

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

January 17th, 2018

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

BRANDI SCHROEDER

MICHELLE ADAMS

LINDSAY ADAMS

KATIE MAYER

ARLENE ABBOUD

TANNIS BO

AMAL JOMAA

LEE-ANN TAI

KIM AGNEW

NATALIE PENTNEY

JASON HENDRICK

AGENDA

A. Welcome

Michelle Adams/Brandi Schroeder

B. Approval of Agenda

Tannis Bo makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Katie Mayer

C. Approval of December 2017 Meeting Minutes

Michelle Adams makes the motion to approve the December 2017 minutes. Seconded by Katie Mayer

D. School Trustee Report

Judi Hunter

- Happy New Year to All!
- I had the wonderful privilege of attending Christmas concerts at Bearspaw School, Banded Peak School, Westbrook School and the “Alice in Wonderland” production at Springbank High School. The talent in our schools is amazing. Music and arts programs are vital and alive in West Rocky View Schools.
- 2018 promises to be a very busy year, with many issues that require some resolution.
- The first and most important is the current and projected deficit in transportation funding. This year the deficit is \$500 000. Next year is projected to be \$1 000 000.00. The Board will be soliciting public input into this process. There will be three open houses, one in each of Cochrane, Airdrie and Chestermere. As well all Trustees will be presenting to school council for feedback vis-à-vis the projected deficit in transportation funding. The Board will be presenting several cost-saving initiatives for feedback from parents.
- The Board already uses a number of cost-saving initiatives such as routing software, student tracking, joint use buses with separate school system, electronic payment services.
- The Teachers’ Contract Agreement is ending and negotiations have begun.
- The Board will be looking at funding equity across the grade level divisions.
- In late December, Rocky View School Board Centre had a major leak, requiring moving of departments in order to allow clean-up and repairs. The cost and insurance coverage has yet to be determined.
- The Province will be conducting random phone calls to parents seeking direct feedback on satisfaction on a number of 2tem sas part of the province’s effort to ensure quality education for students.
- As in previous years, the Ministry of Education will be conducting its annual stakeholder satisfaction telephone surveys to collect public and other stakeholder perceptions of Alberta’s education system.
- The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers, principals, superintendents and school board trustees in the province. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000, ensuring that survey results for each of the 10 respondent groups are statistically

representative. The survey responses are completely confidential, and only aggregate data will be reported.

- In addition to telephone surveys, this year Alberta Education is piloting online surveys of teachers and the public using the same survey instruments. This is being done to examine alternatives to the existing telephone survey methodology.
- The purpose of the surveys is to determine stakeholders' satisfaction with:
- The overall quality of the education system;
- The education system meeting the needs of students and supporting our society/economy;
- Schools providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment for students
- Preparation of students for lifelong learning, employment and active citizenship;
- The education system having effective working relationships with partners and stakeholders;
- Leadership and continuous improvement of the education system;
- Knowledge, skills, abilities and other related attributes of recent high school graduates; and
- Facilities and equipment in the education system.
- Your participation is important, as it provides valuable information to help the ministry identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, thus helping provide a more effective and accountable education system. Some survey results are also used in specific business plan performance measures and will be reported in the ministry's 2017/18 annual report.
- **Mechanics Training Centre/Cam Clark Ford Partnership** Program is run by a licensed mechanic. School operated out of Cam Clark Ford and consists of 4 bays 3 hoists does a variety of mechanical work. Appointments booked through the school. Small business that is run through the teachers. Work is done to accommodate student learning. Anyone can book, more complex jobs are done elsewhere. Stephen Teasdale, is the Teacher/Licensed Mechanic, Melanie Gilliland provides Administrative Support
- Safety is a critical issue, shop safety, including use of tools and hoists. Student take a used vehicle and disassemble it in order to understanding components and their interaction. They also disassemble the motor.
- The school offers free vehicle inspections, contact and informs customers. The program intention is to create opportunities for students. Students learn to appraise vehicle values. In surface preparation projects, students repair dents, sand, prime, paint and design. The program uses Alberta Education Programs for student enrollment, for tracking, and theory instruction. The program uses video and audio supplements to accommodate learning styles.
- Mechanics 30 has specialized independent projects. An example was a motorcycle that needed to be rebuilt. Students had to source parts, and initiate all repairs.
- Mechanics 30 students can work independently and focus on their individual learning needs. They do one independent vehicle assembly and disassembly. Wheel alignments and alternative fuel systems are part of this program
- After graduation, students can enroll in a mechanics apprenticeship program. Thank you to Cam Clark Ford for their willingness to engage in this partnership.
- Grade 10, 11 and 12 students from four Airdrie-based high schools (Bert Church, George McDougall, W.H. Croxford and the RVS Community Learning Centre) currently attend the program. **January 24 is open house from Noon to 8 pm**
- The Board will be involved in school tours during the months of January to March. These tours will be enormously helpful in preparing our budget priorities for next year.

