

# ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

May 4th, 2016  
7:00 PM

## ATTENDANCE

KARIN HUNTER  
CELIA BARRINGTON  
JILL WILLIAMS  
VANESSA KELLY  
MELANIE SPAGRUD  
DIANE STEVENSON  
FRANKIE-LOU NELLIGAN  
MICHELLE ADAMS  
TRISH CULL  
BRANDI SCHROEDER  
MICHELLE ADAMS  
NATALIE PENTNEY  
HELEN CLEASE  
MICHELLE HORNUNG  
VANESSA KELLY  
ALEX MARTIN  
CINDY PERALA RALPH  
KATIE MAYER  
DIANE STEPHENSEN  
KIM TREVELYAN  
MONICA WEBSTER  
BRENT GRISDALE  
TIFFANY GRISDALE  
KIRSTEN HUNTER  
SANDER STEER  
TANNIS BO  
AMANDA SINGHROY-MILES

## AGENDA

### A. Welcome

Karin Hunter

### B. Approval of Agenda

\* Melanie Spagrud makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Diane Stephenson

### C. Approval of April 2016 Meeting Minutes

\*Diane Stephenson makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Alex Martin

### D. Council Reports

#### 1. Chair's Report

Karin Hunter

##### Karin Hunter

- Karin will be sending out electronic format of each council job in order to help people understand their roles and timelines
- Elections will be held this evening for council positions
- We will be having a vote on the parent workshops for next year
- Long term planning committee will be presenting their progress and future directions this evening
- There will be two new parent session for Springbank Middle School the first on May 24<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm and the second on August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Thank you to those who helped raise awareness about yearbook
- Two meetings about Springbank Dam project next week on Tuesday night. Wild West will be hosting a government run meeting, Springbank park will be held for those who are not in favour of the Springbank Dam
- Springbank community voted on a pathway to keep children safe while walking to school this project will be going forward
- Twitter is still happening please follow us

#### 2. Principal's Report

Celia Barrington

- Presentation of 1<sup>st</sup> draft of SEP and Budget.
- Initial class sizes for next year presented.
- Staffing: changes for next year –  
Leaving: Mr. Munson, Mrs. Pocklington, Mrs. Berube, Mme Erison, Mrs. Sather, Mme Secord.  
Returning: Mrs. Neufeld, Mme Rioux  
New: Mrs. Briggs
- Don't forget to complete the RVS survey for parents, open during May.

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/jurisdiction/satisfaction-survey>

#### a. Treasurer's Report

Melanie Spagrud

- Received our money from FEEVES to cover bussing
- 775\$ plus some for the volunteer tea
- Remaining funds for Family Dance are coming to council
- March and April expenses from the school will be reported on next month statement.
- Anticipating a large number of expenses for the last two months with bussing, field trips etc...

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council*  
*Statement of Revenue and Expenditures*  
*as of April 30, 2016*

	2015/16 Actuals	2015/16 Budget	2014/15 Actuals
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program	-	-	29,078.35
Special Lunch Program - rebate	14,541.09	10,000.00	7,666.80
Mathathon	23,844.25	20,000.00	27,627.55
Family Fun'raiser	8,250.00	10,000.00	12,300.90
CPF Springbank	-	-	900.00
Yearbook	1,719.68	-	125.00
FEEVESS	10,000.00	10,000.00	27,283.99
Interest Income	20.35	-	146.58
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>58,375.37</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>105,129.17</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Special Lunch Program</b>	1,160.40	-	20,070.95
<b>School Programs</b>			
Grade Teams	1,865.05	8,000.00	6,211.51
<b>Committees</b>			
Volunteer Coordinator	775.26	1,000.00	657.78
Spirit of Caring	146.50	250.00	85.58
<b>Bussing</b>			
Field Trips	2,696.46	9,000.00	7,854.70
Skating	1,097.28	2,000.00	1,097.28
Swimming	1,397.00	14,600.00	10,647.68
<b>Special Programs/Events</b>			
Special Programs	5,409.10	8,800.00	12,654.96
Special Day - Literacy Week	936.59	2,000.00	-
Sports Day	-	500.00	415.10
In-Line Skating	9,026.96	10,520.00	9,985.96
Sound Kreations Residency	4,777.74	5,000.00	-
Vulnerable Readers Conference	6,887.20	8,500.00	-
First Aid	4,358.64	4,500.00	-
Reading Bags	4,069.97	4,300.00	-
<b>Photocopier and Tack Board</b>	1,410.88	1,200.00	18,140.00
<b>Yearbook</b>	-	500.00	136.90
<b>School Council Expenses</b>	756.98	1,250.00	-
<b>ASCA AGM</b>	-	2,000.00	741.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>46,772.01</b>	<b>83,920.00</b>	<b>88,699.90</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>11,603.36</b>	<b>(33,920.00)</b>	<b>16,429.27</b>

