

# ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

1:00 PM

## ATTENDANCE

KARIN HUNTER

BRANDI SCHROEDER

LINDSAY ADAMS

JUDI POOLE

TANNIS BO

VANESSA KELLY

MICHELLE ADAMS

NATALIE PENTNEY

FRANKIE-LOU NELLIGAN

KATIE MAYER

JEAN BANGLE

HERCULES OLIVAIER

CANDACE NUCCI

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## AGENDA

### A. Welcome

Karin Hunter

### B. Approval of Agenda

*\* Frankie-lou Nelligan makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Monica Webster*

### C. Approval of November 2016 Meeting Minutes

*\* Tannis Bo makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Michelle Adams*

### E. Council Reports

#### 1. Chair's Report

Karin Hunter /  
Brandi Schroeder

Karin Hunter

- Karin will be stepping down next year. We are looking for a new co-chair to fill her role, if you know of anyone that is interested please let her know
- Family dance is coming up and there will be a few changes this year
- LTSP committee will be at the front with a bulletin board of information for it's future planning
- DJ is open to having the song list approved – Brandi will take this on
- We are a legacy council who still has a council bank account. We are in the process of transitioning the money to a school account. It is a necessary step to modernizing our council
- If a classroom coordinator would like to do a group teacher gift we will continue to use the etransfer option as we do not want cash kept at school
- Springbank open house will be soliciting feedback in regards to their future planning. The meeting will take place on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the heritage club at 7:00 pm
- There will be a master recreation plan that will be put out to tender. They are looking for the strengths, weakness, and gaps. Which will guide future planning.
- We will have a presentation from BOKS kids, looking to gather information on level of interest from students and volunteers

#### 2. Principal's Report

Lindsay Adams/Judi Poole

Celebrations:

- FI Information Night – good attendance more participants than available chairs
- Advanced Registration – numbers looking very healthy, we are hoping to maintain our current class structure

- Family Literacy Day – Books from the Throne...school-wide read aloud entitled “Small Saul” read during our Live Stream of announcements on Friday. Beginning to build our school-wide understanding of the comprehension strategies used by proficient readers. Began with “Making Connections”. There is currently a bulletin board in the LC for the entire school to facilitate the conversation about making connections.
- Robotics – Kits reserved from central office for two weeks to field test in grade 4 classrooms. Looking to see how it was received by students and to determine how it could be incorporated into our teaching context.

### Looking Forward

- Grade Team Meetings – Teachers have been released over the last few days to work together on exploring the Rocky View Literacy and Numeracy framework. Deepening our understanding of effective approaches to literacy instruction and how we can incorporate the tenets put forth in the document within our context.
- Family Dance – February 8<sup>th</sup>. Baskets on display in the main foyer. Family movie night theme – including at home and out.
- Spring Break – Have a wonderful break!

### 3. Treasurer’s Report

Katie Mayer

- \$892 from special lunches
  - *Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures  
as of November 30, 2016*

	2016/17 Actuals	2016/17 Budget	2015/16 Actuals
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	4,410.77	15,000.00	18,111.32
Mathathon	15,241.25	20,000.00	23,844.25
Family Fun'raiser	-	10,000.00	14,140.00
Yearbook	1,414.55	-	1,719.68
FEEVESS	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Lions Club Grant	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Interest Income	12.53	-	25.95
<b>Total Revenue</b>	26,079.10	60,000.00	67,841.20

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Special Lunch Program</b>	-	-	1,452.87
<b>School Programs</b>			
Grade Teams	-	8,000.00	7,517.72
Robotics Training	-	5,000.00	-
<b>Committees</b>			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	1,000.00	775.26
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	180.12
<b>Bussing</b>			
Field Trips	-	9,000.00	6,257.56
Skating	-	2,000.00	1,097.28
Swimming	-	12,500.00	9,068.32
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
<b>Special Programs/Events</b>			
Special Programs	-	9,500.00	9,208.35
Special Day - Literacy Week	-	2,000.00	1,720.03
Sports Day - School	-	500.00	-
In-Line Skating	-	10,520.00	10,063.31
Sound Kreations Residency	-	5,000.00	4,777.74
Vulnerable Readers Conference	-	-	6,887.20
First Aid	-	-	4,358.64
Reading Bags	-	-	4,069.97
Sports Day - Council	-	500.00	553.58
Books for Learning Commons	-	3,500.00	-
Parent Workshops- Technology & Numeracy	-	1,500.00	-
Lions Club Funds	1,546.05	5,000.00	-
<b>Photocopier and Tack Board</b>	-	-	1,410.88
<b>Yearbook</b>	-	500.00	-
<b>School Council Expenses</b>	-	750.00	924.71
<b>ASCA AGM</b>	-	1,250.00	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	1,546.05	79,270.00	70,323.54

<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>24,533.05</b>	<b>(19,270.00)</b>	<b>(2,482.34)</b>
<b>Opening Book Balance</b>	30,940.42	30,940.42	33,422.76
<b>Net Income</b>	24,533.05	(19,270.00)	(2,482.34)
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	55,473.47	11,670.42	30,940.42

*\*Katie Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Monica Webster*

4. Teachers' Report Trish Cull

No report this month

5. Volunteer Coordinators Sally Lockhart/Michelle Adams

- We will be looking for volunteers for our teacher appreciation day. Please look for an email next week

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Tannis Bo

- Lunches have been very seamless
- Healthy Hunger has started partnering with fundraising vendors. Basically it works the same as the Fun Lunch where the vendor provides items to us for a cost and we can choose our mark up on the items. The parents would order it via the Healthy Hunger website. Currently they have Rocky Mountain Chocolates and Baba's Perogies. I am not sure how delivery / distribution would work, but I thought I would bring it forward so that Council is aware that it is a service that they offer.

