

ATTENDANCE

Tina Andiel Carlson

Tammy Hangs

Brendan Trina

Judi Hunter

Jessica Eren

Talia Zink

Tricia Mailloux

Alanna Berger

Karin Hunter

Naomi Shumka

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 Naomi Shumka. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Nov 2019 Meeting Minutes

Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Seconded by Jessica Eren. Motion carried.

D. Update from Springbank Community Association

Karin Hunter

Karin provided an update on the proposed community centre which will be located with the Middle School. MD or Rocky View has committed funds to initiate the build, but the intention is that it is also partially funded by the community. This facility would include a large size gymnasium and a space for Cottage Care. This facility will eliminate the requirement to communicate for indoor sports as right now all games for the kids who participate in these sports are away games.

It is estimated the total cost of the building will be between \$5M - \$7M (approximately). The next steps is to initiate a survey to the parents to gauge the importance of the facility and start to initiate the process of bridging the gap from a funding perspective. There will be a requirement for sponsors and fundraising events to complete the build.

The facility will also provide the opportunity to partner with sport class providers and offer various sports via memberships or drop in rates. It also provides the opportunity to offer after school programs. The build of the facility will coincide with the re-work of roads/access around that area with a new side road being built allowing access to Callaway Park.

The planned survey will be sent to all parents who have children at the school.

E. School Trustee Report

Judi Hunter

Springbank High School recently competed in their first robotics competition which included 33 teams from around the province. Springbank High School came in second. The competition included a business presentation on what they needed for the robot, a design of the robot which would solve a problem, fabrication of the robot and software/programming of the robot. The winners will receive early admission to engineering programs at University.

Dr. Devra Davis sounds the alarm regarding Cell Phone Radiation

Link. [youube.com/watch?v=BwyDCHf5iCY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwyDCHf5iCY)

This link is to the lecture given by Dr. Devra Davis regarding the health effects of mobile phones and wireless radiation. Although the video is long, the information presented is valuable.

In this lecture, epidemiologist and electromagnetic radiation expert, Dr Devra Davis, outlines the evolution of the mobile phone and smartphone, and provides a background to the current 19-year-old radiation-safety standards (SAR), policy developments and international legislation. She presents new global studies on the health consequences of mobile/wireless radiation including children's exposure and risks.

Risks related to sperm production and mobility are well documented.

3D images of children using a cell phone shows the radiation covering the child's face.

In 2011 the World Health Organization gave a warning that cell phone radiation exposure is carcinogenic.

Cell phones are kept away from the body, ipads are not used on laps and that headsets are used.

She warns parent to safeguard their children by ensuring that

- Cell phones are not kept in your pocket or on your person.
- Ipads are not used on laps
- Devices are kept on airplane mode when not in use to reduce the pulsing impact which generates the greatest radiation.
- Devices are kept out of the bedroom
- Use ear phones
- Limit the length and number of calls
- Use phones in areas of good reception
- Educate your children about the risks

Rocky View Schools has been approved for 2 new portables (27 were asked for) and 7 moves of existing portables.

The Alberta government has released the budget and set out the following parameters for K-12 funding.

The following is an excerpt from Education Minister LaGrange's budget speech:

"We are introducing a new way to fund Alberta's education system that will drive more dollars to the classroom, where they can enable school authorities to deliver the best outcomes for our students. The new model will deliver more efficient and sustainable funding to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 education system to ensure all schools in Alberta have adequate resources to deliver programs in an equitable way. This new model reduces red tape and administrative costs by reducing the number of funding envelopes, while maintaining the overall funding level and giving school authorities more autonomy and flexibility to invest in classrooms based on their students' needs. A predictable funding model will also allow school authorities to do better long-term planning by making more informed budget decisions well ahead of the start of a school year.

For the first time ever, school authorities will be provided with funding commitment letters in spring 2020 for the upcoming school year to support effective planning of service delivery to our students."

Rockyview administration and Trustees are presently reviewing the budget information received:

- Given the provincial budget flows dollars to school boards through a new funding model with a different grant structure, it will take time for our administration to determine the impact of the budget on Rocky View Schools.
- As one of the fastest growing boards in the province, our Board is concerned that the new weighted moving average methodology is not favorable to boards with increasing student enrolments.
- As promised, we remain committed to keeping our communities informed and will outline our direction forward in coming weeks. We remind parents and staff that the results of our Phase 1 budget priority survey will be released on March 10 with a Phase 2 survey to be launched shortly thereafter.
- For full details of our 2020 Budget Consultation, please see our public website at: <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/2020-budget-consultation>

F. Council Reports

1. Principal's Report

Brendan Trinca

This has been building week for the Grade 4s which has been very successful with some amazing structures and simple machines being created.

Alvin Law visited the school yesterday which everyone enjoyed. Alvin Law typically does not visit elementary schools but made an exception and it was very well received.

The school is considering how drama can be incorporated into learning for next year as there is an opportunity to partner with Trickster Theatre. The school is exploring an artist in residency grant which will be finalized by late September / early October.

The school will follow AB Health on COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines including the timing for the school dance which will be deferred until the next school year. Handwashing also continues to be reinforced with the students on a regular basis.

2. Vice Principal's Report

Alanna Berger

Registration for next year is on par with registration for this year. There will be additional details circulated on French Immersion information nights in May/June.

The house animals have been drawn by a local artist and it is expected the hoodies/t-shirts will arrive by Easter break.

The school is looking forward to the Sound Kreation residency will allow kids the opportunity to perform and dance.

3. Treasurer's Report

Laurie Gulley

Laurie provided in advance the update on the financials. February Highlights:

Income \$850.02

Expenses \$1,062.42

This month we had a dramatic decrease in healthy hunger. It is clear parents are ordering less. This makes our efforts for the school dance that much more important to balance our activities.

