

ATTENDANCE

Tina Andiel Carlson

Katie Mayer

Amal Jomaa

Jill Johnson

Judi Hunter

Lee-Anne Tai

Brendan Trinca

Tannis Bo

Tammy Hangs

Naomi Shumka via Zoom

AGENDA

A. Welcome

Tina Andiel Carlson / Naomi Shumka

Tina welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending and being involved.

B. Approval of Agenda

Tina makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Amal Jomaa. Motion carried.

C. Approval of October 2018 Meeting Minutes

Tina makes the motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Seconded by Katie Mayer. Motion carried.

D. School Trustee Report

Judi Hunter

The start to 2019 has been busy making decision regarding student accommodation. As you know already Rocky View Schools did not receive any news schools in the last round of funding. We also only received 7 portables when we asked for 39. As a result, The Board sought advice from communities as to how best to solve the accommodation crunch.

Consultations and decision-making for parents has been very difficult. Many persons bought homes based on the belief that a new school was being built. That has not been the case, and with schools full, decisions must be made as to where there is room for students. Trustees will be making decisions about Airdrie and Chestermere within the next month.

The 4 Year Plan is almost finished and will be ready for ratification by the Board in September.

Trustees have been reviewing the Budget and setting priorities for next year. Also, Trustees have been advocating on Educational issues both to the ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association) and to government.

Judi had the privilege of judging the Lip Sync Contest at Westbrook School. It was great fun and the students did an awesome job of practicing routines, creating props and costumes of course, performing.

The Alberta Teachers Association held a lovely event welcoming all of Rocky View's new teachers to the profession. One of those present profession, Sarah Hawley, from Cochrane Christian Academy was selected by a panel to be Rocky View's nominee for the Edwin Parr Award. This award to given to a new teacher that demonstrates outstanding pedagogy and commitment.

Springbank Middle School invited a company from New Brunswick, to introduce students to the emerging fields of the control of web-based sensors, referred to as the "Internet of Things" (IOT). The company sent two staff members who brought plug and play devices that were controlled by drag and drop software.

The presenters indicated that IOT devices are expected to grow from 8 billion today to 80 billion within the next 8-10 years.

Another aspect of the presentation was to demonstrate the state of AI (Artificial Intelligence technology). This was done by software that allowed students to take their picture which was then analyzed by the software to determine specific information about the person. Speech recognition software was also used. The presentation ended with a talk about cybersecurity.

A number of students from Springbank High School has been invited to participate in the Skills Competition in Edmonton. This will include students involved in robotics, media arts and communication.

Springbank Community Association his working with students from media arts to develop media clips related to the Springbank Community.

The Alberta Schools Councils Association is holding their annual conference April 26-28, 2019 at the Delta Hotel in Edmonton.

Banded Peak school has been part of an educational exchange with Iceland. Teachers from Banded Peak visited Iceland last year to observe teaching strategies and pedagogy in Iceland. This year teachers from Iceland will be hosted at Banded Peak school.

Just reminder about the Paul Davis presentation on Internet Safety April 9 at Springbank High School, 7:30 pm. Tickets available on Eventbrite and at the door.

Judi has defined the trustee role as fiduciary, community engagement and government responsibility. As part of the role, Judi does a lot of research and shares this information across the schools. Judi has been reaching out to businesses in Springbank over the last few weeks to determine how they can better support the school. The bottle depot in Springbank has expressed their interest to become more engaged. There is a potential opportunity to get the business engaged in school activities.

Judi shared reference materials in web sites which may be of interest to the community and emphasized there are a significant number of reference sites for reading and special education:

Greatschools.org
Commonsensemedia.org
Khanacademy.org
Brilliant.org
Starfall.com
Pbskids.org/lions
Funbrain.com
Kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids

Jumpstart.com

Judi also circulated some interesting materials on World Happiness Day to the school councils across the MD.

E. Council Reports

1. Principal's Report

Brendan Trinca

It has been a great week. The teachers and students have been respectful, engaged and friendly throughout the transition. The first staff meeting with Brendan as principal was last week and Brendan is looking forward to his time. Kim and Brendan have worked together previously which has also helped the transition.

Brendan asked school council some key questions around what school council can do more of next year and what success looks like. The input from school council will be reviewed by Brendan as he defines his and the school's priorities for next year.

Brendan also thanked school council for the donation for the Geri Lorway math residency which was completed over 3 days and well received by teachers, support staff and students. There were a number of debrief sessions done on the residency and teachers have identified recommended tools and next steps to further develop their class' sense of numbers. Geri Lorway teaches through U of A, has been training teachers for over 25 years and has given feedback on the current curriculum for MD of Rockyview. Students need to think about problem solving and think about how numbers come together. Brendan would like to consider having Geri return next year to build on the excellent work she did this year with teachers and students. There was an ask that some of the details on the math residency be include in the weekly Friday emails to parents so they understand what was taught and the value to the school.

The net ball residency was also well received by students. It focused on fundamental catch and throw skills.

Kate announced her retirement. Her last day will be June 15th.

