0V8SRkNC0BYTON-2BskfSsj8cYRAXwCOxHv1Rhgov6DIKyw-3DkoLM_-2Fb3jW5VA3cSc-2BTMSnADQ-2BdG3RjEAMLrylpMyJUxrWeMR5MdnLpZS7igmTI83VcdkRxISex96Z9so1nqhNflCcSQrx6qfJqlDdeQBv-2FdULBlKrg1vXnPd6DyrFP2CzxeVUs4J-2FYZ6BpMVgEl86rOEHHyhlOlQJv-2Bp-2FSf-2FCmdqLxwNEnJ1pPsZHQ0ZrYkiC5ofbVuqcWtIVbgnHajgHPktC4dYpwRrDZl8oZcxpTISm3s4Zygq5fXSMVXK5eKQ2T8DilZKv1VXXUlE3C7EYo1UsaB1c9YA9g2-2FlOZZBjwedgofSgLZ-2FSdz4Bbg51-2BIHTxsV8kUx97EG9T-2BGssxoUl41zkgEgVnz-2Fdot-2Bf2C37BmgX4vJWYv0O-2Ff8aagiclGKx4)

The Alberta government is spending $12.4 million that it claims will create nearly 2,000 new apprenticeship positions to be spread over five different institutions across the province. The new positions are slated to go to students at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary, Red Deer Polytechnic, Lethbridge College, and Keyano College in Fort McMurray. In an interview with Postmedia, Advanced Education Minister Rajan Sawhney said the announcement reflects a growing need from employers.

[**Classroom Champions receives $3.6M to expand educational programs for Western Canadian students**](http://link.newsletter.meltwater.com/ls/click?upn=JtZYFTfDMkv2CTPgpGBiYLej2A4Wy22IGhzFmzhiGE4IW5WyMAkJxYKESWMoYUEHPpXQMwXIj8M5C95P2teJ5mj-2FwsJEWbucnvLQ02YAS83zAyjeFRFvf4w14E0Gtopa8bSsnRJzHStNBHqJUBoJ0ef-2Fb9nOb3f4vY7Mmt-2B1E1KCvQfTO9exX5Db31rM92zxzc-2FkCvrKhw4tWLWI1D5VBZ6wbc0HTT91TmkpzGYxeaAWiLrARWENGiif7N5-2BPA678I460MhAbkELg7DjzUpuyZ3MhFIpKlct1fdU0f8-2FWZfrcimOFNMxG5CAiA2Xy3at1PTgSP4FFW8u72SnQWfZtOuYmuogpJIHGqYiYGxQpA-2FUUB38RCReGmVmtmGw653Vt-2BS6KzAcQCp04JmHOcidrwowZCxK0QN6jqLmfs1L4IdiLn-2BtrjX6R1LIfz6LkCGEOG5WyufKxDIweZIF-2BYBoGOmEf7FgMA6c549aSYhRtcEm8ENgJsoZhhx69bWhryPoJ63ynNCa8iMIEDXFQtzQmIq7Ja8vkrUaIfqT7We4EhPE9bLeL3PxxEXypredjDR37QHUGiUYIj-2FEnT3FGIdNvBztI5Y0SV73UVtC2RftW5zdyIN5UiBGLB43usoj2RMtAAE8pYNcsi4QO5SuaGEIvaEwoPhh16HCmcC-2F-2FbJMcg-2BUEVDOM9eEq91Lwd6Q0w-2FZBjnZQA9iGcxhYNhhTHtZVMa0pV1eFD-2F-2F-2FSrTEjMea2yQzqv4vEAjVED74-2BTjgUXz4bCpQpHlw6hQvEXoRNzcAfZec5ayy4DEjHjXzqddLNI-3DokLI_-2Fb3jW5VA3cSc-2BTMSnADQ-2BdG3RjEAMLrylpMyJUxrWeMR5MdnLpZS7igmTI83VcdkRxISex96Z9so1nqhNflCcSQrx6qfJqlDdeQBv-2FdULBlKrg1vXnPd6DyrFP2CzxeVUs4J-2FYZ6BpMVgEl86rOEHHyhlOlQJv-2Bp-2FSf-2FCmdqLxwNEnJ1pPsZHQ0ZrYkiC5ofbVuqcWtIVbgnHajgHPktC-2BjJjjp-2B82T6lTJWNeR59MFr6LuCKeUuueUpTVQSnBVNHUIgubz5OpdxfyXKGnuPW-2BSN7RRRIWBrldkxSE4EuY-2FftOpHkqs-2FGpTBqohF4qI7M3XpMNO4iUpQI9smdyb6KEo7KTMAc7O-2BUVI48hFQOaJhIpzG4idPovPOllDJGarn)

A mentorship program that connects Olympic athletes with children at schools across the country is set to receive a major funding boost aimed at bridging educational gaps and empowering young minds. Classroom Champions, a leading educational non-profit, has secured $3.6 million in funding from 23 Western Canadian corporations they're calling the Energizing Community Collective. Steve Mesler is the CEO and co-founder of Classroom Champions, which now works with millions of students across North America by facilitating video lessons and interactive chats with athletes.

