

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 2016

1:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

KARIN HUNTER

TROY MILLINGTON

CELIA BARRINGTON

MELANIE SPAGRUD

DIANE STEVENSON

FRANKIE-LOU NELLIGAN

MICHELLE ADAMS

MRS. SVARICH

BRENDA RENOWDEN

SALLY LOCKHART

BRANDI SCHROEDER

MICHELLE ADAMS

JANICE HEFFNER

CRIS HOUSMAN

NATALIE PENTNEY

DIANE STEVENSON

HELEN CLEASE

MICHELLE HORNUNG

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November 4, 2015

7:00 PM

AGENDA

A. Welcome

Troy Millington /
Karin Hunter

B. Approval of Agenda

* Frankie-Lou Nelligan makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brenda Renowden

C. Approval of December 2015 Meeting Minutes

* Frankie-Lou Nelligan makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Diane Stevenson

D. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report

Troy Millington /
Karin Hunter

Karin Hunter

- Long term planning committee has been meeting and devising a list of ideas for possible long term planning projects for EVE school. At the family dance there will be a voting process for parents to vote on what they would like to see the Long Term Planning committee work towards building at the school.
- Reminder parents with students in grade 4 and 5 are eligible for the discount ski passes. It allows access to many of the mountains close to us.
- Reminder we are looking for a treasurer if anyone is interested
- Karin Hunter will not be co-chairing next year as she has other commitments please let council know if you know of anyone who may be interested in filling this position
- EVE council is using twitter please follow us.
- Please fill out the Springbank community association survey

2. Principal's Report

Celia Barrington

- Thank you to the parents who helped with the Kindergarten Open House in January. We currently have in English (23 in area & 25 out of area registrations). In FI, (40 in area & 17 out of area registrations).
- Wellness Day was a great success. The Wellness Committee, worked long and hard to make a very and important day for our students. It would not

have been such a success, once again, without the help of the many parent volunteers.

- We look forward to hearing John Dunn and his Arctic explorations tomorrow,
- Family Fun'raiser is underway and of course, the Family Dance is causing some excitement, as always. Last year, we had over 800 people attend.
- The Spirit of Caring has given me a card with a gift card enclosed to present to Ms. Serfas upon her retirement at the end of this month. Thank you to School Council.
- Small concern over snow and sledding at school. Parents are bringing sleds after school hours. The school is concerned about the safety of children, especially those not wearing helmets. There is also a snow pile in between the parking lot and bus loop. Students are sliding down it and we are concerned about children sliding right into the parking lot. Please be aware and ask students to be careful.
- Alberta Ed survey is out; you may be contacted to complete these. Please complete as they help with planning.

3. Treasurer's Report

Melanie Spagrud

- Bought popsicles for pizza lunch
- Purchased gift card for Mrs. Serfas
- Received \$1500 in rebates last month

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
As of January 31, 2016*

	2015/16 Actuals	2015/16 Budget	2014/15 Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program	-	-	29,078.35
Special Lunch Program - rebate	10,425.86	10,000.00	7,666.80
Mathathon	23,844.25	20,000.00	27,627.55
Family Fun'raiser	-	10,000.00	12,300.90
CPF Springbank	-	-	900.00
Yearbook	1,544.68	-	125.00
FEEVESS	-	10,000.00	27,283.99
Interest Income	14.18	-	146.58
Total Revenue	35,828.97	50,000.00	105,129.17
EXPENDITURES			
Special Lunch Program	827.44	-	20,070.95
School Programs			
Grade Teams	908.60	8,000.00	6,211.51
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	1,000.00	657.78
Spirit of Caring	146.50	250.00	85.58
Bussing			

Field Trips	1,341.12	9,000.00	7,854.70
Skating	-	2,000.00	1,097.28
Swimming	1,397.00	14,600.00	10,647.68
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	2,593.20	8,800.00	12,654.96
Special Day - Literacy Week	92.89	2,000.00	-
Sports Day	-	500.00	415.10
In-Line Skating	9,026.96	10,520.00	9,985.96
Sound Kreations Residency	-	5,000.00	-
Vulnerable Readers Conference	3,077.20	8,500.00	-
First Aid	4,358.64	4,500.00	-
Reading Bags	4,069.97	4,300.00	-
Photocopier and Tack Board	1,410.88	1,200.00	18,140.00
Yearbook	-	500.00	136.90
School Council Expenses	160.20	1,250.00	-
ASCA AGM	-	2,000.00	741.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,410.60	83,920.00	88,699.90
NET INCOME	6,418.37	(33,920.00)	16,429.27
Opening Book Balance	33,422.76	33,422.76	16,993.49
Net Income	6,418.37	(33,920.00)	16,429.27
Closing Book Balance	39,841.13	(497.24)	33,422.76

