

Parent Council Feb 3 2025 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Derek Keenan, Nashira Dernesh, Sarah Zagoda, Todd Brand, Rachelle Klone, Meghan Boehmer, Nykol Krockner, Kristine Cookson, Mohamed Bassyouni

Call to order 6:00pm

Approval of agenda – Approved

Teacher Report:

John Remus-Everett Mechatronics teacher

Explaining what's happening with his classes, students are going to Bow Valley College for a fun project.

Constantly changing things in welding, new stalls and spaces. Metal walls and modifying & improving the space. It is an expensive program but adds very high value for the students. In need of quality computers for CAD modeling.

Administration report: Derek Keenan

Semester 2 School Update:

Added 2 more part time teaching positions to help fill the gaps and provide relief for some teachers so they can be a part of the PBIS. Positive behavior Intervention System.

So they can help make contact with students who are not in class during the day and encourage positive behaviors.

New temporary barrier wall that was installed over winter break, permanent wall will be installed over the summer.

Learning commons is having one class now during the day instead of two.

Students are competing in robotics completion MechaMayhem this weekend at the BMO.

Swing Dance fundraiser – Drama and band are getting together to teach how to swing dance 6:30pm Feb 13th. Raising money for Band & Drama programs.

Cavention update:

Will be happening April 1st Grade 10 & 11 Students.

Getting professionals from different careers to come in and talk about their professions to help give the students insight into different career paths.

Seeking people who want to present to groups of students.

PBIS and school expectations update: Being more direct with cell phone regulations.

PBIS support teachers will be assisting with this as well. First couple days of the new

semester teachers have spoken to all their classes about cell phone expectations in class and in the school.

Balancing Airdrie School Spaces Update: emails have gone out regarding the changes. Croxford is full already for next year, going through the process with out of area applications. Open for any questions on this.

Inclement Weather: -40 is the trigger point from the WeatherCan app but it also depends on some factors regarding what it will be that day. If the trend is going up or down and if buses will run etc... This process happens at 4:45am. It's always about safety. Someone will always be on site for any students that come to school if its closed.

Option Courses 2025-2026 - Due to only having grade 10, 11 & 12 next year we will be moving to 5 credit option courses over the current 3 credit system. Will have 4 blocks a day but it will be moving to a 2-semester system instead of 4 quarters. There will be yearlong and semester courses. Parental concerns over students not getting their preferred options and how this will affect them. Course changes will be open the first 2 weeks of every semester.

Vape detectors: Looking to add them to the washrooms though the school. Cost is \$1000 per washroom.

Trustee Report – Todd Brand:

Update for Jan 9th The Brief:

- School board trustees have decided to contribute \$300000 to the Airdrie Turf Field at Ed Eggerd Athletic park.

- Board advocating for new funding model

Asking Government to stop using weighted moving average as its always based on previous year data. The Minister of Education has advised that they are looking at a new funding model for the 2025 funding budget. We should hear the details on that soon, likely after the budget is released.

Board Meeting on January 23 2025

- 25th Anniversary of the Mechanics Training Program
- Chestermere grade configuration to help balance student spaces.

- Both of the next 2 years Rockyview calendars have been published which will help everyone with long range planning.
- Under weigh with the search for a new Super Intendant of schools. Going though resumes and working with a consultant and HR.
Likley we will have an announcement by the end of the month.
- There are 12 active schools' boards looking for a new superintendent in Alberta.
- Adjusting Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces to include the two new K-9 schools that have full construction funding. Unsure when construction on those two schools will start as that process has changed multiple times over the last 3 years.
- The New Airdrie High School - we still do not have build funding yet for a new high school in Airdrie. Hoping for an opening for 2030-2031 if it's approved soon. We just don't know as we are waiting for Government approval.
- Made some changes for area designation to help relieve pressure on Muriel Clayton.
Updates can be seen on the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces website.

With all these changes Croxford is still on trajectory for 124% in 2030..

Chair report- N/A

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm