

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 8th, 2017

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

LINDSAY ADAMS

TANNIS BO

MICHELLE ADAMS

KATIE MAYER

AMAL JOMAA

LEE ANN TAI

SARINE MUSTAPHA

KIM AGNEW

DIANE STEVENSON

JASON HENDRICK

DIANE STEPHENSON

ARLENE ABBOUD

TRISH CULL

MONA HUSSEIN

CHRIS KELLY

NATALIE PENTNEY

AGENDA

A. Welcome

Michelle Adams/Brandi Schroeder

B. Approval of Agenda

Natalie Pentney makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tannis Bo

C. Approval of October 2017 Meeting Minutes

Katie Mayer makes the motion to approve the October 2017 minutes. Seconded by Lee-Ann Tai

D. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report Michelle Adams & Brandi Schroeder

- **Casino** – quick chat about last night, sign up etc.

- **Communication between school/council/and parents.**

What is working?

What isn't working?

What could we change?

Could we add Instagram? Mona has volunteered to run if we are able to have this.

Consistency with the agenda

Next month update on where teachers stand with agenda and perhaps next year we could have a consistent form of communication expectations for all teachers, students and parents.

- **Joint Council meeting**

- Points of discussion:

Child's progress and achievement – do you feel informed about your child's progress? If so, what strategies is your school employing?
If not, what strategies would you like to see employed?

Lots of rubric coming home

Test to be signed at home

Powerportal will be mandatory for all teachers – one subject will be open first, teachers can give marks and anecdotal notes.

Involvement in decision making

How does your child's school involve you in decisions that affect your child?

What steps could RVS schools take to improve parental involvement in the decision making process about their children?

These questions will be sent home for parents to fill out and then Michelle and Brandie will compile the information and present next Wednesday at the joint council meeting.

If there is anything you want brought forward please write it on the survey.

2. Administration Report Lindsay Adams

- Professional Learning
 - ACPI
 - Team of 5 French Immersion teachers attended this year's ACPI Conference in Charlottetown, PEI. (Association Canadienne des professionnels de l'immersion) Great conference, purchased many resources.
 - Mind Up
 - Team of 8 attended this session offered through Rocky View. Focus on mental health and how that can be nurtured in the schools.
 - Emilie Lussier (Teacher, Author, Learning Support Specialist)
 - Emilie Lussier from Éditions Flic Flac in Quebec had a residency at EV for all FI teachers. Presented modelled lessons and offered resources for FI team.
- Community
 - School Annual Results Report (SARR)
 - To be presented at next meeting once we have received the Superintendent's signature. Thanks to those who have provided feedback for the report.
 - Joint Board/School Council Meeting
 - Next week at Central Office. A survey will be forthcoming to get parent feedback about the two questions that will be posed at the meeting.
- Transformation of the Learning Commons
 - Awaiting approval of funds from the Education Centre (EC)

3. Treasurer's Report Katie Mayer

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
as of October 31, 2017*

	2017/18 Actuals	2017/18 Budget	2016/17 Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	1,657.69	15,000.00	15,270.13
Mathathon	-	20,000.00	23,071.25
Family Fun'raiser	-	10,000.00	12,986.00
Yearbook	-	1,000.00	1,414.55
FEEVESS	13,348.07	70,000.00	
Lions Club Grant	-	-	5,000.00
Mabels Labels	-	250.00	
Teacher Appreciation	-	100.00	176.00
Total Revenue	15,005.76	116,350.00	57,765.13
EXPENDITURES			
School Programs			
Grade Teams	623.26	10,000.00	7,805.43
Robotics Training	-	5,000.00	-
Robotics		15,000.00	

Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	1,342.32	2,676.00	108.59
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	198.23
Bussing/Field Trips			
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	-	10,000.00	9,920.50
Special Day	-	2,000.00	1,556.49
In-Line Skating	9,820.58	14,000.00	10,123.47
Sound Kreations Residency	4,622.80	5,000.00	4,720.34
First Aid	-	500.00	-
Sports Day	-	500.00	416.69
Books	-	10,000.00	6,130.91
Parent Workshops	-	1,500.00	-
Lions Club Funds	641.16	638.57	4,361.43
Playground Resurfacing	-	35,000.00	
Yearbook	-	500.00	-
School Council Expenses	23.36	500.00	114.56
ASCA AGM	-	1,250.00	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,073.48	115,314.57	59,937.42
NET INCOME	(2,067.72)	1,035.43	(2,172.29)
Opening Book Balance	30,221.00	30,221.00	32,393.29
Net Income	(2,067.72)	1,035.43	(2,172.29)
Closing Book Balance	28,153.28	31,256.43	30,221.00

