

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

March 1st, 2017

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

BRANDI SCHROEDER

LINDSAY ADAMS

JUDI POOLE

TANNIS BO

MICHELLE ADAMS

NATALIE PENTNEY

KATIE MAYER

JANICE HEPNER

DIANE STEPHENSON

BRENDA RENOWDEN

SANDER STEERS

HELEN CLEASE

SEAN (CHRIS) KELLY

ANDREA SAINI

KIM BOSWELL

LORI CHAMPAGNE

TRISH CULL

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AGENDA

A. Welcome

Karin Hunter

B. Approval of Agenda

** Brenda Renowden makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Natalie Pentney*

C. Approval of February 2017 Meeting Minutes

** Tannis Bo makes the motion to approve February 2017 minutes. Seconded by Katie Mayer*

D. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report Karin Hunter /
Brandi Schroeder

Brandi Schroeder

- Council positions that need to be filled for the 2017/2018 school year:
 - Co chair
 - Bulletin Boards
 - Yearbook coordinator
 - Volunteer coordinator with Sally Lockhart
- The dance was successful again this 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
 - Teacher's Convention – 100s of workshops for teacher professional learning. Our Kindergarten team presented on the use of iPads in kindergarten. Very well received and well-attended.
 - Work with Lori Jamison – as detailed in the school newsletter (leading literacy expert)
 - Follow-Up work with Literacy Specialists from RVS – Julie Vaillancourt, Susan Rudakoff, Jodi Moore will be working with staff on the district-wide literacy assessments March 16th.
- Community
 - Family Dance! Huge success – thanks to everyone who came out!

- Rocky View Reads – Partnership between SMS and EV. Two grade 5/6 classes will be coming down to read to our kinders (half hour once a week for 8 weeks). Thank you to Mrs. Cull for heading this up.
- Cabane a Sucre – March 29th - opportunity for all students to come together and experience a piece of French culture.
- Transition of Learning Commons
 - Site Visits March 13th – facilitated by Rocky View Central 21st Century Learning Specialists. Group touring will consist of admin, teacher, parent and student reps. We will be visiting all older sites similar to ours that have undergone a transformation.
 - Next Steps: presenting to the Learning Commons board re: purchases and any suggested changes
- Resurfacing of the Playground
 - Quotes for the pea gravel have come in (one was 27,000 the other was 41,000)
 - Maintenance to solicit further information from the vendors (determine why the difference in price)
 - Make a decision regarding resurfacing before the end of the year
- School Initiated Project (SIP) Committee
 - Will need to see any school initiated project with proposal
- Communication of Student Learning
 - Some grade teams implementing student-led conferences March 28th and 30th.

3. Treasurer's Report

Katie Mayer

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
as of February 28, 2017*

	2016/17 Actuals	2016/17 Budget	2015/16 Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	8,381.72	15,000.00	18,111.32
Mathathon	15,346.25	20,000.00	23,844.25
Family Fun'raiser	-	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	22.01	-	25.95
Total Revenue	30,164.53	60,000.00	67,841.20
EXPENDITURES			
Special Lunch Program	-	-	1,452.87
School Programs			
Grade Teams	-	8,000.00	7,517.72
Robotics Training	-	5,000.00	-
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	1,000.00	775.26
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	180.12
Bussing			
Field Trips	-	9,000.00	6,257.56
Skating	-	2,000.00	1,097.28
Swimming	-	12,500.00	9,068.32
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	-	9,500.00	9,208.35
Special Day - Literacy Week	-	2,000.00	1,720.03
Sports Day - School	-	500.00	-
In-Line Skating	-	10,520.00	10,063.31
Sound Kreations Residency	-	5,000.00	4,777.74
Vulnerable Readers Conference	-	-	6,887.20
First Aid	-	-	4,358.64
Reading Bags	-	-	4,069.97
Sports Day - Council	-	500.00	553.58
Books for Learning Commons	-	3,500.00	-
Parent Workshops- Technology & Numeracy	-	1,500.00	-
Lions Club Funds	1,546.05	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	1,546.05	79,270.00	70,323.54
NET INCOME	28,618.48	(19,270.00)	(2,482.34)
Opening Book Balance	30,940.42	30,940.42	33,422.76
Net Income	28,618.48	(19,270.00)	(2,482.34)
Closing Book Balance	59,558.90	11,670.42	30,940.42

