

**ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE**

KARIN HUNTER

BRANDI SHCROEDER

LINDSAY ADAMS

JUDI POOLE

TANNIS BO

FRANKIE-LOU NELLIGAN

TRISH CULL

JANICE HEPFNER

KATIE MAYER

MICHELLE PELLEGRIN

LORI CHAMPAGNE

MICHELLE ADAMS

NATALIE PENTNEY

AMANDA MILES

TARA LEATHERDALE

## **AGENDA**

### **A. Welcome**

**Karin Hunter**

### **B. Approval of Agenda**

*\* Monica Webster makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tannis Bo*

### **C. Approval of September 2016 Meeting Minutes**

*\* Tannis Bo makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Katie Mayer*

### **E. School Trustee Report**

**Helen Clease**

#### **Ward Tours**

Trustees will be touring their ward schools with the new superintendent Greg Luterbach. Mr. Luterbach and I will be touring the Springbank and Bragg Creek area schools on November 1.

#### **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 there will be a YouTube video created for the November School Council Meetings. There will be opportunities for public consultations probably in November and December. The outcome of the ward boundary review could have impact on Ward 4 so stay tuned!

#### **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.

ASBA also holds webinar Wednesdays. This is web based Professional Learning for parents offered at 9 a.m. or 8 p.m. for 1 hour. See the ASCA website for courses offered.

#### **Joint Board/School Council meeting**

November 17 at the Education Centre in Airdrie. Opportunity for all school council representatives to network with each other.

#### **Changes to Grade 6 PAT's Math**

Minister Eggen announced that there will be a 15 minute math facts section added. No calculators allowed.

#### **Education Act**

Waiting to hear about consultations mentioned on Alberta Education Website for fall 2016. The current School Act has been extended until August 2018.

#### **Bill C241**

School boards across Canada have been working with MP Waugh from Saskatchewan to pass a Bill allowing 100% GST rebate for school boards. Right now boards only receive 68%. We would encourage community members to encourage their MP's to support the Bill.

#### **Carbon Tax**

School Boards have asked the provincial government for an exemption on the carbon Tax. For some boards this tax could mean additional transportation finance pressures. This tax would impact transportation and infrastructure

### **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 (12). Opportunities for consultation have been indicated.

Rocky View Board Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Helen Clease RVS Trustee Ward 4

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## **F. Council Reports**

### 1. Chair Report Karin Hunter / Brandi Schroeder

#### Karin Hunter

- Thanks to everyone who have volunteered in the classrooms and those who were able to help with the Learning Commons transition.
- Math-a-thon November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will need volunteers to help facilitate this activity
- Next School Council meeting is November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm
- Newsletter for the middle and high school are going to a blog. Everyone agrees to continue using the monthly newsletter to share council information to parents.
- School Council survey will be coming out next Wednesday giving people approximately 2 weeks to complete. Goal is to learn where parents would like school council money to be allocated. We will look for feedback on programs that are being offered and potential future programs parents would like to see.

### 2. Principal's Report Lindsay Adams

- Welcome
- September Celebrations: Terry Fox Fun, Parent Volunteer Workshop, Learning Commons Transformation – shelves have arrived.
- Staffing – Given funding for another FI teacher at the grade 4 level due to class size. Pleased to welcome M. Dominic Vallée to our staff.
- SARR – currently analyzing the data from multiple sources (Rocky View Satisfaction Surveys and SOSQ results) to write the School Annual Results Report. Due to central office October 17th, 2016. We will be presenting a summary of the SARR at the November school council meeting.
- What does Learning look like at EV? Check out our bulletin board as you enter the school (beside the gym doors). The purpose of the display is to highlight our values/beliefs about what learning looks like. The artifacts are visuals – scanning the QR code will bring you to the school website where you will find more detail about the activity or event displayed.
- Office modernization – meeting this morning with architects and Colette Winter from EC.
- Month Ahead:

- Fall Break October 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>
- Halloween Parade October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00PM

3. Treasurer's Report Katie Mayer

Healthy Hunger added three cheques for the months of September

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council*

*Statement of Revenue and Expenditures*

*as of September 30, 2016*

	2016/17 Actuals	2016/17 Budget	2015/16 Actuals
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	846.19	15,000.00	18,111.32
Mathathon	-	20,000.00	23,844.25
Family Fun'raiser	-	10,000.00	14,140.00
Yearbook	-	-	1,719.68
FEEVESS	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Lions Club Grant	-	5,000.00	-
Interest Income	7.33	-	25.95
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>853.52</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>67,841.20</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Special Lunch Program</b>	-	-	1,452.87
<b>School Programs</b>			
Grade Teams	-	8,000.00	7,517.72
Robotics Training	-	5,000.00	-
<b>Committees</b>			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	1,000.00	775.26
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	180.12
<b>Bussing</b>			
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	-
<b>Special Programs/Events</b>			
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	-	
<b>Photocopier and Tack Board</b>	-	-	1,410.88	
<b>Yearbook</b>	-	500.00	-	
<b>School Council Expenses</b>	-	750.00	924.71	
<b>ASCA AGM</b>	-	1,250.00	-	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	-	79,270.00	70,323.54	#
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>853.52</b>	<b>(19,270.00)</b>	<b>(2,482.34)</b>	
<b>Opening Book Balance</b>	30,940.42	30,940.42	33,422.76	
<b>Net Income</b>	853.52	(19,270.00)	(2,482.34)	
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	<u>31,793.94</u>	<u>11,670.42</u>	<u>30,940.42</u>	#

