

# ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**March 4th, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

## **Attendance**

Jill Williams  
Diane Stevenson  
Brenda Renowden  
Issabelle Rioux  
Frankie-Lou Neuysan  
Vanessa Kelly  
Celia Barrington  
Helen Cleese  
Trish Cull  
Monica Webster  
Michelle Adams  
Judi Poole  
Troy Millington  
Ann Piercy  
Michelle Horung  
Melanie Spagrud  
Lana Schafer  
Tammy Yakemchuk

## **AGENDA**

A. **Welcome** Monica Webster, Sue French

B. **Approval of Agenda**  
Brenda Renowden makes the motion to approve the agenda.  
Seconded by Troy Millington. All in Favour.

C. **Approval of Feb 2014 Meeting Minutes**  
Celia Barrington makes the motion to approve the February minutes.  
Seconded by Diane Stevenson. All in favour.

D. **Council Reports**

1. **Chair's Report** **Monica Webster, Sue French**  
No Report

2. **Principal's Report** **Celia Barrington**

1. February was a fabulous month with lots of activities. We had over 700 guests at the dance, which is great. Lots of dancing and visiting went on. Due to tight budget constraints, the proceeds from the door pay for our expenses, such as the DJ and glowing necklaces, then any remaining funds are moved into our assessment budget for teacher testing time.
2. If you were lucky enough to attend our Canada Flag celebration, you may not have left with dry eyes. It was lovely to see our students waving their Canadian flags and showing their pride.
3. In March, we will be holding the Cabana a Sucre, which is always a treat. Thank you to Council for funding this event.
4. The Gr. 4's are in the midst of the Building Unit, which will be displayed on March 12. Bob Williams, General Manager of Calaway Park will be here to speak to the students.
5. Our teachers are beginning to develop rubrics and exemplars of writing to fit the new 6 point report card format. A huge undertaking but hopefully will make assessment consistent next year.
6. The 4 Springbank/Bragg Creek schools are looking into inviting Dr. Hammond, a speaker on Anxiety to present at a parent workshop. Administrators had the opportunity to hear him at our Winter Institute last week.
7. The summary of the EVE survey is now on the website. There were many suggestions and questions that would be impossible to respond to in the summary. I will be inviting parents to email me directly if they would like an individual response.
8. We look forward to the selective conferences coming up on the 24 and 26.
9. The Gr.4 Talent Show takes place on March 27. It is amazing to see the many talented students perform.
10. I will be inviting parents to write me with any concerns for class placement next year. When I do, I will ask that parents do not request a teacher, nor critique a teacher but speak of their child's learning needs instead.

**3. Treasurer's Report****Melanie Spagrud**

Melanie makes motion to place financial statements on file as presented.  
Seconded by Ann Piercy. All in favour.

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures  
as of February 28, 2015*

|                                | 2014/15<br>Actuals | 2014/15<br>Budget  | 2013/14<br>Actuals |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                 |                    |                    |                    |
| Special Lunch Program          | 28,802.35          | 30,000.00          | 30,784.15          |
| Special Lunch Program - rebate | 5,137.10           | 6,000.00           | 5,959.10           |
| Mathathon                      | 27,627.55          | 20,000.00          | 21,591.00          |
| Family Fun'raiser              | -                  | 10,000.00          | 14,901.10          |
| Yearbook                       | 125.00             | -                  | 715.00             |
| FEEVESS                        | 4,118.97           | -                  | -                  |
| Playground                     | -                  | -                  | 9.62               |
| Interest Income                | 100.69             | -                  | 190.95             |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>           | <b>65,911.66</b>   | <b>66,000.00</b>   | <b>74,150.92</b>   |
| <br><b>EXPENDITURES</b>        |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Special Lunch Program</b>   | 12,446.62          | 20,000.00          | 19,833.32          |
| <b>School Programs</b>         |                    |                    |                    |
| Grade Teams                    | 865.74             | 8,000.00           | 8,026.14           |
| <b>Committees</b>              |                    |                    |                    |
| Volunteer Coordinator          | 65.46              | 1,100.00           | 1,190.51           |
| Spirit of Caring               | -                  | 500.00             | 327.50             |
| <b>Bussing</b>                 |                    |                    |                    |
| Field Trips                    | 3,021.69           | 9,000.00           | 8,521.91           |
| Skating                        | 1,097.28           | 2,000.00           | 1,216.15           |
| Swimming                       | -                  | 8,700.00           | 8,603.49           |
| <b>Special Programs/Events</b> |                    |                    |                    |
| Special Programs               | 8,185.12           | 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      | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Yearbook</b>                | (97.26)            | -                  | 1,529.31           |
| <b>School Council Expenses</b> | -                  | 100.00             | 47.17              |
| <b>Playground</b>              | -                  | -                  | 2,741.00           |
| <b>Allergy Committee</b>       | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>      | <b>34,518.82</b>   | <b>77,400.00</b>   | <b>77,567.02</b>   |
| <br><b>NET INCOME</b>          | <b>31,392.84</b>   | <b>(11,400.00)</b> | <b>(3,416.10)</b>  |