7. Learning Commons Coordinator Monica Webster

- Thanks for all the hard work from the volunteers
- If you have any picture frames that you don't need any more please bring them into the learning commons or the office. Any size will would be greatly appreciated.

8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

- We have sold about 250 books to date. We are aiming for 276. We are further ahead than previous years, so paying through school cash online seems to be successful. All other items are progressing as scheduled.

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- CPF conducted a profitable fundraiser to support French activities in the Springbank schools. We have earmarked \$650 for Elbow Valley, to be disbursed for supplies or events as decided by the FI teachers.

10. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- Developing a strategy to approach parents at family dance
- Looking for some parents to champion some of the projects
- Looking for members to join
- Assessing the pilot projects from last year – indoor gardens and white boards
- Mathletics was set-up for the school
- Have done a lot of work on conversion of the library to a learning commons
- Master planning on the landscaping for the school which could include the wind shelter, outdoor garden etc.. LTSP committee will be a stakeholder in the planning.
- Playground resurfacing needs to happen in the next year it is approximately \$72,000. We are looking at alternatives such as pea gravel
- Looking at technology replacement plan

11. Vice Chair Sander Steer/  
Amanda Miles

- Looking for a date for the Good Guy and Girl Power workshops to see if there is interest from parents

12. FEEVES Monica Webster

- No report

13. Other – Bok Presentation

- BOKS promotes the powerful impact that physical activity has on a child's mind, body and community. The program prepares children for a day of learning by getting them to be physically active before their school day starts. BOKS was inspired by the book, *Spark*, by Dr. John Ratey of Harvard Medical School. Several studies establish that moderate to vigorous physical activity stimulates brain function and creates the physiological conditions for students to be ready to learn. "
- BOKS is coming to EVE Wednesday Morning, 755-840 am, Starting March 1
- Looking for kids to sign up for 12 weeks
- Need volunteers to cover a 1:10 ratio (TBD)
- Have 3 people confirmed, need a few more
- Discussion points - how many kids?
- Approval for \$50 for extra supplies

Fundscript

- Lots of different options
- 1-3 hrs per week of administration
- Best to set up would be through email
- Best option is probably supporter ordering with direct shipping(option 1).

- Then during peak season (Christmas) we could do a blast with option 2, administrator ordering with paper forms.

## F. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

- **Budget Priorities and Timelines**
  - The Board of Trustees at their January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin to develop budget priorities and review timelines in preparation for the provincial budget to be released sometime in March. From all accounts this will once again be a challenging budget with concerns about it being more directive with less flexibility and autonomy to meet local needs. One bit of good news we are hearing is that enrolment growth will meet local needs. One bit of good news we are hearing is that enrolment growth will at least be funded.
- **Administration of PAT and Diploma Exams**
  - A change to the administration of all future Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement tests is to introduce more flexibility. Beginning in the 2017/2018 school year Grade 6 and 9 PAT's will be administered to students during an administration window specified by Alberta Education rather than a pre-set single date and time for each exam. Jurisdiction will have the flexibility to schedule within that window. For the 2017/2018 school year the window is as follows:
    - Grade 9 (written responses) January 17-23, 2018
    - Grade 9 (multiple choice) January 24-31, 2018
    - Grade 6 & 9 (written response) May 7 – 11, 2018
    - Grade 6 & 9 (multiple choice) June 11 – 28, 2018
- **RVS Ward Boundary Review**
  - The board has reviewed feedback from our online survey and is now moving forward to determine what options must be considered. Due to unprecedented growth in Chestermere, Airdrie and Cochrane the dynamics in RVS has changed. More info on RVS website.
- **Alberta Electoral Boundary Review**
  - Boards have been asked to prepare a written submission or a present at one of the public hearings. This is to review the boundaries and the names of the 87 electoral constituencies in the province. The final report from the commission will be submitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly this fall.
- **Transportation Policy 17 Revised**
  - This policy came to the board on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> for second read. The Board believes that providing safe transportation of our students is a shared responsibility of the Board, bus contractors, parents and students. This work was to update and reaffirm the policy. Two guidelines that were no longer applicable were removed along with some minor working changes.
- **Alberta School Councils Association Conference**

- ASCA's yearly conference will be held in Edmonton at the end of April. ASCA provides council members with opportunities to network and to attend many PD opportunities. More info on ASCA's website.
- **Prime Minister's Awards (nomination deadline extended)**
  - This award is to honour amazing teachers or early childhood educators. This is a great opportunity to show a special teacher how much you appreciate what they do. Info can be found on the Prime Ministers Awards or RVS website
- **Provincial News**
  - Wildrose Education Critic – now Leela Aheer, formerly Mark Smith
  - Danielle Larivee is no longer Municipal Affairs Minister. Shaye Anderson has taken over. Boards have been working closely with Minister Larivee on the Municipal Government Act. We feel we have made some advances but are concerned about The City of Charter aspect, which could have serious impact on Board autonomy.
  - Education Act future still uncertain. School Act continues to be in place.
  - Provincial Budget to be released in March.
- **Saskatchewan Governance Report**
  - Once again trusteeship is in the news as in an effort to reduce costs the Sask government is considering the following: Amalgamation of boards under 500 students, amalgamation of boards new large urban centres, appointed trustees or possibly a central or regional model similar to Alberta's.
- On a personal note I would like to inform you that I have stepped back from my provincial duties. That being said I will continue to work within my community and with RVS as your trustee
- Thank you for all of your support and thanks for all that you do for our schools and students
- As always you can contact me at 403-949-3428 or hclease@rockyview.ab.ca

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting Date:**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, 7:00PM**