- February \$1200 from special lunch, which doesn't include \$625 that went to the school account
- To cancel the school councils bank account Katie and Karin need to go into the bank together
- The balance in the school councils account is approximately \$49,000
- Once the accounts are switched over the financials will be more clear
- Looking at two different quotes for the resurfacing of the playground, one came in at approximately \$29,000 and the other was approximately \$49,000. We are going to follow up with the type of drainage that was proposed from each tender

** Katie Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Michelle Adams.*

4. Teachers' Report Trish Cull

- The character focus for February was Kindness and we saw it everywhere! A special February activities throughout the entire school is our Random Acts of Kindness. Students and teachers nominate students for daily draws by reporting a random act of kindness. Stopping to focus on and acknowledge the small, positive, daily acts of kindness is a great reminder of the fabulous school community we are part of.
- The highlight of February is always the Family Dance. Despite having to reschedule because of the water issue, the homemade goodies and chance to spend a few extra hours of time at school with loud music and all your best friends in a crowded hot gym was well worth the wait! We thank all the families who participated by purchasing tickets for the basket draws and attending the event. Once again, the Family Dance was a huge success.
- The character focus for March is Respect. This life skill is reinforced as students practice respect for each other's opinions and ideas when they collaborate together on projects. They further explore respect for the environment and practice civic engagement when we participate in projects such as the Green Club recycling.
- Kindergarten and Grade one classes celebrated 100 days of school with a variety of fun activities. Grade one students are excited to plan and build their Leprechaun traps in the coming weeks. We have yet to catch a leprechaun here at Elbow Valley,

but our students are more and more innovative every year, I think this time we just might do it.

- Grade two students enjoyed a special presentation from the Arctic Institute of North America. While this is a free presentation, the participating students and families donated \$170 to the institute's scholarship fund in recognition of the important work done at the institute and the valuable time given to share with our students. A Teacher's Pet in school field trip to make soap stone inukshuks also helped to bring the grade two unit on the Arctic alive.
- Many Grade 3 classes also experienced an in school field trip for their unit of Tunisia. Rotating through a series of centers, the students learned about the day in the life of child in Tunisia, they learned to play a traditional game, learned about the climate and landforms as well as industry and natural resources.
- Building units in Science across all grade levels has meant that parents have been happily sending along every recyclable material in their homes and the mountain of possibility is growing in the hallways. French Immersion grade 3 classes have been building bridges and will have these on display next week in the Learning Commons. They will be prepared to talk about their bridges, the building process, the materials uses and the tests performed to verify stability and safety. Some grade four classes will be working all next week with their projects, incorporating cross-curricular activities throughout full days creating entire amusement parks in small groups. Other classes have taken a science fair approach to the building unit as students create individual rides. All projects will be available for public viewing at the school on the morning of March 10th. Mr. William's from Calaway Park will be on site to check out the projects and speak with the grade 4 students. What an awesome way to take advantage of a very unique and special community connection.
- Grade 4 students are also looking forward to a day at Canada Olympic Park for skiing or snowboarding.
- As a Rocky View Reads school, we are excited to be partnering with Springbank Middle School to create additional opportunities for our Kindergarten students to engage in literacy experiences. Beginning mid March, Students in Mme. Boras and Mrs. Threndyle's afternoon classes will be participating in the Wee Read program, sharing books, discussion and literacy games with grade five and six students once a week for an 8 week cycle.

5. Volunteer Coordinators Sally Lockhart/Michelle Adams

- Teacher's appreciation meeting was held today for the week of March 27 – 31
- Sally will be sending an email out with a sign up for teachers lunch items
- We will be decorating teachers doors again this year, Monday - flower day, Tuesday will be the luncheon, Wednesday will be a lunchtime Zumba class, Thursday, muffins and coffee and Friday Fondue.
- Please look for an email from Sally or your classroom parent volunteer
- We are looking for a co-chair for volunteer coordinator to work with Sally, if you are interested please let Sally or Michelle know

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Tannis Bo

- Things are going very well, thank you to all the volunteers

7. Learning Commons Coordinator Monica Webster

- Thanks to all the volunteers
- Book fair will be March 27-31. Sign up will go out next week

8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

- Sales are still good. Although we are not exactly at our contracted amount, we have sold a sufficient amount that we should not end up in a deficit, and could end up with a profit of around \$700.00.
- Yearbook committee is in the process of building the class portrait pages. We will be going around taking pictures of students who we are not able to have their pictures taken when Lifetouch took individual pictures, to use on the class page so no one is missing. We are in the process of asking teachers to forward about 20 of their best pictures from the year to our website, Elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com. In the past, getting responses from the teachers is sporadic, so we might ask Ms. Adams to help our cause.
- On the topic of the difficulties of obtaining the candid pictures, something to consider for next year: since the yearbook has profited for the last 4 or 5 years, it might be a good use of some of the funds from this year's profits to buy some updated camera's for the kids to use next year, should the school want to restart the "yearbook club".
- Lastly, as this is my final year at EVE, we are searching for a new chair. Lee-Ann has indicated that she might be willing to do it. But if you know of anyone who is interested please let us know. Obviously, it would be best to get them in place soon, so that I can explain the nuances to them. I will also update the notes on the council site before my "reign" is up.

