

École Elbow Valley School Council Meeting

October 9th, 2018, 1PM

ATTENDANCE

Tina Andiel Carlson

Katie Mayer

Amal Jomaa

Lindsay Adams

Tammy Hangs

Judi Hunter

Shelley Lambie

Jessica Eren

Hercules Olivier

Cate Wilkins

Stephanie Rosenbaum

Rhonda Simner

Jill Johnson

Shelley Lambie

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 Stephanie Rosenbaum. Motion carried.

C. Approval of June 2018 Meeting Minutes

Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Seconded by Katie Mayer. Motion carried.

D. School Trustee Report

Judi Hunter

Great News!! Through the collective efforts of parents, students and Rocky View Transportation Department, the Board has achieved its goal of reducing the transportation budget by approximately one million dollars. The Board of Trustees is thankful to all of the parents who participated in our survey helping to create the least disruptive plan to achieve this savings.

The enrolment for Rockyview Schools has increased by over 900 students. The School Division desperately needs new schools and is advocating hard on behalf of our parents and students. Rockyview Schools continues to grow at approximately 5% per year. New school construction has not kept pace. The Board has worked with some of our schools to adjust boundaries to alleviate enrolment stress but this is only a temporary solution. Across the division we are in need two new schools per year. Last year were given zero. To boot, we did not receive all of the portables that were requested. A new school takes approximately three years to build. I would encourage all parents to be aware of school capacity needs in their communities so that schools are in place when the need is present. Parents need to let government know of their concerns in this matter.

Judi gave a shout-out to Jenny Hawryluk who won top pop song of the year at the Calgary Music Awards on September 21, 2018. Jenny is attending Springbank High School.

Judi had the privilege of attending the Academic Awards Assembly at Springbank High School. The event celebrated the Grade 12 graduates who were receiving special awards and those who had achieved one hundred 100% on Provincial examinations.

This fall schools sponsored a “Run for Terry Fox”. It is wonderful to see the next generation learn about and celebrate the legacy of this Canadian hero.

Judi included a Ted –Talk link that discusses Colorado’s experience with Cannabis. It is an interesting discussion on the rates of school suspensions and the disproportionate impact on the number of racially minority students. Please note the speaker’s political bias.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmqtPaMMVuY&feature=youtu.be>

The second video with Zachary Walsh, an assistant Professor at UBC Department of Psychology is very interesting who takes a medical look at cannabis.

The School Board’s new “ **4 Year Plan**” is currently in the receiving feedback stage. The plan sets the direction through which the goals of Alberta Education’s educational outcomes will be met. The Board would love to hear you thoughts. The plan can be accessed on the Division Website www.rockyview.ab.ca

Judi would also like to make you aware of Bragg Creek’s new musical theatre “SWAMP DONKEY MUSICAL THEATRE” They are having a improve show and silent auction October 19, at Rockies Tavern. Kids welcome. www.swampdonkeytheatre.ca

E. Council Reports

1. Chair’s Report

Tina Andiel Carlson / Naomi Shumka

There is no specific update from the chair this month.

2. Principal’s Report

Lindsay Adams

- **Community**

- Engineering for Kids will be hosting STEM after-school programming on Fridays beginning this week. There was not enough space for everyone who is interested to sign up and as a result, the school will also be starting a robotics club on Tuesday and Thursdays during lunch. Engineering for Kids will also do some professional learning for the staff to ensure the staff has the tools they need to kids interested in robotics.
- Socktober – socks are being collected in October for Inn from the Cold to give back to the community.

- **Professional Learning**

- PL Day September 24th – Focused on embracing diversity and the infusion of FNMI perspectives in the classroom. Had representative from Morley and the Education Centre walk the entire staff through the blanket exercise. Extremely powerful and has us now thinking about the new

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curriculum, standards and the Calls to Action identified in the Truth and Reconciliation document. How might we go about incorporating FNMI perspectives in an authentic way?

- PL Day October 5th – Focus on providing feedback for the division’s 4 year plan through an online platform “2023 by Design”.
- Math Residency with Geri Lorway September 25th and 26th. Worked in all grades from 1 to 4. Real focus on working with the concrete before moving to the abstract.

- **Learning Commons**

- Projectors and speakers have been installed.
- Looking at white boards and painting of the walls. There is a succession plan in place for painting and flooring within the school.

