

**ATTENDANCE**

Tina Andiel Carlson

Tammy Hangs

Brendan Trina

Laurie Gulley

Amal Jomaa

Judi Hunter

Christi White

Michelle Pankiw

Alanna Berger

Naomi Shumka via Zoon

**AGENDA**

**A. Welcome**

**Tina Andiel Carlson / Naomi Shumka**

Tina Andiel Carlson welcomed everyone.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

*Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Laurie Gulley. Motion carried.*

**C. Approval of Nov 2019 Meeting Minutes**

*Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Seconded by Laurie Gulley. Motion carried.*

**D. School Trustee Report**

**Judi Hunter**

The budget continues to be an area of concern. The provincial government has said that schools are receiving 20% more budget than what they need. Given the expected special needs enrolment growth and what is expected to be required for PUF (program unit funding for occupational therapy) and refugee funding, we will need to find ways to manage with less. Every parent will receive a survey from the Board asking them what is most important to them. Judi also advised that everyone is being challenged to think outside the norms around how funds can be generated. Collectively, we need to think differently about infrastructure as well and using our facilities more broadly across our communities.

One of the websites Judi frequents is [greatschools.org](http://greatschools.org). She loves the range of articles that are sent.

Recently she looked at an article called Decision Fatigue. The article caught her eye because she has suffered from it. Sometimes, we have had to make so many decisions in a short period of time, our brains literally shut down. This happens to children as well. Sometimes we ask them to make so many little decisions that they are exhausted by the time they need to make a decision that counts.

Social psychologist Roy F. Bameister says that by establishing routines with our children such as porridge for breakfast, bed at 8pm, homework 4-5, brush your teeth before bed, you save your child the decision-making for important matters such as how to finish my social assignment due

tomorrow. Mr. Bameister also suggest that when kids are tired of decision making it is important to feed their brains – preferably a high-protein snack.

Recently, Judi read the book “Boys – what it means to become a man” by Rachel Giese. It is classified a globe 100 book of the year. She found the book to be all over the map with issues. However, she did find some nuggets.

“The thinking is that inclusion decreases stigma and isolation, and helps non-disabled students learn to be more tolerant. Yet in practice, integration often happens without proper resources or teacher training, and with zero education for classmates about disabilities.” P 90. She then goes on to describe some of the behaviors she has witnessed and is frustrated by the school’s response. I believe she is correct on this front, in that many of our high needs’ students are best served in settings that address their learning needs.

She did speak to the need for cultural role models in our schools and on that count, she is right on.

She also speaks positively about the use of technology saying that it provides boys with a venue to express their visibility though media She cites a young Jay Versace, a black, queer boy from New York who began making Vine videos when he was 16. He developed over 3 million followers on social media.

She speaks positively about the WISEGUYZ program operated by the Sexual health Centre in Calgary. It is running at Springbank Hgh School and has received positive feedback. It teaches young men about sexuality, respect for women and social responsibility.

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## **E. Council Reports**

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### **1. Principal’s Report**

**Brendan Trinca**

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Brendan reported that the school has found a way to absorb the budget cutbacks for this school year without a significant impact. Alberta Education funds are used to cover the basics such as teacher’s salaries, paper, facility costs, etc. School generated funds from milk sales, shirts, lunches can be used for the extras. Brendan proposed that \$10K of funds generated from the milk sales be used to enhance some of the spaces in the school. This was approved by school council unanimously.

There was a general discussion around the student led conferences and how they went in February. The general consensus is that they were better this year with some 1:1 time with the teachers to discuss your child. Parents generally want a little more 1:1 time with the teacher. It was also suggested that childcare be provided for younger children to ensure parents can have a focused discussion with the teacher with less distraction. There are still some parents who strongly prefer to have a private conversation with the teacher about how their child is doing and areas of focus. Parents should always reach out directly to the teacher if they have concerns or feel a 1:1 discussion is required. Brendan will assess how the conferences are structured next year and

perhaps there is a 1:1 parent/teacher discussion and then a student led discussion. Brendan will be issuing a survey to parents to get their feedback on how next year could be structured to ensure the conferences are of value to teachers, parents & students.

