

*École Elbow Valley School Council Meeting*

**November 13th, 2018, 1PM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Tina Andiel Carlson

Katie Mayer

Amal Jomaa

Arlene Abboud

Lindsay Adams

Tammy Hangs

Manhar Cheema

Renee Coctsee

Naomi Shumka

Jill Johnson

Cate Wilkins

**AGENDA**

**A. Welcome**

**Tina Andiel Carlson / Naomi Shumka**

Tina and Naomi welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending and being involved.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

*Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Naomi Shumka. Motion carried.*

**C. Approval of October 2018 Meeting Minutes**

*Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Seconded by Arlene Abboud. Motion carried.*

**D. School Trustee Report**

**Judi Hunter**

October has been a busy month. The Board has reviewed its policies and priorities. We also created an advocacy statement which will form the basis of our discussions with Government.

The three tenants are:

1. Equitable Access to Funding
2. New Schools for Growing Jurisdictions
3. Provincial Review on Inclusion

Rocky View Schools received, 2.7 million dollars from the Alberta Government as part of the Classroom Improvement Fund. Each school had to develop a plan to use these funds. Distribution of funds were given on a per school base plus a per student allocation.

The West Rocky View schools received the following amounts.

Banded Peak	42095
Bearspaw	62501
Elbow Valley Elementary	60079
Springbank Middle	58757
Springbank Community High	74539
Westbrook	33580

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All of our schools are full, and most are at, or exceeding capacity. Space continues to be an issue for Rocky View Schools. The Board submitted its Capital Plan to the government. Number 1 priority was for the approval of the Langdon Junior/Senior High Community School. The approval of this school will mitigate the growth issues in the Chestermere, Langdon areas of the Division.

The Board plans meets with Parents of Prince of Peace School in Chestermere, November 14, to address options for students attending the school. The owner of the school has gone into receivership. The Province will not purchase this property, so the Board must find a solution for accommodating the Prince of Peace students.

In addition to the Prince of Peace consultations, the Board will be meeting with Airdrie parents to discuss boundary changes to accommodate growth with no further schools.

The Board has also applied for an additional 39 portables to be added to schools across the division to accommodate growth. However there is no guarantee that all of those needed will be provided.

The annual general meeting for the ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association) will be held November 18-20. This meeting of School Boards across the province is used to develop advocacy positions for discussions with Government.

The Board has reviewed the annual Student Achievement Results and Satisfaction Survey Results. In general, our results have improved over last year. There continues to be a need to focus on numeracy. The Board has numeracy as one of its strategic directions. Two numeracy specialists have been hired to assist schools in improving their numeracy scores.

A new bus routes has been added to Harmony and also to Westbrook to alleviate overcrowding and long bus rides.

Congratulations to Curtis Ostertag for achieving 100% in the Biology 30 provincial achievement test. In June he achieved 100% in the Physics 30 provincial exam.

Some general information that may interest you:

The City of Airdrie is one of two cities in the final step to being awarded 10 million dollars for being a Blue Zone City, a city where the focus is on human health and sustainability.

The Alberta Association of Optometrists has published the following information:

- 80% of classroom learning is visual
- 1 in 4 children have some form of visual problem
- 43% of children with an eye problem can pass a basic visual exam
- children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having a learning or behavioral problem

Research supports for new 4YR Plan

“Neuroscience tells us that the brain is most engaged when it is discovering things for itself rather than having data poured into it...the study of neuroplasticity has shown that learning and discovery actually create physical changes in the brain”

Robertson, Darrel, (2018) "Emergence of Coaching from Servant Leadership". The CASS Connection. Volume 14 Issue 2 16-19

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## **E. Council Reports**

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### **1. Chair's Report**

**Tina Andiel Carlson / Naomi Shumka**

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There will be a presentation at the December of January meeting about seatbelts on buses.

During 2 weeks in December, there will be an initiative to collect gently used backpacks for the Boys and Girls Club of Cochrane and the Calgary Immigrant Support Society. There will be bins set up at the office and students will be asked to bring in their new of gently used backpacks and lunch packs. This will be communicated in the newsletter and letters will also be sent home.