Opening Book Balance	33,422.76	33,422.76	16,993.49
Net Income	11,603.36	(33,920.00)	16,429.27
Closing Book Balance	45,026.12	(497.24)	33,422.76

- Melanie Spagrud makes a motion to approve the April Seconded by Sander Steer

b. Teachers' Report Trish Cull

- The character focus for April was confidence. If the Musicfest practices are any indication, our student body is brimming with confidence! As always, Musicfest promises to be a great event. The students are working hard to be prepared and ready for their big night.
- When the kids aren't singing, they're swimming! Thank you to school council for supporting our swimming program. The busses are busy transporting the students back and forth to Westside most days in April and will continue through May. The students love these excursions off site to practice these very important survival skills.
- Spring is a great time to embrace nature. We celebrated Earth Day last week with a school wide assembly organized by Mrs. Svarich and the grade 3 Green Club members. To commemorate Earth Day, the club also planted a new tree on our grounds. The grade ones have been building bird houses. Some grade three students are growing plants in their classroom and the grade fours are participating in the Green Start mobile greenhouse project through Rocky View Schools.
- Grade 4 students are headed to the middle school on May 25 for their inaugural tour. A parent night for families moving onto the middle school is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.

b. Volunteer Coordinators Sally Lockhart  
Niki Ferby

- Thank you to all the parents who volunteered this year!

c. Special Lunch Coordinator Alex Martin  
Michelle Hornung

- Popsicles have doubled in price and require a lot of volunteer time and effort.
- Motion has been put forward by Tanis Bo to eliminate popsicle portion of the special lunch, seconded by Michelle Adams

**Hot Dog Lunch** **Kirsten and Rob Hunter**

- Held on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Calaway Park is donating 50 dozen hot dogs
- Celia is waiting to hear back from the Calgary Italian Bakery regarding the buns
- Arrangements have been made for the BBQ

- The kindergarten kids will not be participating this year due to their graduation
- In June:
  - Popsicles will be arranged with Alex and Michelle
  - A note will be forwarded to class reps to distribute to their classes regarding condiments
  - A call for volunteers for the day of the hot dog lunch will go out on SignUp genius, we will need approximately 10 volunteers

d. Library Coordinator Monica Webster

- Two schools were visited to look at what they have done for their learning commons area to gather information and ideas
- Would like to hold meetings in the learning commons as well as new technology

e. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

- Thanks to all who created and passed out the QR code reminders and the signage on the marquee...it worked. Big jump in sales!

f. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- Nothing to report at this time

g. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- Short term Projects update:
- Indoor garden is currently being used in two classrooms. Waiting for plants to be strong enough to transplant to the larger, self-watering planters
- Proper walls needed in order to attach the whiteboards, working towards finding the appropriate spaces
- Gymnastics mats have been purchased
- Medium-Term Projects Update
- Learning commons – Gathering ideas and information
- Robotics – looking at coding for gr 1 and 2's
- Updates will be given each month in the newsletter and at School Council

## **TSP 2015/16 Final Report: May 4, 2016**

Preliminary list of projects below:

<b>Short-Term Projects (within next 12 months)</b>	<b>Medium-Term Projects (1-3 Years)</b>	<b>Long-Term Projects (3 Years +)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Commons: Building Materials (\$15,000), Instructors and Admin currently evaluating best options</li> <li>• Learning Commons: Infrastructure Updates (\$20,000)</li> <li>• Indoor Garden (Pilot project) (\$500), 2 units currently purchased and built, plants installed</li> <li>• Gymnastics Equipment (\$2500), 16 new mats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Commons: Art Materials (\$5000)</li> <li>• Learning Commons: Robotics (\$5000)</li> <li>• Wind Shelter / Trees Along Border (\$50,000)</li> <li>• Outdoor Classroom (\$10,000)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Playground (\$150,000)</li> <li>• Outdoor Visioning (\$20,000)</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>arrived</li> <li>• Orienteering Equipment: TBD (Possible trial day)</li> <li>• Useable Wall Space (Pilot project): \$500, sample product arrived and installed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Garden (\$15,000)</li> <li>• Snowshoes (TBD): Depends on storage</li> <li>• Interactive Classroom Technology: \$TBD</li> <li>• Learning Tools (i.e. Mathletics): \$TBD</li> <li>• Resurfacing playground (possible grant) : \$TBD</li> </ul>	
Total \$38,500	Total \$85,000+	Total \$170,000 (est.)

**Projects Not Going Forward in Plan:**

Solar Panels  
Television Screen in Foyer (unless as part of renovation)  
Bus Shelter / Pick Up Shelter  
Track & Field Supplies (More appropriate for Middle School)

**Long-List of Projects:**

IDEA:	Timing	Comments:	Est. Cost	Teacher Votes	Parent Votes
<b>LEARNING COMMONS:</b>					
Learning Commons: Art Materials	Med Term	We are not ready for this yet because the infrastructure is not conducive to maintaining an art space (sink, etc). We will revisit this once the space is renovated to have access to a sink, etc. (Maker Space)	\$5,000	6	27
Learning Commons: Building Materials	Short Term	Significant teacher and parent support for building materials. Teachers have given input and discussions commencing as to best options. A recent tour of other Learning Commons in the region to see their spaces by members of the committee was taken. The observations made on this tour are being considered.	\$15,000	12	43
Learning Commons: Robotics	Med Term	We don't feel we are ready for robotics. A little too much complexity at this point in time and it is somewhat geared to towards older children. We want to focus on items that are accessible to all grades.	\$15,000	8	46
Learning Commons: Infrastructure Updates	Short-Term	Recent tour by members of the committee are currently being considered. Staff looking to repurpose old library	\$20,000	9	6

		storage room (which has a sink and could be useful space for students). Would be called "Maker Space" or "Tinker Space"			
<b>TECHNOLOGY / CLASSROOM LEARNING:</b>					
Classroom Technology (e.g. interactive projectors)	???	Lumo – looking for demo schools? Smart Tables (Anita to ask Mrs. Beloglowka)	\$10,000	6	28
Classroom Technology (e.g. Mathletics subscriptions or JUMP Math)		Pricing to be determined	TBD	9	8
<b>PHYSICAL LITERACY:</b>					
Track & Field Supplies	No	Lack of storage at present time inhibits this	\$10,000	6	46
Snowshoes	??	Concerned about storage space – will wait to decide on this until after EVE mini-renovation	\$7,000	6	22
Orienteering Equipment / Geocaching Program	??	Orienteering is year round – will consider a teaching training / information session. Several members of the local scout admin are available to conduct this, scheduling with teachers to be set up.	\$5,000	4	22
Gymnastics Equipment		16 gymnastics mats have been purchased and are currently at the school	\$2,500	3	
<b>OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES:</b>		Superintendent of Schools updated School Council regarding outdoor planning. RVS is going to develop a set of guidelines for outdoor learning spaces by the end of June (or by September) at latest. Efforts have been made to get a firmer date of publication from the Superintendent recently but no updates have been communicated. We would like to see outdoor garden incorporated into the outdoor learning space / classroom			
Outdoor Visioning Project	TBD (Long-Term?)	Frankie-Lou to act as LTSP representative for the renovation to ensure that outdoor impacts are understood and communicated....etc.	\$20,000	2	2
School Garden (Outdoor)	Medium-Term		\$15,000	7	64
Outdoor Classroom	Medium-Term		\$10,000	8	80
Natural Outdoor	Long-		\$150,000	3	66

