

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

December 2, 2015

1:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

TROY MILLINGTON

CELIA BARRINGTON

JUDI POOLE

MELANIE SPAGRUD

FRANKIE-LOU NELLIGAN

TRISH CULL

SALLY LOCKHART

NIKI FERBY

NATALIE PENTNEY

HELEN CLEASE

LATIFAT LAWAL

JANICE HEFFNER

BRANDI SCHROEDER

TARA LEATHERDALE

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AGENDA

A. Welcome

Troy Millington

B. Approval of Agenda

* Melanie Spagrud makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Frankie-Lou Nelligan

C. Approval of November 2015 Meeting Minutes

* Sally Lockhart makes the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Frankie-Lou Nelligan

D. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report

Troy Millington /

Karin Hunter

Troy Millington

- Reminder there is no school council meeting in January.
- Long Term Planning Committee
 - The LT Planning Committee is hoping for a January planning session if you are able to attend. Also, send your ideas for the Committee to consider to Frankie-Lou Nelligan at lbsplancom@gmail.com.
 - We are going to be looking at funding and planning with a trainer on December 15th from 12:30 – 3:00 pm. If you have an interest please contact Frankie-Lou for more information.
- Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the Staff Appreciation Luncheon this week!
- EVE School Council is testing out twitter as a way to engage with parents. We plan to send meeting reminders and other important happenings. We can be reached @EVECouncil
- A quick reminder for everyone to use the Google Drive link to post their Council documents (minutes, financials, etc.). We will pass this file onto the future councils to help with continuity. At the next meeting Judi Poole will do a quick presentation on how to use Google Drive.
- We will need to fill our treasurer role next year as Melanie Spagrud will be transitioning on to the Middle School.
- Rocky View Joint Council meeting - discussed things (projects, programs etc..) that are in common, suggestions or planning that could be coordinated between the three school councils.

2. Principal's Report

Celia Barrington

- An exciting month of November with Casinos, Ceremonies, Alberta Opera, Mathathon, Literacy Night, and of course, Report Cards!
- Thank you to our beloved parents for all the Staff Appreciation treats. The luncheon alone made us feel special indeed.
- We are looking forward to hosting our Bus Drivers' and our Seniors on Dec.8 to share some of our festive spirit. Also the FI Info. Evening on Dec. 9 to explain that program to interested parents.
- Please feel welcomed to join us for caroling during the last week of school prior to the Christmas holidays.
- We have a dance instructor joining us for the first 2 weeks in January. Thank you to School Council for funding this event.
- I will be absent the first week in January as I will be attending the Hawaii International Conference on Education. Of course, the school will be in the very capable hands of Mme Poole.
- As stated in the Dec. newsletter, Mental Health is very much in the news and a much discussed topic. We will be holding a Mental Health Day on January 25, with speakers and presentations on a number of topics leading to good mental health.
- Renovation planning will take place in the next six months for specific areas of the school.

3. Treasurer's Report

Melanie Spagrud

- To date we have raised approximately \$23,000
- Rebates from Healthy Hunger and Lunch Lady of \$2600
- Expenses from Grade teams, bussing, reading conference and First Aid training for staff.
- Melanie Spagrud made a motion to approve financial statements seconded by Sally Lockhart

	2015/16	2015/16	2014/15
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program	-	-	29,078.35
Special Lunch Program - rebate	5,133.92	10,000.00	7,666.80
Mathathon	23,844.25	20,000.00	27,627.55
Family Fun'raiser	-	10,000.00	12,300.90
CPF Springbank	-	-	900.00
Yearbook	1,544.68	-	125.00
FEEVESS	-	10,000.00	27,283.99
Interest Income	9.80	-	146.58
Total Revenue	30,532.65	50,000.00	105,129.17
EXPENDITURES			
Special Lunch Program	416.27	-	20,070.95
School Programs			
Grade Teams	843.75	8,000.00	6,211.51
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	-	1,000.00	657.78
Spirit of Caring	85.58	250.00	85.58
Bussing			
Field Trips	-	9,000.00	7,854.70
Skating	-	2,000.00	1,097.28
Swimming	1,397.00	14,600.00	10,647.68
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	-	8,800.00	12,654.96
Special Day - Literacy Week	-	2,000.00	-
Sports Day	-	500.00	415.10
In-Line Skating	9,026.96	10,520.00	9,985.96
Sound Kreations Residency	-	5,000.00	-
Vulnerable Readers Conference	3,077.20	8,500.00	-
First Aid	4,358.64	4,500.00	-
Reading Bags	-	4,300.00	-
Photocopier and Tack Board	-	1,200.00	18,140.00
Yearbook	-	500.00	136.90
School Council Expenses	160.20	1,250.00	-
ASCA AGM	-	2,000.00	741.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,365.60	83,920.00	88,699.90
NET INCOME	11,167.05	(33,920.00)	16,429.27
Opening Book Balance	33,422.76	33,422.76	16,993.49
Net Income	11,167.05	(33,920.00)	16,429.27
Closing Book Balance	44,589.81	(497.24)	33,422.76

