

A. E. Bowers Parent Council

Meeting March 13, 2025

Call to order	The meeting was called to order by Brad Stefaniuk.
Attendance	<p>Present were the following:</p> <p>Britney Bonan Brad Stefaniuk Kim Goring Annette Krawec Mariah Whittemore Donna Tuttle Jocelyn Littlefair Veronica Hooper Daniel Gomel (Zoom) Todd Brand</p>
Previous Minutes	<p>Move that the minutes be approved</p> <p>Moved – Kim Goring Seconded – Annette Krawec</p> <p>Carried</p>
Trickster	<p>\$10,000 Grant Move to use school generated funds to pay Trickster to provide special instruction to students</p> <p>Moved by Kim Goring Seconded by Annette Krawec</p> <p>Carried</p>
Music Program	<p>School needs to purchase new instruments for students</p> <p>Moved to spend \$10,000.00 for the music program from School Generated funds.</p> <p>Moved by Brad Stefaniuk Seconded by Kim Groing</p> <p>Carried</p>

Outdoor Garden	<p>The staff and students want to continue with the outdoor garden. Requested \$5000.00 of school funds</p> <p>Moved that the school allocate \$5000 school funds for the outdoor garden</p> <p>Moved by Kim Goring Seconded by Brad Stefaniuk</p> <p>Carried</p>
Staff T-Shirts	<p>Staff requested school to purchase staff t-shirts</p> <p>Moved that school use \$800.00 in school generated funds to purchase staff t-shirts.</p> <p>Moved by Kim Goring Seconded by Brad Stefaniuk</p> <p>Carried</p>
ASCA	<p>The Alberta School Council Association</p> <p>Principal informed council that the ASCA is available to help on learning opportunities.</p>
French Culture Week	<p>Staff and students will be celebrating French Culture Week and sell Cheese Curds as a fund raiser.</p>
School Patrols	<p>Students work hard at being safety patrols. AMA is providing a day at Heritage Park for students. School is asking for funds to cover the cost of the bus. Cost will be approximately \$400.00</p> <p>Moved that funds be provided to cover bussing for Patrol Day</p> <p>Moved by Mariah Whittemore Seconded by Donna Tuttle</p> <p>Carried</p>
Read A Thon	<p>This year the school raised \$6435.69 with the school Read A Thon. This was less 1/3 of the funds raised last year.</p>

The winning student read 3500 minutes. He will be honorary Principal for a Day.

Other winning students will be given a gift card.

The class with the most minutes read will get a field trip to the Little Red Reading House in Calgary.

Congratulations to all students who participated.

Lolly Campaign

Student Ambassadors raised \$1182.62 with their Lolly Campaign
They donated the funds to Airdrie Power.

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Principal Report on Literacy and Technology

Rocky View School chosen as pilot school for Literacy and Numeracy alignment. This is mostly for K – 3 but higher grades also benefitting.

A technology update will be coming to the school. Some decisions will have to be made on how to forward with adding grade 6 to the school next year.

Suggestions were to have students bring their own laptops.

We need accountability for students and families as a lot of technology is damaged by students

Perhaps look at a leasing program from a third party. Parents would be responsible for technology and lease agreement. School will look into this possibility.

Trustee Report

Todd Brand presented the following

Trustees have received the prelims on the budget for September.

It looks like it will be a status quo budget.
Currently we have the provincial weighted movement average
We may get a supplement enrollment grant for extra students enrolled.

There is full construction funding for a new High school in South Winds. Opening for 2030. There was a question on

why it takes so long to build a school. We all have to take into consideration labour and supplies.

Also funding for Davison Landing School in Chestermere.

East south Airdrie needs a school.. We are awaiting design funding to be able to proceed.

The Horseshoe school was opened in September. A special ceremony is upcoming to celebrate its opening.

Rocky School Division has selected its new Superintendent. It is Ryan Reid. He has been on staff for a number of years. He will now spend a few months with the current superintendent to get immersed in his upcoming position.

Question about support staff going on strike like other school divisions. We were informed by Todd that Rocky View School Division support staff are not in a union so there will not be a strike.

Adjournment

Moved by Kim Goring
Seconded by Britney Bonan

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried