

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

June 3rd, 2015

1:00 PM

Attendance:

Pam Vinge
Helen Clease,
Lana Banderk
Natalie Pentney
Brenda Renowden
Michelle Adams
Karin Hunter
Julie Poole
Michelle Horung
Melanie Spagrud
Celia Barrington
Monica Webster
Sue French
Trish Cull
Troy Millington
Lori Champagne
Tammy Yakemchuk

AGENDA

A. Welcome Monica Webster, Sue French

B. Approval of Agenda
Pam Vinge makes motion to approve agenda.
Seconded by Melanie Spagrud.
All in favor.

C. Approval of May 2015 Meeting Minutes
Brenda Renowden makes motion to approve May minutes.
Seconded by Karin Hunter.
All in favor.

D. Student survey
Students will be doing this via email.

E. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report Monica Webster, Sue French

Natalie Pentney will take over the school council secretary position. Huge thanks to all who have agreed to take over rolls on council for next year. Thanks to Mme Barrington, Mme Poole, and Mrs. Cleese for all of their organization and support. Tammy Quinn will be organizing the Grade 1 lunch supervision.

2. Principal's Report Celia Barrington

1. School Education Plan – presentation
2. Please join us for Volunteer Tea on June 12 at 1 pm.
3. Still awaiting word on funding.
4. Thanks to Calaway Park and Calgary Italian Bakery for Hot Dog Day donations.
5. Looking forward to Kindergarten Grad on June 24 and the new Kindergarten students on June 25.
6. The Farewell Assembly changed to Thursday, June 25 at 1 p.m. Trustee Awards and Legion recognition along with farewell to staff leaving.
7. Next year change to Meet the Teacher – before Opening Day.
8. Next year we will send home packages for forms as teachers were quite frustrated with parents not running off and returning forms this year.
9. Thank you to everyone who has taken on a role on Council this year. We may be few but we are mighty. Thank you to Sue and Monica for awesome leadership.

Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
as of May 31, 2015

	2014/15 Actuals	2014/15 Budget	2013/14 Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program	29,047.35	30,000.00	30,784.15
Special Lunch Program - rebate	6,874.15	6,000.00	5,959.10
Mathathon	27,627.55	20,000.00	21,591.00
Family Fun'raiser	12,300.90	10,000.00	14,901.10
CPF Springbank	900.00	-	-
Yearbook	125.00	-	715.00
FEEVESS	4,118.97	-	-
Playground	-	-	9.62
Interest Income	144.81	-	190.95
Total Revenue	81,138.73	66,000.00	74,150.92
 EXPENDITURES			
Special Lunch Program	18,626.64	20,000.00	19,833.32
School Programs			
Grade Teams	2,309.18	8,000.00	8,026.14
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	657.78	1,100.00	1,190.51
Spirit of Caring	-	500.00	327.50
Bussing			
Field Trips	3,900.73	9,000.00	8,521.91
Skating	1,097.28	2,000.00	1,216.15
Swimming	-	8,700.00	8,603.49
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	12,254.96	14,000.00	13,135.58
Special Day - (Art Day)	-	-	1,928.11
Sports Day	-	1,000.00	354.05
In-Line Skating	8,934.17	13,000.00	10,112.78
Sound Kreations Residency	-	-	-
Photocopier and Tack Board	18,140.00	22,000.00	-
Yearbook	(97.26)	-	1,529.31
School Council Expenses	-	100.00	47.17
ASCA AGM	741.50	2,000.00	-
Playground	-	-	2,741.00
Allergy Committee	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	66,564.98	101,400.00	77,567.02
 NET INCOME	14,573.75	(35,400.00)	(3,416.10)
 Opening Book Balance	16,993.49	16,993.49	20,409.59
Net Income	14,573.75	(35,400.00)	(3,416.10)
Closing Book Balance	31,567.24	(18,406.51)	16,993.49

Melanie Spagrud makes motion to place the financial statements on file as presented. Seconded by Troy Millington. All in Favor.

4. Teachers' Report

Mrs. Cull, Mme. Rioux

Ah June – the school is buzzing with activity!

The last groups of classes continue to head to Westside Rec Center for Swim To Survive lessons.

We are looking forward to Jump Rope for Heart this Friday. The students have been diligently practicing their skipping.

The budding paleontologists in Kindergarten celebrated Dino Day last week culminating their study of dinosaurs with a variety of fun cross curricular activities. They are looking forward to an upcoming trip the Telus Sparks Science Center next week. The last day for Kindergarten students is June 24 when they will strut the stage in their caps for their special graduation festivities. Orientation for next years' Kindergarten group is June 25.

The Grade 1 students have received caterpillars and are patiently awaiting them go through the lifecycle and turn into beautiful butterflies. Students are also enjoying stories and activities to go along with Eric Carle's story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar."

To follow up on the Birdman Andrew Styles' visit in May, all of the Grade one classes have made beautiful clay bird nests for Father's Day and some classes are doing a bird inquiry unit. Their last field trip for the year will be to Bow Valley where students will spend the day celebrating their learning of Needs of Plants & Animals. Students will search for a variety of birds and plants... as well as enjoy the much hoped for sunshine.

To end off the Grade 1 year all of the classes will participate in a scavenger hunt outside ending with a special treat.

You may have heard about a group of middle schoolers heading to Tennessee to compete in Destination Imagination. Did you know that most of these students experienced their first Destination Imagination challenges at EVE in Grade Two? This month, the grade two students will participate in their last DI challenge. They will also have their last Positive Playgrounds. Both Destination Imagination and Positive Playgrounds activities provide the students with a chance to work with flexible groups of students from across the various classes. Grade Two classes will also be participating in a practice Student Learning Assessment otherwise known as *SLA* on June 16. This is the alternative to Provincial Achievement Tests that students in Alberta will be writing at the beginning of Grade 3 next year.

Grade Three students are currently all working on an independent research project on endangered animals. They will be presenting their projects to the other Grade 3 classes. Students will have the opportunity to walk around and look at other students' projects. Since there will not be a school wide sports day, the Grade 3s are planning a mini sports day with different stations.

The Grade Four students are looking forward to some special events and trademark activities saved just for Grade 4. They visited Springbank Middle School on May 27. They will *attempt* to take on the teachers for the annual tug-of-war contest and will head to Calaway Park the last week of school. Grade 4 Friendly Helpers will enjoy a day at Southland Leisure Pool as a reward for their valuable leadership throughout the year.

Evidence of Learning

Two sets of students are presenting today. Grade 4 students from Mme Wilkie's class will be sharing their work regarding a multi - modal approach to story telling. As well, Grade 3 Challenge Group students working with Mrs. White will be sharing their research findings regarding the transition from a library to a learning commons.⁵

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| 5. | Volunteer Coordinators | Cindy Perala-Ralph
Kirsten Hunter |
| | No report. | |
| 6. | Special Lunch Coordinator | Lana Schafer |
| | No Report. | |
| 7. | Library Coordinator | Pam Vinge |

With the school year wrapping up, it will be a busy month in the library with students bringing back books from home and teachers cleaning out their classrooms and returning library books.

Ms. Serfas and I would like to thank the many volunteers that have helped out in the library and with the book fairs this past year. The library has been operating smoothly and it couldn't be done without the commitment and support of the many wonderful parent volunteers. Hopefully the volunteers have enjoyed their time in the library as much as we appreciate them giving it. We look forward to seeing many of the volunteers back helping out in the library again this fall.

As this is my last year with a child in the elementary school, I will be passing the role of volunteer coordinator over to the capable hands of Monica Webster. I wish her all the best and know she will do a wonderful job in our library. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as library volunteer coordinator. I couldn't have done it without all the amazing parent volunteers who have helped out in the library over the past few years. I truly appreciate your time, commitment and friendship.