- The character focus for December is generosity. This is certainly something our school community knows a lot about. It is a character trait alive and well at Elbow Valley and we know where our students get their generosity from. Thank you to parent council for the incredibly generous lunch and for the fabulous door prizes yesterday. You are very generous indeed.
- The grade one classes are practicing generosity as they collect mittens and socks for In From the Cold this holiday season. Classes visiting the zoo last week learned a bit about the importance of having warm mittens and socks. Bundling up was necessary, but the students enjoyed their field trip despite the cold.
- Several classes of **Grade Two** and **Grade Four** had in school field trips with Teachers Pet to support their concept understanding in Science.
- Students are looking forward to their skating excursion to Springbank Park for All Seasons, carolling in the gym, and all the fun that comes with December.
- During our PL day this past Monday, those of us who attended the Vulnerable Readers Conference in October had the chance to share specific strategies and teaching ideas we learned at the conference.
- The **Parent Literacy Workshop** last week was well received. The feedback from those who attended was generally positive and there were some good suggestions for additional information and ways we as teachers can support you as you work at home with your children.
- **Curriculum Connections:**
Students from Mrs. Belsey's grade four class will be sharing their Red Wiggler composting projects. This inquiry project explores composting as an important way to reduce "Waste In Our World."
It is "warm fuzzy week." Students from Ms. Lambie's class will be telling us about warm fuzzies and why they are important, not only this week, but all year.

5. Volunteer Coordinators

Sally Lockhart
Niki Ferby

- Mathathon
 - Final tally is approximately \$23,000 and the winning class is Mme Boissonneault, grade three class
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon
 - Thank you to all and a great job Frankie-Lou for coordinating a great luncheon. The food was amazing and greatly appreciated by all.
 - What really worked was Frankie-Lou coordinating parent volunteers in order to allow teachers to sit down and enjoy the lunch.
- Receipts
 - Still some to complete, if you are interested please see Shelly in the office.
- Upcoming events

- We have a little rest for volunteering over the next couple of months and our next big event is in February with the Family Dance and March Spring appreciation week.
- Have a great Christmas and a great New Years

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Alex Martin
Michelle Hornung

- We will have a new lunch lady commencing in the summer of 2016

7. Library Coordinator Monica Webster

- The library is hosting a scholastic book fair this week. Kids can visit the book fair during recess and lunch, and during the parent teacher interviews. Come and take a look! Our school benefits from the book fair by receiving books back based on the total sales. Thanks to all the volunteers that are helping out with that, as well as to all the regular volunteers that work so hard in the library.
- Our librarians last day is February 26th. School council would like to present a gift or symbol of appreciation on behalf of students and parents.

8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

- Nothing currently to report

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- CPF is pleased to announce that we raised approximately \$1100 with our Bergeron cheese fundraiser. We will be allocating the funds to the schools shortly. Thank you for your support.

10. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- We have a meeting set up for December 15th to learn and discuss strategies as well as tools and resources available to support us. The process to which our LT Planning Committee operates will be the focus of this meeting.
- Please, if you have any comments or suggestions for the committee please email Frankie-Lou at lbsplancom@gmail.com

11. FEEVESS report Troy Millington

- We had volunteers in place for all of our time slots at the casino. We appreciate all of the volunteers. Thank you!
- The casino raises a large sum of money that is used to support school based activities and resources.

E. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

- Rocky Views Budget
 - Committed to budget going towards classrooms.
 - Budget will be presented at the next meeting and will be posted following tomorrows meeting
- January 6th webinar Wednesday for ASCA
- Resolutions for ASCA is on April 24th 2016
- Bill 8 Bargaining model

Worried that bargaining is being minimalized from the government taking away boards voices across the province. Ministers have the ability to make the decision at what level the decision making process will take place ie board or government. If you want your local voice heard by our government, send an email to your Minister.

- Education Act
Consulting has happened with boards about specific issues of their choice.

E. Other Business –

ASCA

- Meeting on Nov 15th , a new director was appointed. She is a strong leader with a strong background to support the association.
- Workshop will be provided from a trainer from ASCA about what a school council is. Will help to know parameters and how we can become even more effective. Learning from other boards.
- Question brought forth about the possibility of having a representative for The Joint School Councils, opposed to every school sending a representative and increasing costs. Possibility of sharing costs between councils.

Joint Council Meeting

- Had a guest presenter about how to build resilience in children. All councils thought this would be a great joint venture to present to our schools. A proposal will be put together and presented at a future council meeting.

Spirit of Caring Committee

- Spirit of Caring Committee will be evaluated to see if we still have a representative, if not Frankie-Lou volunteers to fill the position. Troy will check the status of this committee.

Possibility of other Fundraising Opportunities

- If we have organizations coming forth to ask our school to use their fundraising what process should we have in place to decide if we use their fundraiser? Please reflect what process you think school council should use when deciding fundraising opportunity. We would like to have specific parameters in place when deciding fundraising activities.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

February 3rd, 2016 7:00 pm