FEEVES does not yet know how much was made at the casino. FEEVES will continue to fund the more expensive investments around the school over the next 2 years. There are some restrictions on what FEEVES money can be used for. Brendan will continue to work closely with FEEVES and school council on practically allocating funds where they are most needed. Focus areas would be literature which speaks more to kids nowadays, richer novel studies and French literature. There may also be the opportunity to take a year off from inline skating or have parents pay for some of these added activities.

There was some general discussion around fundraising next year and whether we look to replace Mathathon with another type of fundraiser. There were some kids who didn't know about Mathathon and it may be too close to the type of work the kids do every day. There is the opportunity to expand/change the fun lunch program to try to raise more funds for that and Michelle will be working on some ideas. If we move collections from fun lunches to School Cash Online, this will also save some money. It will take additional volunteers if we move away from Healthy Hunger as Healthy Hunger does a lot of the administration, so this will also need to be considered.

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## **2. Vice Principal's Report**

**Alanna Berger**

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The kids are excited about the lunch clubs with many new ideas being brought forward for clubs. There is currently floor hockey, beyblades, earth rangers, art rangers, unicorns, etc. The clubs are run by students and if someone wants to start a club, there is a process they must go through to present their idea and structure. Everyone is very excited about the clubs and there are many ideas for new clubs.

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## **3. Treasurer's Report**

**Laurie Gulley**

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Laurie provided the update on the financials. Over the months of December and January, we took in a total of **\$2,814.12** through our Healthy Hunger program. The HH income is trending to be below last years' total. There were no other revenues to report. As for our expenses, December included **\$4,806.81** for special programs including French Culture week, Alberta Opera Fees, & friendly Helper Hats. There were also a couple grade team expenses. January special programs included Sound Kreations payment, Canadian youth speakers, reading cards, & grade teams at a total of **\$6,811.67**. Some money will be collected during the family dance especially if we collect donations, have a silent auction and raffle baskets. The planning for the dance will be started with a separate committee in the next couple weeks to ensure we can incorporate ideas to raise money.

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**February 11th, 1pm**

Laurie would like to consider other fundraising ideas for next year especially given the trending of the actual fundraising this year. Bragg Creek school division has a private fundraising function with a silent auction and they raise a substantive amount of money doing this every year. It is reasonable to get parents to commit to some additional fundraising and this will be further explored for next year.

*Laurie Gulley makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Tammy Hangs. Motion carried.*

## **Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of February 1, 2020**

	<b>2019/20 Actuals</b>	<b>2019/20 Budget</b>	<b>2018/19 Actuals</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program - Rebate	6,724.03	15,000.00	15,986.36
Mathathon	14,685.00	20,000.00	17,953.10
Family Dance		10,000.00	10,720.00
Yearbook		1,000.00	-
Mabels Labels	61.11	250.00	184.07
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>21,470.14</b>	<b>46,250.00</b>	<b>44,843.53</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>School Programs</b>			
Grade Teams	1,210.09	10,000.00	9,553.69
<b>Committees</b>			
Volunteer Coordinator	133.75	100.00	-
Spirit of Caring		250.00	87.18
<b>Business/Field Trips</b>			
Financial Assistance		500.00	-
<b>Special Programs/Events</b>			
Special Programs	4,672.40	6,000.00	5,633.11
David Bouchard	1,680.00	3,000.00	-
Special Day		2,000.00	1,636.42
Net Ball		2,000.00	1,778.00
French Culture	1,700.00	2,000.00	1,727.20
In-Line Skating	4,592.70	10,000.00	9,893.60
Sound Kreations Residency	4,623.41	4,500.00	4,251.96
First Aid		250.00	-
Family Dance		1,800.00	1,628.70
Sports Day		500.00	621.78
<b>School Council Expenses</b>		750.00	-
<b>ASCA AGM</b>		1,250.00	68.04
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>18,612.35</b>	<b>44,900.00</b>	<b>36,879.68</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>2,857.79</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>7,963.85</b>
<b>Opening Book Balance</b>	25,703.19	25,703.19	17,739.34
<b>Net Income</b>	2,857.79	1,350.00	7,963.85
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	<b>22,845.40</b>	<b>27,053.19</b>	<b>25,703.19</b>