Alberta’s population continues to surge growing by 184, 000 last year. This will impact our already overcrowded schools. Link below

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/alberta-population-growth-statscan-report-1.6979657>

The new Langdon Junior/Senior high school will open September 2025. Parents of Langdon are presently engaged in dialogue about the school grade configuration and attendance boundaries.

September 30 was Truth and Reconciliation Day, all Rocky View participated in activities related to this day.

Caretaking is presenting a problem for many schools. Rocky View Schools received additional funding during COVID for caretaking. The funding has ceased so caretaking has been reduced and schools are adjusting to the new “normal”.

Springbank Community Associate in conjunction with Springbank High School is holding a raffle to support the Springbank High School Physical Education program. Please be expected students at your door selling raffle tickets.

Bussing times for Elbow Valley, Bragg Creek and Redwood for students going to the Springbank Schools due to construction on Stoney Trail and 22 X.

Gravel trucks were being detoured along RR 33 and RR 31 while RR40 waw being paved. All trucks should be using RR 40.

Not online – HS raffle happening links online.

1. Administration Report - Glen Brooker

Schedule settling occurring

Clubs starting (drama for example & Chess club)

Pre-assessments completed for students

IPP season done

There are a couple of presentations happening – Stepping Stones “deal with it” for the G6’s and we are looking into someone coming in to talk about vaping/drugs, etc., owing to a lack of knowledge there.

Teacher’s had a day off teaching on Friday, working on new curriculum.

Dr. Deitrich coming in to talk about conflict v bullying

1. Co-chair’s Report – Sandra Kachuik & Caley Remington

Joint school board and council meeting on 27 October.

1. Reports from Representative Positions
   1. Band – Rep is “Mark” 4 sign ups coming out i.e. for admin support, concert help. There are band trips coming up on March 20 – 22nd and chaperones are needed. Band tour in April no dates yet, also want to take kids to Provincial music festival in May – chaperones will also be needed. Volunteer coordinator will help organise sign ups etc. 2 fundraising events (Christmas plants and in spring too, parents will need to help). Loads of kids participating. G8’s are doing a performance for remembrance day.
   2. Athletics Report – We had a group of about 35 grade 5-8 students that participated in the Windsong Cross-country Run on Friday, Sept. 22 in Airdrie.  The runners did a great job in representing our school.  Top finishes include:

Grade 5 Boys - First & Third

Grade 6 Girls - Second

Grade 6 Boys - First

Grade 7 Girls - Second

South Central Zones for Grade 7 & 8's Cross-country will be on Oct. 11 at Trochu.

The Jr. A Volleyball Teams will see their first action this Thursday (Oct. 5) after school at the WH Croxford Turkey Classic in Airdrie.

The Jr. A Girls Volleyball Team will then travel to Strathmore on Saturday, October 7 to compete in the Crowther Memorial Invitational Tournament.

First Rocky View Tournaments for both teams will be on Friday, October 13.

We are in need of any parent/community members that would be interested in helping coach the Grade 6 Girls and Boys Team.  The tournament is scheduled for Friday, November 3, so practices would start about second week on October.  Interested helpers can contact Mr Lee.

* 1. Canadian Parents for French – would like to remind parents of FI families that there will be Homework Help Workshops for French Immersion students after school on Wednesdays. October 11, 18, 25th and November 1st. The Workshops begin at 3:15pm and end at 4:15pm. Springbank HS raffle to support the Springbank highschool physical education program - tickets can be bought online, and students will be selling door to door.
  2. Fundraising – Manhar – new volunteer in the role, and she’s offered to come up with events and present to Council.
  3. Fun Lunches – going well. Enough volunteers. But parents need to be aware of sizing of products ordered.
  4. Grade 8 Farewell – Heidi and Stephanie and Amal are working on it. Went well last year. We have dedicated staff supporting now too.
  5. Halloween – teacher chairs are Sarah and Jen – they have it all planned out there will be no food this year. Going to do a Friday schedule on Tuesday … some outdoor events, a quiet room, art.
  6. Year Book – School lead – already started. Parents can contribute photos etc. Teacher Ms Armstrong is running it.
  7. Volunteer Coordinator – Manhar now occupies this role.
  8. Grants – Mr Brooker spoke with Catherine and discussed the outdoor leadership programme in particular, which he wants to claim grants for to support.
  9. Learning Commons – We’ve been looking for someone to help on Wednesdays. A lady from Lions Club, called Lorrie is going to assist.

6. Open Floor – Caretaking cuts – any problems? CR asked, GB says no not really – no sick cover, but generally ok, caretaking support is actually now back to pre-pandemic levels. Having said that, we have disputed the situation but the problem is money.

7. Next Meetings

Nov 1 at 1 PM  
Dec 6 at 1 PM  
Jan 10 at 7 PM  
Feb 7 at 1 PM  
March 6 at 1 PM  
April 3 at 1 PM  
May 1 at 7 PM - AGM  
June 5 at 1 PM

8. Adjournment 2:17pm Caley motioned, and Tammy seconded.