In the month of February we received:

\$527 – additional pizza orders

\$1057 - Healthy Hunger rebates

\$600 – corporate matching donation from Cenovus for the mathathon

\$4118.97 – funding from FEEVESS for this years' bussing costs to date.

We had:

2 pizza lunches

One order of popsicles

Approx. \$2000 in bussing costs

\$1844 for special programs – incl. Sun Ergos presentation, friendly helper hats

At the end of February we have \$\$48,386.33 in the bank. We are also able to receive funding from FEEVESS for a portion of last years' bussing costs as well.

We are in a position to pay for the photocopier and outdoor display board for the school.

#### **4. Teachers' Report**

**Mrs. Cull, Mme. Rioux**

February was fast and furious!

The highlight for most was the ever popular Family Dance and celebrating Valentine's Day. We all enjoyed the break with time to rest and enjoy the beautiful weather. The Palliser Teacher's Convention was great. Every teacher took home a piece of new knowledge, affirmation about why we do what we do and hopefully one or two ideas that we brought into our classrooms Monday morning. A team of teachers from Elbow Valley including Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Beloglowka, Mrs. Threndyle. Mme Boras and Mrs. McCaig presented a well received session at convention on using QR codes in the classroom. Several classes have enjoyed informative sessions with Mrs. Yuill, who has come into each of the classes to discuss nutrition. She highlighted the ways to keep healthy by making good choices with the food that we eat.

In the month of February Kindergarten and Grade One students celebrated the 100th day of school with a variety of activities. The Grade One students made projects using 100 of any given item. There were many beautiful and creative ideas including a "100 Googley Eye T-Shirt."

The Grade One students also went to the Spark Telus center to learn about our senses. It was a great kick off for their 5senses unit.

Grade Two classes have started learning about Canada's diverse communities by learning about the Inuit. We are very fortunate to have a resident expert on our staff in Mrs.

Belsey. She shared her treasured artifacts and talked to our students about her experiences teaching in the Arctic. Teacher's Pet, an in-school field trip company, provided 2M the opportunity to create an inukshuk that they carved, washed, sanded and polished



**7. Library Coordinator Pam Vinge**

Things have been running smoothly in the school library.

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday, March 23 through Friday March 27. Students and parents will be able to purchase books during recess, lunch hours, and after school, as well as during parent teacher interviews on Tuesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 26.

The book fair is an important fundraiser for the library. A portion of funds raised go directly towards the purchase of new books **and materials. Please come out and support our school library!**

**8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden**

Stickers will be sent out in the agendas to remind parents to order yearbooks.  
Suggestion to make a direct link to life touch in the news letter.

**9. French Immersion/CPF** **Lori Champagne**

No Report

**10. FEEVES report** **Troy Millington**

Discussed programs that are possible for FEEVES to fund. We are able to transfer funds into Educational programs that are brought into the school and paid for by council. (in-line skating and bussing)

Melanie Spagrud makes a motion to approve school council to spend up to \$22,000 on a photocopier and a tack board. (information board for parents)

Seconded by Troy Millington. All in Favour.

**E. School Trustee Report** **Helen Clease**

## RVS 4yp Plan Approved

Approved Feb. 5. Sets the course for the next four years with a learner centered plan focusing on learner success, engagement and support. 2,000 students, parents, business, and community agencies and staff took part in the consultation.

## RVS app

RVS has added to its communications tools an RVS app. It can be downloaded from the App Store (apple) or Google Play (android). Its a great way to keep up to date with RVS news.

### **Naming of Schools**

Three new schools set to open in September 2016 needing names -a K-8 school in Sunset Ridge, Cochrane; K-4 school in Cooper's crossing, Airdrie and a K-5 (eventually K-8) in King's Heights, Airdrie. Check on the RVS website for naming the school contest.

### **Accountability Pillar Survey**

The annual check up on the education system was conducted from January to end of February. Grades 4, 7, 10 students, parents and teachers fill out the surveys. The results will be made available to jurisdictions in May

### **2014-15 IMR Budget Approvals.**

Every year the Board of Trustees reviews and approves an Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Budget (IMR). This year the GOA increased IMR funding during the school year, to support the growing deferred school building maintenance funding. This was due to insufficient funding for many years. This increase will enable RVS to support longstanding projects which are prioritized by considering health and safety; priority building life cycle items; functional modernizations to accommodate students, and to enhance programs.

### **New School Official openings**

Last September RVS opened 3 new schools. C.W. Perry, East Lake and W.H. Croxford, Airdrie. Official openings were held on March 11.

### **Alberta Education - Stakeholder satisfaction Survey**

Jan. 8 - Feb. 28 AE will be conducting its stakeholder satisfaction survey. The surveys gather about 7,000 responses to collect feedback on Alberta's education system.

### **Diploma Exams**

ASBA proposed a motion last fall at its FGM to lower the weighting of diploma exams. We have heard from many parents and students in support of this.

We have been focussing our advocacy on this and other issues.

ASBA and school boards have been messaging this to government

### **Regulations for Education Act.**

After much anticipating these were released prior to Christmas. ASBA in conjunction with School Boards across the province reviewed the regulations and provided feedback. These regulations are the rules to support the new Education Act to be proclaimed Sept. 2015

### **Upcoming budget**

There are many concerns across the province as to what education cuts will mean to our classrooms. A 0% increase would already mean cuts due to cost of living increase, contract obligations, etc. A cut will have impact on classroom size, resources to classrooms and supports to teacher. Add this to our already stressed

classrooms and lack of infrastructure. We have been encouraging everyone to take part in the governments budget survey. Encourage students, parents, and tweet or Facebook concerns

- **ASBA** - As President of ASBA there has been a lot of work that has taken me away from my community. In addition to the on going provincial work we have gone through the process of hiring a new executive director and now are reviewing all aspects of our work (expenses, budget, bylaws, policies). Over the next year we will be focusing on communications and advocacy. Our top advocacy efforts will focus on funding, infrastructure and preserving the local voice.
- **ASBA Spring General Meeting:** At our June SGM the theme will be on students. If you know any students or student initiatives that we could focus on please let me know ASAP. One keynote speaker will be Craig Keilburger from Free the Children.

### **New Principal Banded Peak**

Next fall Banded Peak will have a new principal. We welcome Simon Pols, who is currently at RJ Hawkey in Airdrie.

We welcome Simon.

Many thanks to Deborah McLaren who has been phenomenal at Banded Peak.

We wish her all the best for her retirement.

*Thank to you all for your understanding while I serve as ASBA president. The job often takes me out of my community. I appreciate your support and understanding as I work to support not just RVS but all boards in Alberta.*

*Thanks for all that you do to support our fantastic staff in our schools.*

*Together we make a difference to our students.*

**Board meetings - First and third Thursday of each month - 10 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome**

***Please don't hesitate to contact me at anytime. I am always available to my ward and please remember I am only a phone call or email away.***

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***"Strong schools build strong communities and strong communities build strong schools"***

Submitted by  
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**F. New Business**  
Casino in the fall.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:20pm**

**Next Meeting Date: April 1 @ 1:00pm**