

ATTENDANCE

Tina Andiel Carlson

Naomi Shunka via Zoom

Tammy Hangs

Jessica Eren

Judi Hunter

Brendan Trina

Alanna Berger

Christie White

Laurie Gulley

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 Judi Hunter. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Sept 2019 Meeting Minutes

Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Seconded by Judi Hunter. Motion carried.

D. School Trustee Report

Judi Hunter

Hard to believe that it is already the first of October and that we have had our first 12 inches of snow. All schools are well into their school year with curriculum being taught and sports teams in progress.

The transportation department continues to modify routes and respond to transportation queries. Transportation issues are being discussed at the provincial level. While Boards are now able to implement fees, your Board will likely not do that mid-year as it has had no consultation with stakeholders and still has not received the Provincial guidelines and funding formulas for transportation.

The Board has elected a new Chair, Fiona Gilbert, and vice-chair, Melyssa Bowen. We also welcome Sandy McDuffe as our new area director for the West-side schools.

The Electronic Recycle Association has announced a poster contest for waste reduction week. www.era.ca

We are extremely excited to announce our **2nd Kids Poster Competition** in a year. We are asking students between the age of 6 and 12 to create a poster that best represents ERA mission:

- To reduce electronic waste and the negative impact it has on our environment, and to reuse unwanted computers and related electronic equipment through recovery, refurbishment and computer donation programs
- Waste Reduction Week

There will be one winner from each school that participates and the winning student will receive a laptop and an extra laptop to donate to a charity of their choice. Their art work will be showcased on our blog and social media throughout the month of December.

Westbrook School Construction is well underway. Staff and students are adjusting to the complexities of working in a construction zone

September 30, all schools demonstrated their support for and recognition of Indigenous reconciliation by wearing Orange shirts.

Celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) by:

- Promoting increased participation of Albertans with disabilities in our provincial economy
- Celebrating workers living with disabilities, their skills, successes and achievements
- Recognizing that, as Albertans, we all have unique skills and interests that make us valued members in our workplaces
- Supporting employers in promoting inclusive hiring practices and demonstrating their ongoing commitment to Albertans with disabilities

Judi shared a video around how playgrounds can be structured to accommodate kids with disabilities including those in wheelchairs and those with seeing impairments.

The Board is looking forward to receiving the provincial budget allocations to schools October 31, 2019.

E. Council Reports

1. Principal's Report

Brendan Trinca

The staff have had a good start up using Power School, every student should not have something posted. It is important to access via a laptop versus a tablet to ensure no issues.

Other events around the school included the very successful David Bouchard assembly and visits from the Fire Fighters.

The student led conferences will be next week and the teachers will try to allocate about 10 mins for a 1:1 update with each parent.

Parents are encouraged to follow the school on Twitter. The school currently has over 100 followers. Rockyview encourages use of Twitter over Facebook as there is less opportunity for negative feedback. It was suggested that we may want to consider Facebook as more parents use Facebook and there is the opportunity to turn off commenting to avoid negative comments.

Brendan provided an update on a self-regulation course he has completed. The course provided a number of visual tools and focused on the 5 domains of self-regulation. Stress is defined as any stimulus requiring energy. Noticing stress and re-framing it is a helpful exercise. It is important for teachers to recognize a stress behaviour versus a misbehaviour and deal with it accordingly.

The process of de-cluttering continues around the school with some great success.

Regular communications continue with parents about school events and volunteering opportunities. It tends to be the same people volunteering and it may be because people don't know about opportunities. It was suggested that the volunteering opportunities be covered as part of the first open house and it may have better attendance if the open house is done after the Labour Day long weekend as many families are still away the weekend before. It was also suggested that fundraising opportunities focus on where the money is used similar to what was done at the family dance last year.

Generally, it has been a great start to the year with the staff working well together, engaged kids and a successful literacy week. The House Teams will be moving into a focus of empathy for November/December. Many of the school activities are a success because of parent support and the school is highly appreciative of all the parents who volunteer and provide support regularly.

2. Treasurer's Report

Laurie Gulley

There was revenue received from special lunches and no incremental expenses incurred. There was an inquiry as to whether there is a SignUp Genius cost per month, Laurie will investigate as she has not seen any actuals. All FEEVES revenue is separate from this. Brendan will work with the teachers on the "special programs" budget and where this can be effectively used. It was suggested that more clarity be provided around Mathathon and why fundraising for this initiative is important.

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

**Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
as of October 7, 2019**

	2019/20 Actuals	2019/20 Budget	2018/19 Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program - Rebate	568.57	15,000.00	15,986.36
Mathathon		20,000.00	17,953.10
Family Dance		10,000.00	10,720.00
Yearbook		1,000.00	
Mabels Labels		250.00	184.07
Total Revenue	568.57	46,250.00	44,843.53
EXPENDITURES			
School Programs			
Grade Teams		10,000.00	9,553.69
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator		100.00	-
Spirit of Caring		250.00	87.18
Business/Field Trips			
Financial Assistance		500.00	-
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs		6,000.00	5,633.11
David Bouchard		3,000.00	-
Special Day		2,000.00	1,636.42
Net Ball		2,000.00	1,778.00
French Culture		2,000.00	1,727.20
In-Line Skating		10,000.00	9,893.60
Sound Kreations Residency		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		750.00	-
ASCA AGM		1,250.00	68.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	44,900.00	36,879.68
NET INCOME	568.57	1,350.00	7,963.85
Opening Book Balance	25,703.19	25,703.19	17,739.34
Net Income	568.57	1,350.00	7,963.85
Closing Book Balance	25,134.62	27,053.19	25,703.19

3. Teacher's Report

Alanna Berger

Alanna continues to work with the teachers on effective use of Power School given it is not the most intuitive program to work with especially for elementary school children. Parents are encouraged to log in and check it out.

4. Volunteer Committee's Report

Jessica Eren

The signup and commitment of volunteers for the staff appreciation luncheon has been phenomenal. Jessica has enhanced some of the explanations when requesting volunteers to ensure people understand what they are volunteering for. Some people have indicated they have had issues receiving the SignUp Genius emails, so this is being further investigated.

5. Special Lunch Coordinators

Michele Pankiw / Nicky Homenko

Michele and Nicky will be taking over special lunch coordination.

6. Library

Jill Johnson

There is no library update this month, but everyone is encouraged to sign up to volunteer for the Book Fair next week.

7. Yearbook Committee

Manhar Cheema

Last year's yearbooks have been distributed. There is no further yearbook update this month.

8. French Immersion / CPF

Stephanie Rosenbaum

There is no CPF update this month.

9. Grant Writers

Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross

There is no grant writers update this month.

10. Spirit of Caring

Pauline Hall

There is no spirit of caring report this month.

F. FEEVES Report

Chris Kelly

The casino is in progress, so Chris was not able to attend the meeting. All volunteer positions have been filled and Brendan extended his appreciation for everyone who committed their time.

G. Other / Open Floor

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date: November 12th at 7pm