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- No report this month

10. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- The LTSP group is working hard to follow through on the plan we set out this year and the following activities took place in the last month:
 - Presented the update on the LTSPlan at the Family Dance to the parents and kids who were attending. The plan was printed in large format and put on display in the front hallway. There was an opportunity to ask questions and/or write comments on post it notes. Many kids wrote comments, with most of them really advocating for the development of an outdoor classroom. Parents had lots to say and were generally positive but unfortunately none chose to step forward as a volunteer to help develop any of the programming.
 - Madam Leptich & Monsieur Vallee have chosen to use the current indoor gardens for this year's grade 4 science unit. The additional equipment that they require has been discussed and I will be picking up for them within the next week. It's great that this is occurring now as the kids will have an opportunity to see the plants grow to harvest. There are still funds available in the LTSP budget if another teacher team would like to participate in the indoor

garden program. I am writing a report asking the teachers if they are interested in this for their staff meeting tomorrow. Please contact me if you know this is something your child's teacher would like to do as well.

- There is an assessment being done by school admin to determine if the whiteboard wall that was piloted in Madame Wilkie's class should be rolled out to the remaining classes that have the extra long hallways. She has found the whiteboard wall invaluable and would like to continue using the product herself.
- We are currently on the look-out for a teacher to take on a leadership role in terms of moving forward with a potential outdoor classroom. This is one of the items on the LTSP that received a whole lot of parent/teacher support during the vetting process last year but there is also a great deal of red-tape involved. Therefore, a teacher champion is a necessity.
- The guidelines for outdoor classrooms from Rocky View are 2/3 of the way complete
- Rocky View is looking for a Landscape Company that would be used for a majority of projects for Rocky View schools. We will hopefully hear from Rocky View March 13th on who was selected and then plan a meeting with the Landscape architects to discuss possible location and ideas.

11. Vice Chair Sander Steer/
Amanda Miles

- The costs for parent learning evenings became too high and we did not feel that it is good use of FEEVES money
- It was suggested if people were interested in paying for the workshops themselves it is possible to hold one of the workshops suggested
- Amanda and Sander will follow up with a sign up sheet to gauge interest among parents

12. FEEVES Sander Steer

- AGLC require our financials each year
- There is still money owed, which leaves us with \$40,000 to \$50,000
- It will likely go into books and playground resurfacing
- There can be a carry over but there needs to be future plans for the money
- FEEVES will now pay Shelly instead of Katie (parent council)

Other – Boks

- Filled all of the spots for both days
- Had to be cognizant that the gym may have equipment in it such as gymnastics mats and badminton nets etc so we will find different areas to host
- Would love to have teachers feedback to see if there is a difference in the kids ie tired, better focused etc..
- Large age range of students participating
- The program is based on getting kids moving, to stimulate their brain to help their focus in school

F. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

- **RVS Ward Boundary Review.**

The Board has voted on a bylaw that will see a change in RVS wards. Due to unprecedented growth in Chestermere, Airdrie, and Cochrane the dynamics in RVS has changed. The Board has approved a plan to add one trustee (total 8) 1 in rural SE, 1 in Chestermere, 1 in rural NE, 3 Airdrie, 1 Cochrane, and 1 in West RVS.

Ward 4 and 5 to be combined. See attachment to report. More info on RVS website.

- **ASCA Conference and AGM 2017**

Alberta School Council's Association conference and AGM will be held April 28-30 at the Delta Edmonton South in Edmonton. The conference offers lots of professional development and networking opportunities for School Council representatives. Information is available on the ASCA website.

- **Provincial Budget**

Boards are working to set budget priorities and do preliminary budget work as we await the provincial budget to be tabled sometime late in March.

- **Joint Board/Council Meeting**

March 30. 5:30 p.m. at the Education Centre

- **EEVE Family Dance**

Congrats again on a successful family dance. This is one of my favorite events to attend. The students are always so excited and it is a great family event. Well done!!

Thank you for all your support and thanks for all that you do for our schools and students.

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Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

April 5th 2017, 1:00PM