Expenses			Revenues		
Month	Category	Amount	Month	Category	Amount
September		\$ -	September	Healthy Hunger	\$ 120.17
				Healthy Hunger	\$ 448.40
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 568.57</b>
October	Grade Team	\$ 290.86	October	Healthy Hunger	\$ 1,638.42
				Mabel's Labels	\$ 61.11
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 290.86</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,699.53</b>
November	Grade Team	\$ 430.31	November	Healthy Hunger	\$ 1,702.92
	David Boucher	\$ 1,680.00		Mathathon	\$ 14,685.00
	in-Line Skating	\$ 4,592.70	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 16,387.92</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,703.01</b>			
December	Grade Team	\$ 88.14	December	Healthy Hunger	\$ 1,482.06
	Special Programs	\$ 2,884.92			
	French Culture	\$ 1,700.00	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,482.06</b>
	Volunteer Crdntr	\$ 133.75			
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,806.81</b>			
February	Grade Teams	\$ 400.78	February	Healthy Hunger	\$ 1,332.06
	Special Programs	\$ 1,787.48			
	Sound Kreations	\$ 4,623.41	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,332.06</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,811.67</b>			

#### **4. Teacher's Report**

**Christi White**

Kindergartens and grade 1s celebrated their 100 days today. Grade 1s are focused on oral hygiene and received a dental presentation today. Grade 2s are focused on Inuit studies. Grade 3s are learning about animals and Peru. Grade 4s have being their module on simple machines and they will be using supplies to build their simple machines in March. Grade 4s are also learning about family history.

There was a parent literacy survey distributed with the weekly newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to respond. 44 families have responded to far.

There is a house team assembly this Thursday where Madison Tory will speak about community and wanting to get involved. The March assembly speaker will be Alvin Law, he will speak about resiliency. The graphics for the house team shirts have received many compliments.

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**5. Volunteer Committee's Report**

**Jessica Eren**

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There is no volunteer committee report this month. Not everyone is receiving the SignUp Genius requests so this will be further investigated with Jessica.

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**6. Special Lunch Coordinators**

**Michele Pankiw / Nicky Homenko**

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Michelle is getting some feedback from parents on what they want to see for added fun lunch options next year. There are potentially some Asian option which many kids would like. There is also the potential to consider smoothies/wraps (assuming they are kids size) and potentially even a burger option. She is also looking into potential options for special days such as popcorn and texas donuts. Brendan suggested noodles are probably better than rice from a mess perspective. It is also preferred if most cash is handled online versus kids bringing cash to school. Michelle will work on some options as next year will need to be locked in quickly especially if we engage new vendors and use School Cash Online versus Health Hunger. There is also the option to use kids as volunteers to help with special lunches if we need more volunteers.

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**7. Library**

**Jill Johnson**

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Successful scholastics book fair last week, don't have exact numbers. Thanks to all volunteers. Ongoing need for volunteers weekly to keep on top of shelving.

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**8. Yearbook Committee**

**Manhar Cheema**

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There is no yearbook committee report this month.

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**9. French Immersion / CPF**

**Stephanie Rosenbaum**

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French culture week is the last week of February and still not sure if the school would like the Bonhomme costume to use during. CPF will cover the shipping if they would like it. Tricia will likely follow up to see if it is needed. Brendan confirmed that Bonhomme would be great!

We are starting planning for Grade 3/4 French Immersion students to go to Calaway for a movie in late spring.

Still trying to organize a fundraiser but not sure yet when it will take place.

CPF Membership is ongoing and we would like to include in all French Immersion students school cash accounts as a line item. CPF Springbank gets a significant portion of the membership dues for our chapter which directly affects the student's resources. Brendan advised we should talk to Shelly about putting this membership in everyone's school cash online accounts.

The weekend immersion for the French students in Jasper is Feb 28<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> and is sold out.

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**10. Grant Writers**

**Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross**

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The \$15K grant for OT staff was secured allowing a number of sensory tools to be purchased including wiggle stools, sensory bins. The calm room also has tiles which change colour.

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**11. Spirit of Caring**

**Pauline Hall**

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There is no spirit of caring report this month.

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**F. FEEVES Report**

**Chris Kelly**

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The funds raised from the casino will be communicated at the end of the quarter.

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**G. Other / Open Floor**

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Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting Date: March 10th @ 7pm**