Wishing all of our volunteers and their families a wonderful summer!

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| 8. | Yearbook Committee | Brenda Renowden |
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260 Yearbooks have been ordered, this is on par with the average – so good news.

New this year – each child will receive a picture of the class to take around and get autographs. The plan will be to pass out the yearbooks on the meet the teacher afternoon before school starts.

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| 9. | French Immersion/CPF | Lori Champagne |
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Year end meeting is Wednesday June 17th @ 7 pm. We still need more people to sit on the executive.

No report.

E. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

Election/budget Well it has been quite a month!!! Alberta elected a new majority government. All I can say is that on election night I was speechless. School Boards across the province are now anxiously waiting to see what will happen with our budget. During the campaign the NDP indicated that they would revisit the budget. Two things that are of great concern to boards is the lack of funding for new enrolment and the limit put on reserves, not allowing boards to make the financial decisions to support local community needs.

Recently Premier Elect Notley promise adequate enrolment funding, which still has not given boards exact budget numbers.

Ms Notley announced an extension for boards to submit their budget, but with no indications as to how the budget will change there is not much boards can do but wait. Everything is now in a state of flux while we wait for the new government to be sworn in and the cabinet to be announced.

RVS will prepare budget based on the one proposed by the PC's and will adjust as new announcements are made. There is no doubt that we will see the impact of this budget on classrooms, supports and transportation.

There is much uncertainty as we look to things like the Education Act which was to be proclaimed in September, curriculum redesign and bargaining. It seems that we have been in a state of transition for about the last 18 months and that will continue for a bit. The general feeling is that we needed change so we will all move positively forward. The first order of business will be to get to know the new MLA's

I have been spending the last month meeting with MLA's and will now start again with all the new representatives.

RVS Attendance area consultations for Airdrie and Cochrane

Meetings will be held for residents in Airdrie and Cochrane affected by the opening of three new schools in September 2016.

Transportation costs

Due to budget restraints resident bus fees will increase by \$25.

Unfortunately the buses we have used to provide service to city residents since the annexation have been possible due to the fact that the grandfathered students at the time of annexation were funded. This year the last grandfathered student will no longer be requiring this service. During this period city residents have paid the same bus fees as resident students. With no funding provided to RVS we are faced with either cancelling the service or continue providing at a cost recovery basis.

This means fees for non resident students will increase over the next 3 years to recover the real cost for transporting these students.

2015/16	\$575/student
2016/17	\$774/student
2017/18	\$1,000/student

For those who can drive student to a bus stop within RVS boundaries the fee will be the same as the resident fee.

Springbank sewer line

We have received approval from the city of Calgary to tie in to the Cochrane line. RVS is moving forward on this.

ASBA spring general meeting

Alberta School Boards Spring General Meeting will take place in Red Deer on Jun 1/2. Our theme this year is on Student Leadership.

Troy M from EEVE is now on the board of directors for ASCA. Thanks to Troy M and Brenda T for attending on behalf of Springbank.

ASCA annual general meeting

In late April Alberta School Councils held their AGM. We had two representatives from the Springbank area. Brenda Trybuch from SCHS and Troy from EVE both attended.

Congratulations to Troy for being elected to the ASCA Board of Directors.

As you look toward next year at this your AGM, I just want to thank everyone for contributing to School Council this year. You make a great difference to your child's school.

Thanks so much for all that you.

I also want to say thank you for all your support during the election campaign and appreciate you speaking out for our kids in terms of the budget. You can make a difference.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Helen Clease

School Trustee Ward 4

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Mrs. Clease also provided additional verbal information.

F. New Business

Meetings will continue on the first Wednesday of every month with the exception of September. Our first meeting in September will be Wednesday September 9th.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:28pm

Next Meeting Date: Sept. 9th, 2015 @ 7:00pm