

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

June 7th, 2017

1:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

BRANDI SCHROEDER

LINDSAY ADAMS

JUDI POOLE

TANNIS BO

MICHELLE ADAMS

MONICA WEBSTER

KATIE MAYER

JANICE HEPNER

LORI CHAMPAGNE

HELEN CLEASE

CHRIS KELLY

ARLENE ABOUT

AMAL JOMAA

KIRSTEN HUNTER

LEE ANN TAI

AMANDA MILES

SARINE MUSTAPHA

KIM AGNEW

GUESTS: DARRELL LONSBERRY, LYNETTE LEPAN-SMITH

AGENDA

A. Welcome

Michelle Adams

B. Approval of Agenda

Katie Mayer makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Amanda Miles

C. Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes: Frankie Lou 2nd Katie Mayer

Frankie-Lou Nelligan makes the motion to approve May 2017 minutes. Seconded by Katie Mayer

D. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report Michelle Adams and Brandi Schroeder

- Grade 4s: Goodluck & goodbye!
- Thanks to Kirsten for organizing the hot dog lunch! Will need about 4 volunteers...Amal and Arlene will be helping to organize
- Thanks to Frankie-Lou for organizing LT Planning - indoor gardens and whiteboard walls, survey, etc!
- Thanks to Sally, who has done an amazing job and Amal and Arlene who have taken that on!
- Thanks to Brenda for her great work on yearbook along with Chris Kelly and Lee-Ann Tai for running with this rewarding task!
- Thanks to all incoming executive for your enthusiasm!
- Thanks to Karin Hunter for her work as Chair over past two years.

SMS Report (Darrell Lonsberry and Lynette Lapan-Smith)

- Grade 4 transition: see SMS website for more information
- Parent orientation Aug 28 at 1PM - students will lead tours and administration will host information sessions
- 1st Day of School - Parents welcome to join students in the gym to hear classroom assignments
- Please do not purchase locks as the school will provide them
- Students will need a change of clothes for gym (school does provide gym strip for purchase for interested parents)
- There will be a focus on literacy for the upcoming year

2. Principal's Report Lindsay Adams/Judi Poole

- Professional Learning – how we're making strides with our practice to improve the educational experience for all EV learners

- School-Based PL Day May 19th. Focused on moving forward and what we would like for PL next year. Discussed what went well this year and what we would like to improve for next year.
- Looked at a new school logo
- Reviewed School Education Plan and priorities for next year (copies available for review)
- Community
 - Music Fest was a huge success!! Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with ticket sales and at the Jubilee
 - Volunteer Tea tomorrow at 1:00 – please join us!
 - Hot Dog Lunch and Tug of War June 23rd.
 - Met with our new Volunteer Coordinators – a huge thank you to Arlene and Amal for taking on this very important role!!
- Transition of the Learning Commons
 - Quote for Scholastic came in at \$55000. Currently deciding if we will move forward with the entire order. Have placed the French orders from Editions Passe-temps and Archambault.
 - Quote has arrived from CDI – would like to move forward beginning of next year when EV is in it's priority year with the division.
 - Will be working on putting together a price for the Maker Space next
- Thank you to Executive members and outgoing members (Sally and Karin)

3. Treasurer's Report Katie Mayer

Swimming busing is under budget by approx. 50%. By year end we should have \$35K in bank. Will aim for \$10K carry over in council with remainder spent on books.

Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

as of May 31, 2017

	2016/17	2016/17	2015/16
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	13,014.13	15,000.00	18,111.32
Mathathon	23,071.25	20,000.00	23,844.25
Family Fun'raiser	12,986.00	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	23.20	-	25.95
Teacher Appreciation	176.00		
Total Revenue	55,509.13	60,000.00	67,841.20
EXPENDITURES			
Special Lunch Program	-	-	1,452.87
School Programs			
Grade Teams	7,208.70	8,000.00	7,517.72
Robotics Training	-	5,000.00	-
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	108.59	1,000.00	775.26
Spirit of Caring	198.23	250.00	180.12
Bussing			
Field Trips	2,821.95	9,000.00	6,257.56
Skating	1,097.28	2,000.00	1,097.28
Swimming	-	12,500.00	9,068.32
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	8,906.10	9,500.00	9,208.35
Special Day - Literacy Week	1,556.49	2,000.00	1,720.03
In-Line Skating	8,991.57	10,520.00	10,063.31
Sound Kreations Residency	4,720.34	5,000.00	4,777.74
Vulnerable Readers Conference	-	-	6,887.20
First Aid	-	-	4,358.64
Reading Bags	-	-	4,069.97
Sports Day	-	500.00	553.58
Books for Learning Commons	-	3,500.00	-
Parent Workshops- Technology & Numeracy	-	1,500.00	-
Lions Club Funds	4,361.43	5,000.00	-
Photocopier and Tack Board	-	-	1,410.88
Yearbook	-	500.00	-
School Council Expenses	-	750.00	924.71
ASCA AGM	-	1,250.00	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	39,970.68	39,750.00	43,543.54
NET INCOME	15,538.45	(18,770.00)	(2,482.34)

