

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 2nd , 2016

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

KARIN HUNTER

BRANDI SHCROEDER

LINDSAY ADAMS

JUDI POOLE

TANNIS BO

TRISH CULL

JANICE HEPFNER

KATIE MAYER

VANESSA KELLY

LORI CHAMPAGNE

MICHELLE ADAMS

NATALIE PENTNEY

SANDER STEERS

HELEN CLEASE

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AGENDA

A. Welcome

Brandi Schroeder

B. Approval of Agenda

** Brandi Schroeder makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Michelle Adams*

C. Approval of October 2016 Meeting Minutes

** Tannis Bo makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Michelle Adams.*

E. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report Karin Hunter /
Brandi Schroeder

Brandi Schroeder

- Compliments to Miss Bailey and all of the volunteers who helped make the Learning Commons such a fabulous learning area.
- Mathathon is tomorrow – good luck to our students and teachers.
- Next School Council meeting is December 7th at 1:00 pm.
- Long term planning committee will take a look at survey results, analyze, and post results on the school website.

2. Principal's Report Lindsay Adams/Judi Poole

- SAR document presentation – will be posted to the school website in the future

3. Treasurer's Report Katie Mayer

- Money has been received from the Lion's Club
- Yearbook money has been deposited (approx \$1400)
- Two cheques from the Lunch Ladies

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
as of October 31, 2016*

	2016/17 Actuals	2016/17 Budget	2015/16 Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	2,803.44	15,000.00	18,111.32
Mathathon	-	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	9.80	-	25.95
Total Revenue	9,227.79	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	-	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	-	79,270.00	70,323.54
NET INCOME	9,227.79	(19,270.00)	(2,482.34)
Opening Book Balance	30,940.42	30,940.42	33,422.76
Net Income	9,227.79	(19,270.00)	(2,482.34)
Closing Book Balance	40,168.21	11,670.42	30,940.42

**Katie Mayer makes the motion to file the October 2016 budget. Seconded by Michelle Adams*

4. Teachers' Report Trish Cull

- The staff enjoyed 2 professional days tied to the Thanksgiving long weekend. The Friday self-directed day enabled all staff to dedicate time working within a specific area, research or project of choice. On the Tuesday Community of Practice PL day, staff collaborated with other Rocky View employees in an area of interest ranging from Assessment, the RVS Literacy Numeracy Framework, Inclusion, Wellness and 21 Century Learning, Inquiry and more. These PL days always provide great opportunities to reflect, recharge and refresh as we continually look for ways to improve our practice as life long learners.
- The ever popular **In Line Skating** is now complete for another year. The students had a blast with this program and we thank School Council one more time for supporting this special activity.
- You may have heard that we have some TV anchors in the making here at Elbow Valley. This month, Ms. Adams began live streaming the morning announcements on RVS Tube with the plan for student involvement. See the November newsletter for more information about these announcements and how you can view them.
- Grade 2 classes visited Heritage Park and the Grade 4 classes visited Atlas Coal Mine on their first **Field trips** of the year. Several in school field trips we

also enjoyed by the students covering topics such as Waste in our World and Boats and Buoyancy.

- Grade one students learned about the classic folktale Stone Soup as they talked about sharing in preparation for Thanksgiving. The classes made their own *stone soup*, with students each contributing individual ingredients. As far as we know, no one found an actual stone in their portion and the consensus was that Elbow Valley makes a great pot of soup.
- Some classes in Grade three have started their weaving projects. Using manual weavers made of wood and nails, students weave yarn to create a bookmark or other artefact. This curriculum connection is intended to build awareness and appreciation of the Peruvian culture.
- Thanks to those of you who joined us for the Halloween parade or generously donated snacks, treats, or decorations. Several parents also donated their time and energy to plan and run activities for individual class parties. The teachers really appreciate this support in helping to foster a positive classroom climate. Who doesn't love a party!

5. Volunteer Coordinators. Sally Lockhart/Michelle Adams

- Mathathon is tomorrow at 9. We are a few volunteers short, but looking OK. If anyone wants to come help out, please come and join us.
- Next volunteer day is Nov 9, picture retakes. We will need 10 volunteers. Email to follow
- Dec 6 is teacher's appreciation lunch. We will be sending out sign up genius for volunteers next week.

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Tannis Bo

- No report – everything is going well.

7. Library Coordinator Monica Webster

- The old bookshelves have been removed from the learning commons and the space looks great! Labels have been put on the shelves to show the locations of the subjects. The scholastic book fair will be held on Nov 28th – Dec 2nd. I will be sending out a separate signup for this event. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work.

8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

- No report

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- For this years fundraiser the CPF will be offering Springbank Cheese. Orders must be placed by Friday November 18th, for delivery on Tuesday December 6th. Collection forms will go home with all French Immersion students.
- Springbank Cheeses will provide the order forms with pictures to show the different products.
- Hard copies will go home with the French Immersion students and ordering online will be available for everyone else.
- Money raised is divided between the three schools. Teachers decide how best to spend the money to support their students' learning.

