

*École Elbow Valley School Council Meeting*

**February 12, 2019, 1PM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Tina Andiel Carlson

Katie Mayer

Amal Jomaa

Arlene Abboud

Shelley Lambie

Tammy Hangs

Tricia Mailloux

Stephanie Rosenbaum

Hercules Olivier

Lindsay Adams

Pauline Hull

Jessica Eren

**AGENDA**

**A. Welcome**

**Tina Andiel Carlson / Naomi Shumka**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda**

*Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Katie Mayer. Motion carried.*

**C. Approval of October 2018 Meeting Minutes**

*Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Seconded by Stephanie Rosenbaum. Motion carried.*

**D. School Trustee Report**

**Judi Hunter**

The following is a link to an excellent commentary on the professionalization of youth sports. If you are like me – you are living this.

<https://changingthegameproject.com/the-professionalization-of-youth-sports/>

I had the opportunity to attend the Gaming Addiction Workshop sponsored by the Sinneave Foundation. The presenter Cameron Adair was at one time addicted to computer games, so he had lots of insight. I have sent those notes separately.

I recently attended the Alberta School Boards Association Winter Leadership conference. One of the sessions I attended was an update on the state of First Nations, Metis and Inuit educational implementations. In their presentation, a number of findings were given re: the status of implementation of various FNMI initiatives, which while the numbers are still low across the province, initiatives are improving.

The following are the recommendations for implementation in Board policy statements:

- one Indigenous Trustee on every Board
- hiring of Indigenous staff to fill Indigenous roles.
- providing Indigenous language courses
- funding Indigenous programs in addition to FMNI funding
- allowing for Indigenous ceremonies in schools eg. Smudging

- creation of an Indigenous Standing Committee
- providing FMNI professional development for teachers
- development of FNMI resources
- development of strategies for FMNI success

The Board has adopted the following Land Acknowledgement statement

“Rocky View Schools acknowledges and recognizes all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honor the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples and all Peoples, for future generations.”

The following IMR (**Maintenance and Renovation**) **Projects** affecting Ward 5 schools were approved January 24, 2019:

Bragg Creek - feasibility of constructing a waste water force main from the school to the Hamlet of Bragg Creek

Springbank Middle – makeup air #2 replacement – portable end; learning commons upgrade

Elbow Valley – make up air mechanical and boilers (engineering only)

Springbank High -heat pumps and cooling tower upgrade

In anticipation of the upcoming Provincial Election, the Board of Trustees has created an “questions to ask candidates about school issues” pamphlet. It will be available at your school’s front desk or at a School Council meeting once the writ is dropped.

There is lots of excitement around the **4 YR plan**. Broad stakeholder feedback has been solicited: students, parents, business people, teachers and educational researchers. The Plan should be completed in March of this year. Great student input through project-based learning activities, as well as a focus on foundational skills form the basis of the plan. You can access the plan on the Rock View website as well as provide your input.

The Board is contemplating opening another unique learning opportunity called “The Farm”. A local farmer is donating land for the project and many local businesses have stepped up to help plan. More details to come.

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## **E. Council Reports**

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### **1. Principal’s Report**

**Lindsay Adams**

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Community

- Student-Led Conferences February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The dates for report cards and staff appreciation will remain as they are. There will also be a book fair during the student led conferences.
- Springbank Hockey video distributed - please support by viewing.

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- Inclement Weather – please see the link on RVS website. The decision to close a school is not school-based. Picking up kids in the gym in order to protect them from the elements. Communication from the school to be clearer next time.

### Student Events

- French Culture Week – huge success! Thank you to CPF (Bonhomme costume) & School Council for their support with special presentations (Foklofolie)!

### Professional Learning

- Ron Clark Academy visit by some of the staff in December was life changing.
- Me to We Foundation Training for Grade 4 teachers and to be implemented in classrooms with the intention of improving mental health through reciprocal arrangements (i.e., you do good, you feel good).
- A huge celebration of work!

### Miscellaneous

- Literacy Day – February 28 - Harry Potter Theme!
- Commemorative Mural to recognize the students who were here during the modernization. (\$10.00/student). Each student to receive small square made from clay. Photographer to take photos of each students' block and the entire mural as a keepsake.
- Attendance campaign is ongoing. Any absences for any reason beyond 10% impact learning and social involvement of kids.
- Any cheques from school council funds need to be planned at least a month in advance as cheques now come from the division.