*Katie Mayer makes a motion to reallocate funds for books. Seconded by Monica Webster.
Katie Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Monica Webster.*

4. Teachers' Report Trish Cull

- This is field trip season. Although we thank school council throughout the year for supporting these exciting opportunities to experience curriculum in real life context. Field trips are supported by you, the parents, through funding as well as volunteering and we are very grateful!
- The Kindergarten classes will be going to the Science Center tomorrow. Grade 1-4 classes are swimming this month. The grade ones visited Harmony to learn about building a community and will be going to Bow Valley Provincial Park to culminate their science unit on birds and nature. The grade two classes have several in school field trips planned this month. These activities enhance a variety of curriculum connections related to science. The grade threes have been to the zoo. Our grade four students have lots to look forward to. The friendly helpers are rewarded for their leadership efforts with a trip Lloyd's Roller Rink. They will also go to Calaway Park for a well deserved day of fun and are preparing for the much anticipated hot dog lunch and tug-of-war where they will attempt to take on team teachers!
- When we reflect on the year and consider all that school council and Friends of Elbow Valley have made happen for our students, we are especially grateful. We hope that you are all planning to join us tomorrow for the Volunteer Tea at 1pm. The students have been practicing a few new numbers to wow you.

5. Volunteer Committee Amal Jomaa/Arlene Abboud

- Grade 1 lunch volunteers September 2017
In the June newsletter we asked parents to email us if they are interested in helping in there children's classroom.
- Looking for volunteers for the whole month
We will send out a sign up genius on September 1 - same day that classes are revealed at meet the teacher
- Coffee and Kleenex Sept 2017
First 2 days of school
In music room?
Distribute Volunteer form- do we have one?
Try and get people to come to volunteer workshop - make invitations?
- Volunteer workshop September 2017
Get all class reps there
- Review responsibilities
- Rest of volunteers
- Review essentials from handbook
Distribute Calendar for the year
- We are looking for volunteers for several 2017-2018 events
Ex. mathathon, picture day, teacher appreciation week etc

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Tannis Bo

- Thanks to all the Pizza lunch volunteers. We have had a successful year and couldn't have done it without the help of our volunteers.
- The budgeted revenue from the Special Lunches was \$15,000 this year and we are projecting to come in around \$14,500 (\$10,000 from Pizza and \$4,500 from Subway).
- I am looking forward to next year with 14 Little Caesar lunches, 14 Subway lunches and 5 Mucho Burrito lunches. Those who wish to volunteer for Pizza lunch can fill out the form they will receive in September with their email address and I will send out a Signup Genius link to all those interested mid-September.

Hot Dog Lunch Kirsten Hunter

- We will be hosting it on Friday, June 23rd
- Calaway Park is donating the Hot Dogs
- Ms. Poole has made arrangements for the buns
- The local Lions Club will cooking the Hot Dogs this year
- Amal & Arlene will be sending out a SignUp Genius requesting 4 volunteers on the day of to help package and distribute the hot dogs

7. Learning Commons Coordinator Monica Webster

- Library books all should be handed in by June 16, no more books are going out after that. Everything is going great! Miss Bailey has a few projects in the works to make shelving easier for the volunteers. Thanks to all who helped out during this exciting year in the learning commons!

8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

- Only 3 pages left to do in the yearbook. Determining best way to distribute.

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- No report this month
- Need more volunteers for the board, meeting in the first week of June, Lori will update the website with that date

10. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- 4 classrooms have indoor gardens. Interest in expanding nano-domes to all grade 1 classes.
- Whiteboard walls have been purchased for 4 classrooms. We really need people for FEEVES to help maintain the casino.

11. Vice Chair Sander Steer/
Amanda Miles

- Nothing to report

12. FEEVES Monica Webster

- Casino will be held Nov 7-8, 2017 at Elbow River Casino. Signup will go out in Sept, and a notice was in the June newsletter.
- New directors for the committee are needed. This is my last year (last casino), Sander and Vanessa are both out of bounds and so will be moving schools now or before the next casino. So that leaves No One to move forward in FEEVESS. As far as I know Mark is staying on as treasurer but he is not involved in the casino organization, he has enough to do with the accounts. SO if the school council would like to continue to receive 60-70k each 18-24 months, some people will need to volunteer to take over. It would be a good idea for those interested to get involved now so they can see this casino and how it is set up. It's honestly not hard, a few months of low level work, then a couple weeks of more work getting all the volunteers. Paperwork and everything is overseen by a casino advisor, there is plenty of help right at your fingertips, it's not hard.
- Contact Monica Webster with any questions
- I know the middle school society is also desperate for directors as well.

Other

Tannis Bo makes a motion to approve the new bylaws. Seconded by Chris Kelly. Carried

F. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

2017 School Board Elections reminder

Elections to be held on Monday, October 16. Nomination day is 4 weeks prior to election day which will be Monday, Sept. 18. More information is available on the ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association) website.