- There are two school openings planning for January 31, Windsong in Airdrie and Fireside in Cochrane
The Board will be meeting with Education Minister the Honorable David Eggen on February 1st who will be attending the Grand Openings of Windsong and Fireside schools.

E. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report Michelle Adams & Brandi Schroeder

- We have a replacement for our Learning Commons Coordinator Jill Johnson
- School council is looking for a new secretary, co-chairs, vice chair, and FEEVES (2 people) for our school council next year. Also if there is anyone who would like to take over the special lunch program.
- If you know someone who would like to take on these position please let us know ASAP

2. Administration Report Lindsay Adams

- **Professional Learning**
- OT coming to work with staff and model ways in which teachers can provide universal services in the classroom (January 18th and 25th)
- Rocky View Literacy Specialists will be at the school working with all teacher on how to use the new Rocky View reading assessment.
- Met with all grade teams over the course of this week regarding the Parent Portal. We will be opening Math second term and Literacy third term.
- Parent Information Night? (March seems to work best)

- **Community**

- Advanced Registration began this week – steady enrollment.
- Alberta Education Accountability Pillar opened January 16th. Email went home to all families today. Should be receiving it in the mail. Please take the time to complete the survey.
- Kindergarten Tours (Monday January 22nd at 9:30AM and Thursday January 25th at 1:00PM)
- Meeting with Colette Winter re: renovation (Thursday, January 25th)
- Week of January 29th – Feb 2nd is French Culture Week many events planned including: Opening Assembly, Folklofolie, Cabane a Sucre)
- Thanks to CPF for helping to rent a costume of Bonhomme Carnaval!!

- **Transformation of the Learning Commons**

- Waiting to hear back from central office.

3. Treasurer's Report Katie Mayer

Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council				
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures				
as of December 31, 2017				
	2017/18 Actuals	2017/18 Budget		2016/17 Actuals
REVENUE				
Special Lunch Program – rebate	5,600.44	15,000		15,270.13
Mathathon	12,734	20,000	-7,266	23,071.25
Family Fun'raiser	0	10,000	-10,000	12,986
Yearbook	0	1,000		1,414.55
FEEVESS	13,348.26	70,000		
Lions Club Grant	0	0		5,000
Mabels Labels	200.4	250	-49.6	
Teacher Appreciation	0	100		176
Total Revenue	31,883.1	116,350	-17,315.6	57,765.13
EXPENDITURES				
School Programs				
Grade Teams	1,743.7	10,000	-8,256.3	7,805.43
Robotics Training	0	5,000		0
Robotics		15,000		
Committees				
Volunteer Coordinator	1,342.32	2,676	-1,333.68	108.59
Spirit of Caring	0	250	-250	198.23
Bussing/Field Trips				
Financial Assistance	0	1,000		0
Special Programs/Events				
Special Programs	4,035.34	10,000	-5,964.66	9,920.5
Special Day	0	2,000	-2,000	1,556.49
In-Line Skating	9,820.58	14,000	-4,179.42	10,123.47
Sound Kreations Residency	4,622.8	5,000	-377.2	4,720.34
First Aid	0	500		0
Sports Day	0	500		416.69
Books	0	10,000		6,130.91
Parent Workshops	0	1,500		0
Lions Club Funds	641.16	638.57		4,361.43
Playground Resurfacing	0	35,000		
FEEVESS	3,462.25			
Yearbook	0	500		0
School Council Expenses	23.36	500	-476.64	114.56
ASCA AGM	0	1,250		0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,691.51	115,314.57	-22,837.9	59,937.42
NET INCOME	6,191.59	1,035.43		-2,172.29
Opening Book Balance	30,221	30,221		32,393.29
Net Income	6,191.59	1,035.43		-2,172.29
Closing Book Balance	36,412.59	31,256.43		30,221

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Katie_Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Natalie Pentney

4. Teachers' Report

Trish Cull

- Did your child tell you about his/her Hour of Code activity in December?
- Hour of Code began as a way to celebrate computer science by encouraging anyone and everyone to participate in a 1-hour introductory activity in hopes of proving that anyone can learn the basics of the language of "coding." It has now become a worldwide event usually held during Computer Science Education Week in December.