- Diane Stevenson makes the motion to approve budget. Seconded by Frankie-Lou Nelligan

4. Teachers' Report Mrs. Svarish

- The character focus for January was patience. We saw patience in action as students and teachers alike s-l-o-w-l-y acclimatized back into the routines and structures of daily life at school after the break. Snow hills on the playground are a good place to practice patience as we try to ensure everyone is safe.
- Thank you to School Council for funding the African dance program we all enjoyed throughout the month of January. Our resident instructor was incredibly professional and talented. She kept the students moving, engaged and did not let them give up.
- Last week's Wellness Day was a huge success. The comments from staff, students and families have been very positive. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist with additional supervision, sharing a career or passion while leading a session or donating supplies and ingredients for smoothies. Many earned their barista badges that morning. Making and serving 600+ smoothies in 30min is no small feat. The call for warm bedding and clothing has been met with amazing generosity as well. There was a mountain of donations in the front hallway by the end of the week.

- **Curriculum Connections:**

Mrs. Svarich and her Green Club members are here to share some of the work they do to help reduce our environmental footprint and educate our students on the importance of recycling and it's impact on our environment.

5. Volunteer Coordinators

Sally Lockhart

Niki Ferby

- Add to volunteer list for next year the kindergarten orientation meeting. We will need approximately 8 volunteers.
- Mental Health day required 390 positions filled and 98% of that was filled and was very appreciated. Next time we will have a better idea of what is needed in terms of supplies for making smoothies. The volunteers worked extremely hard and efficiently to have all the smoothies out to kids in half an hour. Thank you!
- Teacher appreciation week is coming up at the beginning of April. A group will be needed to decide what we would like to do for the teachers this year.
- Family Dance is next week however, teachers generally do most of the volunteering.
- On the school website under the link, Parent Council, there is a link to volunteer opportunities.

6. Special Lunch Coordinator

Alex Martin

Michelle Hornung

- Michelle Hornung will be stepping down next year but there has been a replacement found, Tanis Bo will chair the committee and Alex Martin will support her in that role. Thank you to Michelle for all of her hard work.

7. Library Coordinator

Monica Webster

- Not much to report from the library thank you to all the volunteers for making my job so easy. You are generous with your time and the kids benefit from that. Thank you again.

8. Yearbook Committee

Brenda Renowden

- Please purchase your yearbook.
- There will be a table set-up at the family dance for parents to purchase their yearbook.
- Class reps will be asked to send out a reminder in May
- Still working on how best to retrieve the pictures the students are taking off their hard drives. Possible idea of having parents volunteer to upload photos.

9. French Immersion/CPF

Lori Champagne

- Representatives from CPF attended the kindergarten immersion information evening in December and an open house in January to answer questions and address concerns about immersion. We look forward to meeting the incoming kindergarten class and their parents.

10. Long-Term Planning Committee

Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- Developing a 3-5 year plan of projects and materials that council would like to purchase for EVE
- Plan will be reviewed each June
- Plan will identify areas, activities, and projects to support for the short-term, medium-term, and long-term
- A criteria has been set when choosing items to add to the project list. The criteria includes: relevance, representation of student learning, attainability, risk factors, what resources are required, does it fit into the guidelines that have been set by the school board?, financial viability and sustainability

11. FEEVESS report

Troy Millington

- \$20,000 is waiting to support the transforming of the library to a learning common area
- AGM is coming up
- Casino provides a large amount of money that will be used to support the long term planning committee plans.

12. Spirit of Caring

Chelsea Bowie

- A 50\$ Visa gift card has been purchased on behalf of the parent council for Mrs. Serfas, who is retiring. Mrs. Barrington has the card and gift certificate.

E. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

- New budget – Legislature goes in in March. No anticipation of what the budget may look like at this point.
- Rocky View budget number one priority is classroom and literacy and numeracy.
- Community consultation will be happening in Airdrie because of two new schools.
- Capital plan includes top priorities for new schools one change, new school in Airdrie k-8
- Board has been reviewing trustees policies. Safe and caring policies will be reviewed.
- Up coming issues, inclusive education framework, regulation of education Act, municipal government act is up for review, provincial bargaining, March 8th legislature is reconvening, and examine how best to help integrate new refugees and their families into the board.

- Excellence in teaching awards, please take the time to nominate a teacher.
- Renovations for EVE are starting to happen in the near future.

F. Other Business – ASCA

- Representative came in to work with the Long Term planning committee.
- ASCA role is to voice appropriate parental concerns so that school council has a voice that can be heard at the ASCA level.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

March 2nd, 2016 7:00 pm