Brendan will continue the weekly Friday email update to parents and is working through the best length and format.

Upcoming activities include the family dance. There was a suggestion that a board be created for the family dance to show what school council invests money in for the school. Tina will work on this board.

2. Treasurer's Report

Katie Mayer

Katie presented the Treasurer's report highlighting the money which was received from the special lunches and the Mathathon.

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

<i>Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council</i>			
<i>Statement of Revenue and Expenditures</i>			
<i>as of March 31, 2019</i>			
	2018/19	2018/19	2017/18
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	10,709.74	15,000.00	13,756.50
Mathathon	17,953.10	20,000.00	20,833.00
Family Fun'raiser	-	10,000.00	14,907.00
Yearbook	-	1,000.00	-
Mabels Labels	129.98	250.00	282.75
Total Revenue	28,792.82	46,250.00	49,779.25
EXPENDITURES			
School Programs			
Grade Teams	2,017.94	10,000.00	8,343.66
Robotics Training	-	2,000.00	-
Robotics	-	5,000.00	15,000.00
Math Residency	-	18,000.00	-
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	500.00	1,342.32
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	-
Bussing/Field Trips			
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	5,275.31	10,000.00	9,003.94
Special Day	1,636.42	2,000.00	-
In-Line Skating	9,383.30	11,000.00	10,902.08
Sound Kreations Residency	4,251.96	5,000.00	4,622.80
First Aid	-	500.00	460.00
Sports Day	-	500.00	661.79
Books	-	10,000.00	9,136.05
Family Dance	-	1,500.00	605.20
Parent Workshops	-	1,500.00	349.99
Lions Club Funds	-	-	641.16
School Council Expenses	-	1,500.00	73.36
ASCA AGM	-	1,250.00	1,118.56
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,564.93	81,500.00	62,260.91
NET INCOME	6,227.89	(35,250.00)	(12,481.66)
Opening Book Balance	17,739.34	17,739.34	30,221.00
Net Income	6,227.89	(35,250.00)	(12,481.66)
Closing Book Balance	23,967.23	(17,510.66)	17,739.34

3. Teacher's Report

Shelley Lambie

There is no teacher's report this month.

4. Volunteer Committee's Report

Amal Jomaa/Arlene Abboud

Paul Davis event is tonight at Springbank Highschool in the gym. Tickets are available at the door for \$10. There have been about \$3500 in donations online for the family dance and there are also some envelopes which have been sent in with cheques which have not been processed yet. It was recommended that we have a full time council position dedicated to organizing the family dance next year if we want it to raise significant money for school council. There will only be cash sales for the raffle this year and there is only a limited number of tickets available as tickets available for sale are based on the value of the baskets per the Alberta Gaming license which was secured.

Tina will create a poster recruiting for open school council positions which can be shown at the family dance.

5. Special Lunch Coordinator

Tannis Bo

Thanks to all who have volunteered for helping with the pizza lunches. Pizza days continue to be our most popular and profitable offering. The lunch lady is also seeing an increase to 50-60 orders every week now that she is included on the Healthy Hunger process.

Next year will be my last year at Elbow Valley and I am looking for someone (or a couple of people working together) to take over the Special Lunch Coordinator volunteer role and was hoping to use next year as a transition year. If anyone is interested or has any questions please let me know. I can be reached at evespeciallunches@gmail.com.

6. Library

Jill Johnson

Some weeks are a challenge to receive the minimum level of volunteers. Ideally, Wendy needs 3 helpers per week to keep up with the book shelving. It was suggested that the request for library volunteers be distributed again as there was some questions around who has received it. Volunteers are allowed to bring their children and Wendy is helpful in providing the orientation

around what should be done. There will also be a library orientation held at the beginning of the year to ensure those interested in volunteering know what has to be done.

7. Yearbook Committee

Lee-Ann Tai

Yearbook design is in full swing. It's starting to shape up nicely. So far we have sold 261. Remember to log into school cash online and purchase your copy by May 31, 2019.

The software program is getting a complete overhaul next year so Lee-Ann will not be training anyone this year on that aspect of yearbook. Le-Anne will, however, go through the process of deciding on layout, collecting photos, cover contest, etc. with whoever takes over. Still trying to connect with the interested party for next year.

8. French Immersion / CPF

Stephanie Rosenbaum

We are still working to try and coordinate a French movie for grades 3 and 4 at Callaway Park for late May early June. Callaway has been great and are welcoming but we are working on proper permits for this. I will need some help from the French grades 3-4 for coordination on this event. We will do this during school hours if it happens.

9. Grant Writers

Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross

One grant has been approved to support the enhancement to the front entranceway. There are 3 more grants requiring support from the school administration which will be reviewed with Brendan over the coming few weeks.

10. Spirit of Caring

Pauline Hall

There is a card for Rachel Davidson who will be retiring in April in the school mailboxes. Everyone is encouraged to sign it.

F. FEEVES Report

Chris Kelly

There is no FEEVES report this month.

G. Other / Open Floor

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date: AGM: May 14th @ 7PM