- Before the Christmas break, ALL our classes, including the kindergarten students, participated in an Hour of Code activity. Groups chose from 9 different activity options from Dragon Dash to Star Wars: Building a Galaxy with Code. Our flexible learning areas in the Maker Space room and Learning Commons allowed classes to partner with older or younger students for the event. These one hour challenges are just the beginning. We are looking forward to making use of our robotics and Lego We Do kits to create many more opportunities to participate in innovative and collaborative ways with each other.
- If you haven't already heard about it, be sure to ask your child about his or her Hour of Code.

5. Volunteer Coordinators Report Amal Jomaa & Arlene Abboud

- Staff appreciation week is coming up. We didn't get any volunteers to coordinate the event so we are running it. Here is the summary of events:
 - Monday Feb 12 – We will be provided coffee and baked treats in the morning
 - Tuesday Feb 13 – Each classroom will make a poster for their teacher
 - Wednesday Feb 14 – Students are encouraged to bring flowers for their teacher
 - Thursday Feb 15 – Parents will be hosting a staff luncheon with supervision
 - Friday Feb 16— We will need volunteers to cover indoor and outdoor supervision
- Signup Genius will be going out this week

6. Vice-Chair Report Tannis Bo

- Parent math night will be on January 24th.
- *Tannis Bo makes a motion to purchase an Indigo gift card for \$50 for the Math evening presenter. Motion carried.*
- The Parent Summit which will be a conference style day of presenters is being planned for April. Look for a survey coming out next week regarding the topics offered.
- The Community Education Services provides free sessions on child and youth emotional wellness and health topics. Check out the link on the School Council page on the Elbow Valley Elementary website for more information on these sessions.

7. Special Lunch Coordinator Tannis Bo

- Thanks to all of the volunteers at the pizza lunch. After last meeting I checked and Mucho Burrito only offers the kid's sized quesadillas. If we decide to use them next year, I will ask if it is possible to add a full sized one to their offering for us.

8. Yearbook Committee Lee Ann Tai & Chris Kelly

- 2017/18 yearbooks are on sale through School Cash Online for \$25. They will be available until May 31, 2018. Our goal is to sell 350.

- We are always looking for photos for the yearbook so if you've taken photos of your child and/or their class at school, please consider sending them to the yearbook committee at elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com. You can also upload them directly to the Lifetouch site by going to community.lifetouch.com and using the following Community Image Upload Site Access Code: SOVGQW. Thank you to those who have already shared their photos!
- The yearbook cover contest will be coming in February, so watch for details in the February newsletter.

9. French Immersion/CPF

Stephanie Rosenbaum

- French Immersion Information night went very well and we now have a new banner for these functions.
- French Culture week will be the last week of January and CPF has been in touch with Lindsay Adams regarding how we can better support the festivities. There was a request to have the Bonhomme costume during the week to promote French language learning.
- CPF Alberta is lending us one of their costumes for the festivities for a small fee. Now the question is who gets to wear it?
- The CPF middle school representative will offer up the costume to the middle school as well for part of the week. Since I will receive the costume, I will organize logistics for this on my end but we can assume for now that the elementary will have access to the costume for at least 1-2 days out of the week.
- CPF has been asked to organize a Parents French learning night. So far this is TBD but we are hoping to organize something in the next couple of months.

10. Grants

Jason Hendrick

- We have submitted 6 grant application
- We have only heard back from one and it was a no
- We will hear back from the program resurfacing in February
- Currently applying for the community initiatives program
- Working on a Shaw grant investors group
- There are 5 – 7 new grants coming in the new calendar year
- Long term planning for grants – technology

11. Social Media

Elaine Ahn

- No report this month

12. Learning Commons Coordinator

Monica Webster

- There has been a steady decline in volunteering in the library. I'm not sure why! I have asked the co-chairs to add a survey question from the library in the next survey that goes out, "What, if anything, stops you from volunteering in the library and do you have any suggestions for improving the job?"
- Jill Johnson will be taking over from me for the following school year. We will get together to discuss the transition.

FEEVES

Monica Webster

- Still Looking for new members.
- The next casino will be in the last quarter of 2019.

OPEN FLOOR

- Halloween costumes – do we have a policy? There was messaging sent home to parents that there was no blood or weapons. There was also lots of discussion on the announcements. Middle school doesn't allow mask.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

February 14th, 2018 1:00PM