Rochester School Council Meeting

May 3, 2022

Minutes

**Attendance:** Elizabeth, Angie, Sam, Candice, April and Marianne.

**Principal’s Report and Questions**

* + Upcoming Dates
    - * May 5th highway cleanup meeting @ 3:30
      * May 7th highway cleanup
      * May 11th Virtual Presentation by principle of Altario
        + Will be planning a stakeholder meeting after this to find the identity of Rochester and the school.
      * May 11th Robotics Tournament
      * May 12th Kindergarten Orientation (Mrs. Siemens is in contact with multiple families.)
      * May 16th Gr 9 ELA part A
      * May 18th Gr 6 ELA part A
      * May 20th & 23rd no school
      * May 26th Kindergarten Grad
      * June 3rd Field Trip for entire school to Fort Edmonton Park
        + Parents and guardians are welcome to join, just need their own transportation.
    - Promoting Rochester School
      * Sign is now up at HWY 2 & HWY 661 intersection
      * Paper AD
      * Rural Development Network Meeting May 3rd
      * Video and promo material from Creative Media
        + It was suggested to get county councillors to help cover this cost.
    - Starting to plan Grade 9 Grad. A special meeting will be held for planning.
    - There was a request for Rochester to host their own Archery Tournament.
    - Roof is being fixed.

**Trustee’s Report**

* See attached

**Business arising from the minutes**

* + - May 13th Party. We decided to plan to host the party in June. Will discuss at June 1st meeting.

**New Business**

* + School Council Grant. $500. See attached for what we can spend it on.
  + Advertising and School Promotion Ideas
    - * Enter a parade float in Athabasca and Rochester
  + Preschool
    - * Look into after stakeholders meeting.
    - A discussion was had on doing what it takes to make sports available if a student is interested. Mrs. Siemens is going to speak with EPC. If Rochester students can try out and a student makes the team, they would need a volunteer to drive them to and from if the parent/guardian is unable.

**Adjournment and date of next meeting**

* June 1, 2022 9:00am

Rochester School Council May 2022-Trustee’s Report

Student Engagement sessions held with all the Grade 9’s across the division in March. These sessions were used to gather information about the impacts of COVID on this group of students’ overall wellbeing as well as their high school preparedness and what we can do at the Board level better. We will have a presentation on the results of these sessions at our meeting this week.

We approved our 2022/23 Capital Plan. LTIS Modernization $20.1M, Smith Modernization $9.4M, Grassland Modernization $4.1M. These estimates are from the 2012 recapp audit.

We are planning an Indigenous Flag raising ceremony at Division Office in June.

There has been significant snow removal costs this year across the division. The Division has purchased two new maintenance vans. We have seen a lot of substitute teacher costs so far this year, at 50% through the year, more than average.

Aspen View will be holding their annual staff recognition awards in Thorhild May 6.

We had a presentation from the Technology Department at the last Board meeting. Schools and divisions are under attach 24/7/365 and cyber security has had a significant impact on our insurance. We need to remember that we cannot sacrifice security for convenience. AVPS moved to a VOIP phone system that will allow up to 60 simultaneous phone calls to accommodate Parent Teacher phone interviews. This moved saved 60% in phone costs. New wireless tech across the division has shown a savings of $115k.

We are doing our Board and Superintendent Evaluations in house, to be completed next week and reviewed May 16.

Rochester Viability process resulted in a unanimous vote to not close the school. Subsequent motion:

Chairman Nikipelo moved that the Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools continue to operate Rochester School for the 2022-2023 school year.  Further that administration provide enrollment numbers as of September 30, 2022 and a discussion will be held and a path forward for Rochester School be determined effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Next Board meeting May 5 at Division Office

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