The new RVS ward boundaries will come into effect then.

RVS Budget

The Board approved the 2017/18 RVS budget on June 1.

The total budget is about 264 million dollars to serve the needs of 23,754 students- increase of 1040 students.

The breakdown of the budget is as follows:

77.2% for instruction, 13.7 % for plant operation and maintainance, 6.09% for transportation, 2.98% to governance and administration.

The budget will enable the hire of 38 new teachers. \$575,000 has been added to enhance inclusive education funding.

Full budget details on RVS website under publications.

RVS Transportation Fees

Although we are still awaiting approval from the minister as the government reviews all fees increases, whether they decide to cover all fees, due to deficits in our transportation budget RVS had to move forward with setting bus fees or look at reducing services.

Bill 1 – An Act to Reduce School Fees will cover transportation fees for those students who live more than 2.4 km from their designated school.

Due to about a million dollar transportation deficit the board reluctantly moved to increase fees for riders not covered under Bill 1. These riders live less than 2.4 km from their

designated school or attend a program of choice at a non- designated school.

The fee increase will range from \$95 to \$105.

Student Transportation Fees are as follows

Applicable Students

Family Maximum

a) Transportation fee for resident students living less than 2.4 kilometres (as determined by Government of Alberta approved software) from their designated school

Per student	\$325	Per family	\$650
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b) Transportation fee for resident students transported to a school other than their designated school

Per student	\$325	Per family	\$650
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c) Transportation fee for students shuttled between Springbank Middle School and Springbank High School

Per student	\$325	Per family	N/A
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d) Transportation fee for non-resident students accessing a school bus within the boundary of Rocky View Schools and attending either Beiseker, Kathyrn, Westbrook, Indus, Crossfield Elementary or W.G. Murdoch schools

Per student	\$325	Per family	\$650
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e) Transportation fee for non-resident students

Excepting those students outlined in point (d) above: 0

- i) Non-resident students accessing a school bus within RVS boundary - \$450
- ii) Non-resident students accessing a school bus outside RVS boundary - \$1000

Instructional fees refund

As per Bill 1 school board can no longer charge instructional resource fees. Based on that information RVS will be reimbursing the \$25 Kindergarten fee collection during advance registration in January. The regulations for instructional fees will be released in June. No formal invoices will be issued for the 2017/18 school year until approved by the Minister.

School Playground grants

A new provincial program to help construct playgrounds has been announced. \$250,000 will be available to all new schools announced between 2014 and 2018 that have K-6 programs. Among the 50 schools announced during that time frame RVS has 3 that are eligible – Windsong Heights, Fireside School and the new school in Hillcrest in Airdrie.

Updates to EEVE building

Between February – June 2018 the following changes will be made to EEVE:

- Inviting entrance – making some changes, in coordination with the school and council, to the front entrance, landscaping; removing a wall to open up front foyer; front desk right when you enter building.
- Security – set of doors added at end of administration area; front office staff right as you enter the building.
- Community Use – two extra sets of doors are added to allow the school to be “locked off” in the evenings; foyer will be more inviting.
- Functionality – more accessible meeting rooms; larger work spaces; ‘sick room’ more visual to front office staff.

Rockyview West Recreation Master Plan

Another reminder the Rockyview West Recreation Board is developing a Recreation Master Plan Survey is open until June 23.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work in support of your school. Thanks to Lindsay Adams and all the staff. Special thanks to Judi Poole for her contribution to EEVE. We will miss her.

I would also like to officially welcome Kim Agnew who is joining the EEVE team as AP. Have a safe and happy summer.

For further information or questions contact

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New school fees rules make life more affordable

June 06, 2017 Media inquiries

The province is easing the burden on parents by eliminating instructional and bus charges for tens of thousands of students and requiring approval for other increases.

The new *School Fees and Costs Regulation* and the *School Transportation Regulation* remove the ability of school boards to charge for textbooks, workbooks, printing, photocopying and paper as well as bus fees for students living 2.4 kilometres or more from their designated school.

Busing fees have also been eliminated for special-needs students and kindergarten students travelling home over the noon hour. Students who live 2.4 kilometres or more from their designated school and take municipal transit will only pay the difference between provincial transportation funding and the cost of a municipal transit pass.

In addition, ministerial approval is now required for fees increasing by more than five per cent year-over-year.

“Our government is reducing school fees as we work to protect and improve education and make life better for Alberta families. These fees have gone unregulated for too long and

most significant increases will now require my review and approval. We will continue to work with parents, school boards and other education partners to make even further reductions to fees in the years ahead.”

David Eggen, Minister of Education

School boards are responsible for setting school fees within the five per cent limit. Items like school bell times and professional development days are also at the sole discretion of individual school boards.

The new *School Fees and Costs Regulation and the School Transportation Regulation* were signed into law on June 5, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

September 13th 2017, 7:00PM