Katie Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Lee-Ann Tai

4. Teachers' Report Trish Cull
 - Mind Up training for 8 teachers
 - It was developed through the Mind Up foundation. The idea is to provide some awareness and skills for students to gain an understanding and practice of mindfulness. Children are becoming increasingly stressed with our busy paces of life, it is important to give students a chance for moments of mindfulness. Some work around the senses. Lots of curriculum connections in most subject areas. Lots of whole school possibilities to stop and with intention slow things down.

5. Volunteer Committee Amal Jomaa/Arlene Abboud
 - In October our staff luncheon was a great success. Holding it in the staff room was much easier and better suited for the occasion than having it at the gym. The setup and cleanup were swift and thanks to our many volunteers it went very smoothly.
 - Picture retakes are on November 8th
 - On November 15 the school is hosting our annual mathathon. We have sent out the sign up genius to our volunteer group. We asked classroom reps to send it out to all the parents.
 - Please notify us if anyone from the school who is not receiving our sign up genius' would like us to add them to our list.
 - Thank you Arlene and Amal

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Tannis Bo
 - Thanks to the volunteers who helped with Pizza.

- We had our first Mucho Burrito lunch and there were a few learnings from it. Overall it was successful but the portion sizes might be a bit small. Parents can change their orders to order more, or send more snacks if that was a problem.
- We had 56 students order on the extra Subway lunch in November and have 36 signed up so far for the December order.

7. Learning Commons Coordinator Monica Webster
No report this month

8. Yearbook Committee Lee Ann Tai
- **2017/2018 Yearbooks** are now available to order through schoolcashionline.com. The cost is **\$25**.
 - The yearbook committee is looking for volunteers to help with photography and page design. No experience or special skills needed. Photography can be done with most phones as long as the photos are forwarded/uploaded at their actual size. If you enjoy having the keepsake of the yearbook, and want it to continue, please consider volunteering your time.
 - **Members of the school community are now able to upload images for consideration in the yearbook directly to the Lifetouch website.** If you've taken photos of a school event (field trip, in-line skating, in class activities) and you think they'd be a great addition to the yearbook, go to community.lifetouch.com. Please use the following Community Image Upload Site Access Code to upload your photos: **SOVGQW**
 - Alternatively, you can email photos to the yearbook committee at elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com. If anybody has taken photos of in-line skating, field trips or other classroom activities, please consider sharing them for use in the yearbook.
 - Teachers are given the opportunity to upload their photos at the end of each staff meeting.

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne
 Cheese orders were sent out with students via email. French students

10. Grant Writing Jason Hendricks
- Textbooks, outdoor space etc... approximately 30 grants available that could benefit the school.
 - Most important is playground resurfacing with Alberta Recycling, Jason will sit down with Lindsay to complete this prior to the end of November. We are eligible for 50% of the cost. We would still need \$50,000 with the updated quote.
 - We need to understand who can apply and legally sign for it, Jason is looking into this. There are some official legal names that need to be listed.
 - Can we use FEEVES to apply for grants? Grants require information that the school does not have for example an incorporation number. Lindsay would rather FEEVES apply if possible. Michelle, Chris, Jason and Monica will discuss this at a later time.

10. Vice Chair Tannis Bo
- Parent Math Night will be held on January 24 from 6:30 until 8:30. This will be a free event open to all parents and teachers with the goal of providing tools to help your child with math at home.

- I am working with some parents from the Middle School on a Parent Summit that tentatively will be held mid-April. The plan is for it to be a conference style event for parents held on a Saturday that will feature 4 – 6 speakers. Some sessions will be held concurrently and it will be up to the parents how many and which sessions they would like to attend. Parents from the SMS, the Springbank High School and possibly Banded Peak school will be invited to attend. More information will be presented as it becomes available. Watch for a survey on topics that interest you to be coming out shortly.
- We have held off booking the URStrong friendship workshop until the new year.

11. FEEVES Chris Kelly

- Casino is going well. We can expect at least \$60,000 at minimum.
- We can have ASCA to come in and do an information session for FEEVES to help us have a better understanding of how FEEVES is supposed to flow money etc...

F. School Trustee Report

- No report this month

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

December 10th 2017, 1:00PM