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RJHS School Council Meeting Meetings

May 12, 2022

Attendance: Jen Wegwitz, Christal Bevans, Rachel Rasmussen, Patrick Roach, Carmen Lowry, Alana Sala, Natalie Ball, Ashley Shurtz, Jared Heggie, Tyler Runquist

1. Principal's Info: Jared Heggie

→ Track Meet

- School Meet was held on May 10th
Thank you to council members that helped out!
- Divisional meet May 25
No regular classes will be held as staff will be required to help run meet
- Zones Meet in Lethbridge May 31

→ Westwind Thunder Performance

- June 1 Jerry Firstcharger's hoopdancing and breakdancing group

→ Grade 7 orientation Held

- Band continues to be most popular option although numbers have dropped significantly, possible due to covid.
- Parents found it difficult to follow presentation at orientation due to poor technology. Problem acknowledged and administration is aware of the much outdated tech and they are working towards a solution.

→ Mud Run

- June 21

→ June 22

- Award Ceremony

→ Finals

- See calendar
- Worth 10% to match diploma

2. Council Members

→ Status of Fundraising Society

- Alana will start the application process over again
- Hoping to have it upland running by fall

→ ASCA Defunding

- The past 2 years, government funding for ASCA has been around \$650,0000
- This year it was around \$15,000
- The Government have created their own parent committee and is no longer looking to ASCA for input

- RJHSC is going to add their name to letter drafted by RESC to let the government know that we feel that it is important for the general parent population to have a voice through ASCA

→ **Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

- We as a council set a goal to have regular meeting next year in order to create unity and continuity and to stay informed. This will also help other parents know when to expect meetings and plan to be able to attend

→ **Ability to contact families as a council**

- Touched base re the status of our request to be able to contact families as a council
- Mr. Heggie will report back on this

→ **Dress Code**

- Admin has considered the no hats policy and has chosen to continue it. They feel that it helps to maintain a slightly more formal environment. They believe that students behave accordingly or perform better in school when they put a bit more care into their appearance.
- A parent expressed concerns that the dress code was not gender equal and that some comments made when the code was not followed could potentially make girls feel sexualized. Council discussed the purpose of the dress code being to encourage the students to come to school dressed professionally and ready to learn. Administration will portray these sentiments in their wording if a student is asked to change their clothing.

→ **Cell Phone Use**

- A concerned parent presented the possibility of the school going cell phone free due to issues such as cyber bullying
- Some teachers like the students to have devices for specific times and purposes
- If students are on school wifi, internet use is highly monitored
- There are strict consequences take phones out during inappropriate times
- Possibility of having a cell phone hotel in each classroom where phones would go as students entered the room

3. Council Chair- Carmen Lowry

→ **AGM**

- **June 9th 8:00 pm**