There is a bridge building event hosted by the Springbank Community Association on Friday, November 16th. The event will be held at the Springbank Park for All Seasons. You can register online and registration includes a membership to the communication association.

### **2. Principal's Report**

**Lindsay Adams**

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- **Community:**

- The Engineering for Kids program is going very well. Given demand, there are 2 sessions running in parallel. There were some logistical issues initially which have been worked out and the instructors now take attendance at each session.

- **Professional Learning:**

- Yesterday was originally intended to be a PL day, but given Remembrance day is a stat holiday, yesterday was a day off in lieu.
- The PL day in December will be a math residency. The same instructor doing the math residency for students and staff will also offer a program for parents to understand the math being taught. The timing of this parent session will be confirmed early in 2019.
- Sam Hester (23rd Story) has been working with staff on illustrations of the mission and the vision as they are told. Lindsay will review what has been done at a future school council meeting.
- There has been a efforts on the school educational plan with a focus on culture of caring and academic rigour. A team of 5 staff including Lindsay will travel to Atlanta in December for 5 days to visit the Ron Clark Academy. The findings from the trip will be incorporated into the school educational plan and also reviewed at a future school council meeting.

- **Miscellaneous**

- Lindsay encourages all parents and staff to come to her if there are issues they have questions about or are uncomfortable with as it relates to their children. There has only been 1 reported incident of bullying in the last 3 years and the staff has put significant focus on proactive strategies such as friendly helpers, kindness campaigns and kindness slips. Teachers are also actively using the friendology 101 curriculum in their classrooms. There are a number of clubs available to students which provide the opportunity to connect with each other and with teachers. These clubs are held over lunch and at recess and include robotics, reading, etc. It may be helpful for parents to know about these clubs and have the opportunity to discuss with their children.

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### **3. Treasurer's Report**

**Katie Mayer**

Katie presented the Treasurer's report

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<i>Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council</i>			
<i>Statement of Revenue and Expenditures</i>			
<i>as of October 31, 2018</i>			
	2018/19	2018/19	2017/18
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	2,403.89	15,000.00	13,756.50
Mathathon	-	20,000.00	20,833.00
Family Fun'raiser	-	10,000.00	14,907.00
Yearbook	-	1,000.00	-
Mabels Labels	-	250.00	282.75
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,403.89</b>	<b>46,250.00</b>	<b>49,779.25</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>School Programs</b>			
Grade Teams	-	10,000.00	8,343.66
Robotics Training	-	2,000.00	-
Robotics	-	5,000.00	15,000.00
Math Residency	-	18,000.00	-
<b>Committees</b>			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	500.00	1,342.32
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	-
<b>Bussing/Field Trips</b>			
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
<b>Special Programs/Events</b>			
Special Programs	-	10,000.00	9,003.94
Special Day	-	2,000.00	-
In-Line Skating	9,383.30	11,000.00	10,902.08
Sound Kreations Residency	-	5,000.00	4,622.80
First Aid	-	500.00	460.00
Sports Day	-	500.00	661.79
Books	-	10,000.00	9,136.05
Family Dance	-	1,500.00	605.20
Parent Workshops	-	1,500.00	349.99
Lions Club Funds	-	-	641.16
<b>School Council Expenses</b>	-	1,500.00	73.36
<b>ASCA AGM</b>	-	1,250.00	1,118.56
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>9,383.30</b>	<b>81,500.00</b>	<b>62,260.91</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(6,979.41)</b>	<b>(35,250.00)</b>	<b>(12,481.66)</b>
<b>Opening Book Balance</b>	<b>17,739.34</b>	<b>17,739.34</b>	<b>30,221.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(6,979.41)</b>	<b>(35,250.00)</b>	<b>(12,481.66)</b>
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	<b>10,759.93</b>	<b>(17,510.66)</b>	<b>17,739.34</b>

Katie was also able to confirm that the school receives \$0.35 from each lunch sold by the Lunch Lady.

*Katie Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Tina Andiel Carlson. Motion carried.*

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**4. Teacher's Report**

**Shelley Lambie**

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There is no teacher's report this month.

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**5. Volunteer Committee's Report**

**Amal Jomaa/Arlene Abboud**

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In October we had our picture retakes. Thank you to our volunteers who came out to help organize our students.