*\*Katie Mayer makes the motion to file the 2016 budget. Seconded by Natalie Pentney*

4. Teachers' Report Trish Cull
- Thank you to families for supporting our annual **Terry Fox** run through donations as well as your presence. It was great to see so many parents run

alongside our children. The weather cooperated; we enjoyed the support of our resident DJ Paul Spencer and the community first responders. This year, the school raised \$2400.10. In their classrooms and as a whole school community, students were reminded that ordinary people can do extraordinary things with determination, perseverance and courage. It is heartwarming to see our community consistently supporting cancer research through the Terry Fox foundation as well as supporting our children in remembering what Terry's legacy stands for.

- **In Line**

Skating has started and the kids are having a blast. Physical activity, risk taking, a chance to try a new sport and quality instruction make Alien In Line a favoured activity among the students. Thanks again to Parent Council for providing this opportunity to our students.

- **Field trips**

The grade 2 classes are visiting Heritage Park this week as they explore our community, both past and present. The grade 4 classes are venturing farther from home as they visit Atlas Coal Mine in Drumheller. This field trip also connects to their social studies curriculum as they study Alberta regions and natural resources.

- It is sheer excitement in Kindergarten. These little ones are brimming with personality and enthusiasm. They are definitely ready for school. We are excited to welcome them and all our new families to our fabulous school.
- Grade one students are making their exciting transition to full days of school. They are quickly learning routines in their classes and are heading home pretty tired from their busy days.
- Grade three students in Mrs. Woolley's class made volcano models out of clay as part of their rocks and minerals unit.
- Student clubs are off to an enthusiastic start. Grade 3 Green Club members who do an undesirable, yet very important job of recycling milk and juice containers. The Grade 4 Friendly Helpers have started training for their important role in taking on leadership opportunities in the school.
- **Curriculum Showcase**  
Our curriculum connection today is brought to us by Mrs. Belsey's grade four class. As part of their science study on light, the students designed, built and used solar ovens to make a favorite fall dessert – apple crisp. We have some students here to share their experience with us.

5. Volunteer Coordinators

Sally Lockhart  
Michelle Adams

- Math-a-thon
  - Suggested having a goal or purpose for the students for the event.
  - In future looking at moving towards a basic fact event, where students are meeting the SLO's from the previous years.

6. Special Lunch Coordinator

Tannis Bo

- We have had 5 Special Lunches and things are going smoothly. The first few had low numbers, possibly due to the Sunday night cut off.
- Sign-up Genius has been sent out and we have had a great response. Thanks to those who have signed up and those who have already

volunteered. The link has been posted on the School Council / Volunteer Opportunities page on the website.

7. Library Coordinator Monica Webster
- The new shelves that were ordered and paid for came in a couple of weeks ago. The library was closed to students for two weeks so everything could be rearranged. Miss Bailey and the volunteers went through all the books while re-shelving and rearranged some of them to a more intuitive organization.
  - Thank you so much to all the wonderful volunteers that helped shift the books to the new shelves and move them around. It looks fantastic. From what I've heard the kids are very pleased with the new shelves and the new arrangement.
  - Next project is to make sure the shelves are all labeled properly and maybe some shifting and fine tuning of the arrangement. Miss Bailey is in communication with the woodwork shop at the middle school to help her make a custom place mark holder box made of wood.
8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden/Michelle Adams
- We received our check from Lifetouch representing our proceeds for last year's book, in the amount of \$1414.55.
  - Yearbook sales have started and are thru school cash on line. Info about that went out in a special email, along with it being noted in the monthly newsletter.
  - Because payments are not going direct to Lifetouch we will have to give them a deposit in the future. The amount and when that will be due is not exactly known at this time due to the past Lifetouch holding all monies in their account until the book is printed, and then issuing us a proceeds check.
9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne
- Meeting Tuesday October 18th at 7:30pm. At 495 Rodeo Ridge. Food and drinks, please join us!
10. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan
- Waiting for survey results before moving forward.
  - Lions Club funds are still coming.
11. Vice Chair Sander Steer/  
Amanda Miles
- Road sign has changed out front.
  - Possibility of hosting a joint technology workshop in November more information to follow.
11. FEEVESS
- Nothing to report

**G. Other Business  
Community Initiative**

- Looking to bring new initiatives to the Springbank community.
- Looking for people to join to help see some of these initiatives through.
- Website is [springbankcollaborative.com](http://springbankcollaborative.com)
- Springbank Trails and Pathways Association is looking to create a more cohesive pathway system throughout Springbank. Looking to map out existing trails, if anyone has knowledge of pathways in Springbank please contact Frankie-Lou.

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting Date:**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016, 7:00PM**