Playground	Term				
Play Area Wind Shelter (Trees)	Medium-Term		\$50,000	9	13
Outdoor Shelter (Bus Area)	No		\$20,000	0	3
<b>SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT:</b>					
Useable Wall Space (Whiteboards / Paint)	Short-Term	Samples for pilot project are currently installed in Mme Wilkie's class	\$500	9	3
School Garden (Indoor)	Short-Term	Project currently underway. Two indoor gardens are installed and students are using them to grow plants. Mme Boissonneault and Mme Lowell are enjoying the gardens and several other instructors have expressed interest in similar equipment for their own classrooms.	\$6,000	7	37
Television Screen in Foyer	No	Not enough parent or teacher support (unless coupled with the renovation at minimal expense)	\$1,000	1	1
Solar Panels	No	No interest from RVS – concerned about longevity of the technology and the worth of putting them on and old school that may not be here for the long-term	\$20,000	3	13

- Frankie-Lou makes a motion to approve the LTSP projects seconded by Michelle Adams

h. FEEVESS report Sander Steers

- Restriction on how casino funds can be spent

## E. School Trustee Report

**Helen Clease**

- Provincial Budget – 1.3% increase in growth and have committed to funding it.
- 2 Capital projects on the go
- Rocky View – a boundary review will be done in the next year prior to election
- Alberta School Council Association held a convention on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 45 trustees attended from across the province. Minister of education was present and fielded questions from parents. Workshops were available to people attending
- Allison Pike is the new president of the association
- New Deputy minister of education is Dr. Clark
- LGTBQ guidelines – rocky view has not been impacted much, policies have always been in place to protect all of our students. The ministers staff is reviewing the policies
- Auditor Generals review of school construction projects, if you are interested please go to the websites



- Interviews have taken place for new principals
- Retirement for our superintendent. Submission for new applicants must be in by May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Please complete the satisfaction survey

#### K. Work Shops/Co Vice Chair

**Cindy Perala-Ralph/Sanders Steer**

- Looking at possible parent workshops for next year
- Suggestion to look at attendance and dates that don't conflict with start or end of holidays

#### E. School Council Election

<b>Executive Positions</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Karin Hunter (Sitting) <b>Brandi Schroeder</b> <b>(Interim/Candidate)</b>	Karin Hunter Brandi Schroeder (Seconded by Sander Steer)
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Sander Steer (Sitting) <b>Amanda Miles</b> <b>(Candidate)</b>	Sander Steer Amanda Miles (Seconded by Sander Steer)
<b>Secretary</b>	Natalie Pentney (Sitting)	Natalie Pentney
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Katie Mayer (Candidate)</b>	Katie Mayer (Seconded by Melanie Spagrud)
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Sally Lockhart (Sitting) Niki Ferby (Sitting)	Sally Lockhart Niki Ferby
<b>Non-Executive Positions</b>		
<b>Yearbook Coordinator</b>	Vacant	Vacant
<b>Library Coordinator</b>	Monica Webster (Sitting)	Monica Webster
<b>Special Lunch Coordinator</b>	Alex Martin (Sitting) <b>Tanis Bo (Candidate)</b>	Alex Martin Tanis Bo (Seconded by Alex Martin)
<b>Spirit of Caring</b>	Chelsea Bowers	Chelsea Bowers
<b>Long Term Planning Committee</b>	Frankie-Lou Nelligan (Sitting)	Frankie-Lou Nelligan

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

June 1<sup>st</sup> , 2016 1:00 pm