- **Miscellaneous**

- SARR (School Annual Results Report) to be shared in November with School Council
- One item was identified as issue with a noticeable decline in results specifically around educational opportunities being accessible, individualized and a challenging. Will be looking for parent feedback on how to move forward with improvements in this area. Without any areas to provide qualitative comments, it is difficult to know exactly how parents interpreted this question and therefore, further feedback from parents and school council will be helpful. There was a general discussion around whether this feedback is because some parents are more used of traditional learning. Lindsay emphasized that parents will have different philosophies about learning and one size does not fit all children. Parents and children are fortunate in the Elbow Valley School as grade teams are able to meet weekly and there is a significant effort to ensure the children are getting the support they require. Teachers ensure there is a balance between traditional learning styles and the newer ways of teaching.

3. Treasurer's Report

Katie Mayer

Katie presented the Treasurer's report

<i>Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council</i>			
<i>Statement of Revenue and Expenditures</i>			
<i>as of September 30, 2018</i>			
	2018/19	2018/19	2017/18
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	629.16	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
Total Revenue	629.16	46,250.00	49,779.25
EXPENDITURES			
School Programs			
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	-
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	500.00	1,342.32
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	-
Bussing/Field Trips			
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	-	10,000.00	9,003.94
Special Day	-	2,000.00	-
In-Line Skating	-	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
School Council Expenses	-	1,500.00	73.36
ASCA AGM	-	1,250.00	1,118.56
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	81,500.00	62,260.91
NET INCOME	629.16	(35,250.00)	(12,481.66)
Opening Book Balance	17,739.34	17,739.34	30,221.00
Net Income	629.16	(35,250.00)	(12,481.66)
Closing Book Balance	18,368.50	(17,510.66)	17,739.34

Katie Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Stephanie Rosenbaum. Motion carried.

Katie has heard nothing back from the Lunch Lady on whether the school should be receiving some income for ordered lunches. Lindsay will follow-up when the Lunch Lady is at the school the next time.

4. Teacher's Report

Shelley Lambie

Shelley provided school council an example of the guided reading program which has received significant focus from the staff over the last year. This program is held in small groups (4-5 children) multiple times per week. The program is also supported by literacy based centres. Parents are encouraged to ask your teacher how this program is being applied in your child's class.

Lindsay and Shelley also mentioned that comments from the teacher's about your child's progress should be posted on a regular basis throughout the year in the parent Power School portal this year and parents are encouraged to log into Power School or download the Power School app to review these comments. Parents should contact the school office if they require their log in details for the Power School application.

5. Volunteer Committee's Report

Amal Jomaa/Arlene Abboud

There are no specific volunteer opportunities in October, but November will be a heavy month requiring volunteers for Math-A-Thon as well as teacher appreciation where there will be lunch provided Tuesday and leftovers on Thursday to support the week of student led conferences.

6. Special Lunch Coordinator

Tannis Bo

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with Pizza Lunch. Things are going smoothly with the lunches. Any questions or concerns please email me at evespeciallunches@gmail.com.

7. Library

Jill Johnson

Jill advised that the library is in need of more volunteers. Ensuring there are at least 3 more volunteers per week ensures the work can be completed. It would be helpful to have another volunteer specifically on Thursday and also a number of volunteers to support the Scholastic Book Fair in November as last year the Book Fair was short of volunteers. It is an easy volunteer position and all parents are encouraged to sign up if they are able. Jill will work with Amaal to ensure the volunteer request can be sent via the SignUp Genius.

8. Yearbook Committee

Lee-Ann Tai

Yearbooks are now available for purchase through school cash online for \$25.

The Yearbook Committee is looking for help with page design. The Lifetouch program is easy to use and can be done at your convenience. If you're interested in helping with the yearbook this year, please let us know at elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted photos! We appreciate your help with this!

9. French Immersion / CPF

Stephanie Rosenbaum

Stephanie is hoping that CPF will not have to dissolve given they have not been able to find a President. There are enough members and CPF will continue to provide funding and access to courses and training for French parents as long as they are not dissolved. Lindsay will discuss with Stephanie how she can help support building some awareness around CPF by potentially including in November newsletter, as it is an advantage to the school to have this established. If anyone knows of interested in being the President, please contact Stephanie.

10. Grant Writers

Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross

Cate is new to the position and is working on what has to be done. She will provide a more detailed update at the November meeting.

11. Spirit of Caring

Pauline Hall

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

F. FEEVES Report

Chris Kelly

There is no report from Feeves this month.

G. Other / Open Floor

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date: November 13th at 1pm