**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.

<i>Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council</i>			
<i>Statement of Revenue and Expenditures</i>			
<i>as of January 31, 2019</i>			
	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	7,694.20	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
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>25,777.28</b>	<b>46,250.00</b>	<b>49,779.25</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>School Programs</b>			
Grade Teams	1,988.14	10,000.00	8,343.66
Robotics Training	-	2,000.00	-
Robotics	-	5,000.00	15,000.00
Math Residency	-	18,000.00	-
<b>Committees</b>			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	500.00	1,342.32
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	-
<b>Bussing/Field Trips</b>			
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
<b>Special Programs/Events</b>			
Special Programs	5,075.31	10,000.00	9,003.94
Special Day	140.33	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
<b>School Council Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>73.36</b>
<b>ASCA AGM</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>1,118.56</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>20,839.04</b>	<b>81,500.00</b>	<b>62,260.91</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>4,938.24</b>	<b>(35,250.00)</b>	<b>(12,481.66)</b>
<b>Opening Book Balance</b>	<b>17,739.34</b>	<b>17,739.34</b>	<b>30,221.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,938.24</b>	<b>(35,250.00)</b>	<b>(12,481.66)</b>
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	<b>22,677.58</b>	<b>(17,510.66)</b>	<b>17,739.34</b>

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

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**3. Teacher's Report**

**Shelley Lambie**

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There was a presentation/dance from French Culture week from one of the classes. The ice blocks were also a significant amount of fun for the kids to use outside!

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**4. Volunteer Committee's Report**

**Amal Jomaa/Arlene Abboud**

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There are 5 more volunteers needed for Book Fair, so everyone is encouraged to sign up via the Sign Up Genius.

It was difficult to secure volunteers for the site word activity. It was suggested that we consider a school campaign highlighting the importance of volunteers to the success of various school activities. It was suggested that the volunteer committee use the room mom volunteers to try to get more volunteers for the school activities. Jessica and Amal will further discuss how to do this.

Staff appreciation for March will require volunteers.

April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Paul Davis session for parents, save the date. More details on tickets will be provided once available.

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**5. Special Lunch Coordinator**

**Tannis Bo**

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The Lunch Lady is now on the Healthy Hunger platform and will follow the same order restrictions as all the other Healthy Hunger lunches. This means all orders can be made, changed or cancelled up to five days prior to the lunch. With the cold weather and bus cancellation we had a few hiccups the first week but I am optimistic things will go smoother this week. Because the lunch is entered into Healthy Hunger by School Council we are able to set the profit on the menu items and the Lunch Lady will now be included as a fundraiser lunch and we will make a similar per menu item profit as Subway and Mucho Burrito.

Thanks to all who have volunteered for helping with the Pizza lunches. Pizza days continue to be our most popular and profitable offering.

Next year will be Tannos' last year at Elbow Valley and she is 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 Tannis know. I can be reached at [evespeciallunches@gmail.com](mailto:evespeciallunches@gmail.com).

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**6. Library**

**Jill Johnson**

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Everything going well in library, Wendy getting enough help with shelving books to be under control which is great. We have the next Scholastics Fair the week after Family break, set up will be the 25th Feb with sales 26-28th Feb and take down 1st March. As it has been moved into February from the normal March dates we actually get an extra bonus on all sales giving us increased revenue for the library. Sign-Up Genius has been sent round and we are hoping to have all the volunteer spots filled to help Wendy. The evening spots are always the hardest to fill but the busiest with sales so please encourage people to sign up for this.

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**7. Yearbook Committee**

**Lee-Ann Tai**

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So far we have sold nearly 200 yearbooks. Our goal is to sell 350. If you haven't already, log into school cash online and purchase yours now. They will be available until May 31, 2019. Lindsay will remind everyone to purchase Yearbooks via School Cash online in the next VLOG.

If you have any pictures that you would like to share, please email them to [elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com). We are always happy to receive photos and thank you to those of you who have shared some already.

We are still looking for someone to take over yearbook next year. The program is very simple to use and photos can be taken on your phone. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please let us know. If we are unable to recruit anyone, there will be no yearbook moving forward.

Tina will post signs for school council positions required for next year.

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**8. French Immersion / CPF**

**Stephanie Rosenbaum**

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Stephanie advised that CPF has donated \$600 to the middle and high school. Stephanie also brought a tool called "French Keys" which is a very helpful tool for kids who are in French immersion. If anyone is interested in purchasing this tool, please reach out to Stephanie.

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**9. Grant Writers**

**Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross**

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There is no report from the Grant Writers this month.

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**10. Spirit of Caring**

**Pauline Hall**

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There is no report from the Spirit of Caring this month.

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**F. FEEVES Report**

**Chris Kelly**

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There is no report from FEEVES this month.

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**G. Other / Open Floor**

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- More information was requested by parents on the key indicators that a child is ready for kindergarten. This will be incorporated more specifically into the registration process.
- Lost and found will be taken to a charity after the student led conferences in February. Everyone is encouraged to check through the lost and found if your child is missing anything.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> will be pink shirt day to support anti-bullying. This was included in the monthly newsletter and will also be covered in the weekly VLOG.
- Pauline provided a summary on reports and data to support the importance of seatbelts on school busses. School council and administration are encouraged to continue to lobby Rockyview administration and Alberta Transportation for introducing legislation for seatbelts on school busses.

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting Date: March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**