We hosted a staff luncheon the day of our 3 way conferences, which as usual everyone loved. Thank you to all our outstanding chefs/parents for all the amazing food and treats and to our incredible set up and clean up crew. It was very much appreciated. If you haven't already done so, please pick up your trays and crock pots from the staff room.

Coming up on Wednesday November, 21st is our Mathathon. Our schools largest fundraiser. We are in need of 2 volunteers per classroom for grades 1-4, the Sign up genius has been sent out. Kindergarten has sent out an email for there own volunteers.

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**6. Special Lunch Coordinator**

**Tannis Bo**

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Thanks to all who have volunteered for helping with the Pizza lunches. It continues to be a popular lunch and a great fundraiser for the school.

The number of students ordering is slightly down from last year. We have around 275 students who order pizza, 170 for Mucho Burrito, 150 for Tuesday Subway and around 175 for Fridays.

The Lunch Lady has contacted Tannis to see if we can use the Healthy Hunger website as the way to order verses their site. Tannis would enter the menu for her but everything else would run as it is today. Tannis will speak to the Lunch Lady and assess if additional margin could be added to the meals to benefit the school.

Next year will be my last year at the school so Tannis is looking for someone (or a couple of people) who would be interested in taking over the role. If you are interested or want more information about it, please contact me at [evespeciallunches@gmail.com](mailto:evespeciallunches@gmail.com).

There was a question as to why more lunch options are not offered. There are many reasons why pizza, Mucho Burrito and Subway were selected as the 3 vendors including price, messiness, location of school and the required volunteer commitment with some of the other vendors.

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**7. Library**

**Jill Johnson**

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The Scholastic Book Fair went well. There were some issues on Tuesday with significant line ups as one of the volunteers did not show up and the credit card machine was not working properly. There are also some books which did not have an obvious CDN price and the USD pricing was confusing for some of the kids. There was a question as to whether high school or middle school kids could be recruited to help out with staffing for future book fairs and Lindsay will inquire about this.

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**8. Yearbook Committee**

**Lee-Ann Tai**

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Yearbooks are available to purchase for \$25 through School Cash Online.

The Yearbook Committee is looking for someone to take over creating the book for the 2019/20 year. The Lifetouch program is easy to use and our rep is a great source of knowledge and help. Unfortunately, if we are unable to find someone to take over this role, this will be the last year EEVE will be creating a yearbook. If this is something you might be interested in, please let us know at [elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com)

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**9. French Immersion / CPF**

**Stephanie Rosenbaum**

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We are having a meeting this Thursday at 7:30 at 475 Rodeo Ridge in Springbank. All parents of French Immersion are welcome. Feel free to contact Stephanie Rosenbaum at 403-999-7673 if you have questions.

Springbank Cheese Fundraiser is underway. Forms are due back on November 26th and cheese is expected on December 13th. We are in need of volunteers to organize orders and distribute on December 13th. This year we included English and French Immersion. We plan on using funds for all students during our French Culture week at the elementary. We plan on discussing ideas on other events at the CPF meeting this Thursday.

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**10. Grant Writers**

**Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross**

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There will be a focus on requesting grants in the coming months. There is a priority to investigate the possibility to secure a grant to help beautify the front entrance including potentially some sort of display and seating area. This is also being discussed with Rockyview Schools Head Office. There is also a focus on playground and technology enhancement grants to determine what may be available.



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**11. Spirit of Caring**

**Pauline Hall**

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There is no report from the Spirit of Caring this month.

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**F. FEEVES Report**

**Chris Kelly**

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Tannis advised that there is no update from FEEVES at this time. There will be a FEEVES meeting by the end of November and the casino will likely be 1 year from this November. Tannis will confirm if others are welcome at the FEEVES meeting. It is part of a regulatory requirement that FEEVES meets regularly and has a minimum membership of 5 Board members. Tannis will speak with Chris and Mark and advise if additional Board members are required. Rockyview has published some administrative procedures which will be used to govern societies such as FEEVES. Lindsay will share these procedures with Tannis, Chris and Mark.

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**G. Other / Open Floor**

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Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting Date: December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**