Tina Andiel Carlson makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Jessica Eren. Motion carried.

**Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
as of March 9, 2020**

| | 2019/20 | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Actuals | Budget | Actuals |
| REVENUE | | | |
| Special Lunch Program - Rebate | 7,574.05 | 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 |
| Total Revenue | 22,320.16 | 46,250.00 | 44,843.53 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| School Programs | | | |
| Grade Teams | 1,295.71 | 10,000.00 | 9,553.69 |
| Committees | | | |
| Volunteer Coordinator | 133.75 | 100.00 | - |
| Spirit of Caring | | 250.00 | 87.18 |
| Business/Field Trips | | | |
| Financial Assistance | | 500.00 | - |
| Special Programs/Events | | | |
| Special Programs | 5,496.54 | 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 |
| School Council Expenses | 152.66 | 750.00 | - |
| ASCA AGM | | 1,250.00 | 68.04 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 19,674.77 | 44,900.00 | 36,879.68 |
| NET INCOME | 2,645.39 | 1,350.00 | 7,963.85 |
| Opening Book Balance | 25,703.19 | 25,703.19 | 17,739.34 |
| Net Income | 2,645.39 | 1,350.00 | 7,963.85 |
| Closing Book Balance | 28,348.58 | 27,053.19 | 25,703.19 |

Expenses

| Month | Category | Amount |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| September | | \$ - |
| Total | | \$ - |
| October | Grade Team | \$ 290.86 |
| Total | | \$ 290.86 |
| November | Grade Team | \$ 430.31 |
| | David Boucher | \$ 1,680.00 |
| | in-Line Skating | \$ 4,592.70 |
| Total | | \$ 6,703.01 |
| December | Grade Team | \$ 88.14 |
| | Special Programs | \$ 2,884.92 |
| | French Culture | \$ 1,700.00 |
| | Volunteer Crdntr | \$ 133.75 |
| Total | | \$ 4,806.81 |
| January | Grade Teams | \$ 400.78 |
| | Special Programs | \$ 1,787.48 |
| | Sound Kreations | \$ 4,623.41 |
| Total | | \$ 6,811.67 |
| February | Grade Team | \$ 85.62 |
| | Special Programs | \$ 824.14 |
| | School Council | \$ 152.66 |
| Total | | \$ 1,062.42 |

Revenues

| Month | Category | Amount |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| September | Healthy Hunger | \$ 120.17 |
| | Healthy Hunger | \$ 448.40 |
| Total | | \$ 568.57 |
| October | Healthy Hunger | \$ 1,638.42 |
| | Mabel's Labels | \$ 61.11 |
| Total | | \$ 1,699.53 |
| November | Healthy Hunger | \$ 1,702.92 |
| | Mathathon | \$ 14,685.00 |
| Total | | \$ 16,387.92 |
| December | Healthy Hunger | \$ 1,482.06 |
| Total | | \$ 1,482.06 |
| January | Healthy Hunger | \$ 1,332.06 |
| Total | | \$ 1,332.06 |
| February | Healthy Hunger | \$ 850.02 |
| Total | | \$ 850.02 |

4. Teacher's Report

Christi White

There is no teacher's report this month.

5. Volunteer Committee's Report

Jessica Eren

Next week will be Teacher and Staff Administration Week. Tuesday is yogurt parfaits, Wednesday is taco lunch with parents bringing a wide variety of items to the school related to tacos. Thursday is room service and supervision. Each teacher will receive a booklet/fan mail from their students. There is also an appreciation station being set-up at the front of the school where cards can be filled out. Jessica will also initiate a virtual option for appreciation. If students wish to bring flowers, they can do that on Wednesday. Friday will also include donuts.

Additional volunteers are still required for supervision and everyone is encouraged to go the SignUp Genius to see what spots are still available. On Friday, gift cards will also be distributed. The gift cards are being collected by classroom for distribution to all staff and teachers. Gift cards can be sent via email as well if easier for parents.

Further consideration for fundraising next year is in progress. Jessica suggested we may be 2 fundraisers and 2 community events to provide a good balance. There is potentially a carnival option in September to allow new families to meet people at the start of the year.

Screenagers, The Next Chapter will be screened in March, details will be sent via the Owl.

It was suggested that we may want to consider a new role on school council for next year focused solely on fundraising activities.

6. Special Lunch Coordinators

Michele Pankiw / Nicky Homenko

There is no special lunch report this month.

7. Library

Jill Johnson

There is no library report this month. Thanks to all volunteers. Ongoing need for volunteers weekly to keep on top of shelving.

8. Yearbook Committee

Manhar Cheema

There is no yearbook committee report this month.

9. French Immersion / CPF

Stephanie Rosenbaum

Canadian Parents for French will be starting our fundraiser this week with Purdy's chocolate. All students from EEVE will receive a catalog and will be able to order. We will only be doing online ordering this year. Monies raised for this will go towards activities for French Culture week as well as events for French Immersion students. We will also be doing a recruitment drive to encourage parents to put their kids into French Immersion Kindergarten or grade 1.

It was requested that family weekends can be circulated in advance so that families can book and plan around these weekends.

10. Grant Writers

Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross

Cate is working on the grant for Trickster Theatre residency. The school is also investigating the grants available for Tower Garden and how this could be incorporated into lessons on eating healthy. The grant involves the requirement to provide a weekly salad plan for students so further investigation will be required on how feasible this is.

An additional grant writer will be required for next year as Cate will not be able to continue in this role.

11. Spirit of Caring

Pauline Hall

There is no spirit of caring report this month.

G. FEEVES Report

Chris Kelly

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

H. Other / Open Floor

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date: May 7th @ 7pm