* *Lori Champagne makes a motion to approve this fundraising activities seconded by Natalie Pentney. Motion is carried.*

10. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- No report

11. Vice Chair Sander Steer/
Amanda Miles

Sander Steer

- Signage is going well
- Workshop that received the most interest in a vote last year was a Girl Power Good Guy workshop. There will be a \$35 fee per participant, is this appropriate? The program is different then the program Mrs. Z is implementing at the school.

** Sander Steers makes a motion to table this workshop, seconded by Michelle Adams. Motion is passed.*

12. FEEVES Sander Steer

- \$66,931 is in the account currently. This money should be spent prior to our next casino. (End of school year 2017 approximately) This money has to be used to benefit the whole school. It comes with very specific guidelines on how it can be spent.
- Purposed to spend some of these funds on a new school wide home reading program.
- A meeting is proposed to look at the relationship and spending between School Council funds and FEEVES.

F. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

Enrolment numbers

RVS current student enrolment is at 22,712 students, a 5.3% increase of 1145 students over last year. Significant growth was in all of the major RVS municipalities. Airdrie grew by 5.7%. Cochrane grew by 8%. Chestermere grew by 6.6%.

Ward Tours

Superintendent Luterbach and myself toured Ward 4 schools on November 1. Thanks to all for making us feel welcome.

Ward Boundary Review

In preparation for the 2017 municipal elections the RVS Board of Trustees is conducting a ward boundary review. The boundaries need to be official 6 months prior to the election. A number of recommendations will be put forward and will be shared via power point at November/early December school council meetings.

There will be a public meeting on December 5, 7 pm at Springbank Middle School. Please share this info with all your friends and neighbors.

The decision could have impact on the Springbank area.

ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association)

The deadline for school councils to submit resolutions to be brought forward to annual conference in April is December 12.

Joint Board/School Council meeting

November 17 at the Education Centre in Airdrie. Opportunity for all school council representatives to network with each other. We are working to schedule a presentation from Alberta Education on the review and development of Alberta School Curriculum.

Curriculum Update

Alberta Education is conducting a complete review of curriculum over the next 5 years. K-4 to be completed by 2018. Grades 5 -8 by 2019. Grades 9-12 by 2020. On Oct. 18 Alberta Education launched an online curriculum survey to allow input from all Albertans. **The survey is open until November 18 and can be found on the Alberta Education website. Please encourage your family and friends to take the time let their voices be heard.**

There are also meetings held with the Calgary Regional Consortia on November 8 at the St. Paul Centre. [Here is the link to the site to register for the session](https://crcpd.ab.ca/programs/category/43#programs)
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2016 Satisfaction & Student Success Reported

RVS' Annual Accountability Report on Satisfaction Survey, Student Achievement Results and Trends were presented to the Board, Oct. 20. The report highlighted high degrees of satisfaction among parents and staff, but highlighted student engagement as an area for investigation. In relation to provincial tests, RVS students remain on par with their provincial counterparts, but are under represented at the acceptable and standard of excellence in a few areas at Grades 6 and 9. The good news is most students' academic results climb dramatically at the high school level as witness by diploma exams marks. Read the full on the RVS website.

Carbon Tax

School boards and schools have supported environmental stewardship for many years. Although they still support many aspects of the Climate Change Initiative. School Boards have asked the provincial government for an exemption or rebate on the carbon Tax. For some boards this tax could mean additional transportation finance pressures. This tax would impact transportation and infrastructure

Long Service Awards

On October 21, RVS board of Trustees honoured long-serving employees who have worked for RVS for 20, 25, 30 and 35 years, as well as those who retired from the jurisdiction last year. Thanks for all our employees for their dedicated service to RVS students.

RVS Board Organizational Meeting

The board held its organizational meeting on Oct. 6, 2016. Colleen Munro was elected Chair and Todd Brand was elected Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 school year. A full committee roster is available on the RVS website.

Rocky View Board Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month and are open to the public.

Thank you for supporting the students at Elbow Valley

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your trustee.

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G. Other Business – School Survey

Karin Hunter

- 197 responses
- Most people supported having parents pay or partially pay for bussing.
- It is suggested that we start charging parents for bussing in January 2017.

** Sander Steer makes a motion starting January 2017 that field trips are priced to include the various costs associated with field trips, including transportation. Seconded by Lori Champagne. Motion passed.*

- 62% wanted swimming to continue, however there was a lot of discussion on how the program would continue. For example, badges, different pool etc...
- Inline skating was very highly reviewed.
- People wanted skating to continue.
- 40% of people would be interested in a before school program.
- Family dance was very popular
- Mathathon is still well received
- People wanted fundraising money to be put towards supporting classroom initiatives

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

December 7th 2016, 1:00PM

