

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

May 13th, 2015

7:00 PM

Attendance:

Sander Steer
Diane Stevenson
Lori Champagne
Ann Piercy
Cindy Perela-Ralph
Melanie Spagrud
Monica Webster
Celia Barrington
Trish Cull
Dan Hoch
Lynette Lapan-Smith
Karen Hunter
Pam Vinge
Lana Schafer
Troy Millington
Tammy Yakemchuk

AGENDA

A. Welcome Monica Webster, Sue French

B. Approval of Agenda

Cindy Perala-Ralph makes the motion to approve the agenda.
Seconded by Lori Champagne.

C. Approval of Apr 2015 Meeting Minutes

Diane Stevenson made motion to approve the April Minutes.
Seconded by Melanie Spagrud.

D. Middle School Reports

Mr. Hoch, Ms. LePan –Smith

- Mr. Hoch presented Grade 5 Information to council.
- 3 English classes, 1 Grade 5 French Immersion, 1 Grade 5/6 French Immersion
- There will be an orientation to Grade 5 before school starts (tour of school, meet administration) in the next couple of weeks.
- Parents will have an opportunity as well. If you miss the May orientation there will be another one in August.
- This year SMS will have interest based classes (1 per grade). Grade 5 is Environmental Science.
- Email Mr. Hoch or Ms. LePan-Smith if you have any questions. Email addresses are on the website.

E. Council Reports

1. **Chair's Report** **Monica Webster, Sue French**

Thanks to everyone who is staying on council and thanks to those you have volunteered.
Thanks to Mrs. Baratelli and Mrs. Duong for a wonderful Music Festival.

2. **Principal's Report** **Celia Barrington**

1. Thank you to all of the parents who served on School Council in any capacity. Our students could not thrive without you.
2. A special thank you to our Chairs – Sue and Monica. Awesome leadership, vision, and humour. Thank you for your guidance and good sense.
3. Musicfest was incredible. What talented students we have!
4. Swimming has started and going well so far.
5. 2015-16 Budget and class sizes to date.
6. Staffing
7. Out of area philosophy
8. Practice SLA for Gr. 2
9. Don't forget to complete the survey!
10. Busy June: Jump Rope, Vol'n Tea, Hot Dog/tug o War, K Grad., Field Trips

3. Treasurer's Report**Melanie Spagrud**

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
as of April 30, 2015*

	2014/15 Actuals	2014/15 Budget	2013/14 Actuals
REVENUE			
Special Lunch Program	28,987.35	30,000.00	30,784.15
Special Lunch Program - rebate	6,181.95	6,000.00	5,959.10
Mathathon	27,627.55	20,000.00	21,591.00
Family Fun'raiser	12,300.90	10,000.00	14,901.10
CPF Springbank	900.00	-	-
Yearbook	125.00	-	715.00
FEEVESS	4,118.97	-	-
Playground	-	-	9.62
Interest Income	142.22	-	190.95
Total Revenue	80,383.94	66,000.00	74,150.92
EXPENDITURES			
Special Lunch Program	16,109.13	20,000.00	19,833.32
School Programs			
Grade Teams	1,675.58	8,000.00	8,026.14
Committees			
Volunteer Coordinator	657.78	1,100.00	1,190.51
Spirit of Caring	-	500.00	327.50
Bussing			
Field Trips	3,900.73	9,000.00	8,521.91
Skating	1,097.28	2,000.00	1,216.15
Swimming	-	8,700.00	8,603.49
Special Programs/Events			
Special Programs	11,074.21	14,000.00	13,135.58
Special Day - (Art Day)	-	-	1,928.11
Sports Day	-	1,000.00	354.05
In-Line Skating	8,934.17	13,000.00	10,112.78
Sound Kreations Residency	-	-	-
Photocopier and Tack Board	18,140.00	22,000.00	-
Yearbook	(97.26)	-	1,529.31
School Council Expenses	-	100.00	47.17
ASCA AGM	-	2,000.00	-
Playground	-	-	2,741.00
Allergy Committee	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	61,491.62	101,400.00	77,567.02
NET INCOME	18,892.32	(35,400.00)	(3,416.10)
Opening Book Balance	16,993.49	16,993.49	20,409.59
Net Income	18,892.32	(35,400.00)	(3,416.10)
Closing Book Balance	35,885.81	(18,406.51)	16,993.49

Melanie Spagrud makes motion to place the financial statements on file as presented.
Seconded by Troy Millington. All in Favor.

4. Teachers' Report

Mrs. Cull, Mme. Rioux

It's hard to believe we are in the home stretch for this school year. Time flies when we're having fun! It's been a wonderful year to be part of the Elbow Valley School community. So much has happened this month that the April spring break already feels like a distant memory. The students returned from the break rested, relaxed and ready to get back to work for this final stretch of the school year.

Music Fest was a big hit as always. The Kindergarten students used song to show us how they greet the day, learn and play. The grade one and two students showed us how important it is to have positive self esteem and be proud of everyone's unique talents on Old MacDonald's farm. The grade three and four students showed us how our unique talents can be appreciated individually but are even more impressive when we contribute our individual strengths and collaborate as a team.

Swim To Survive lessons are well underway and will continue through to the middle of June. A big thank you to School Council for providing busing – a lot of bussing - for this program that teaches a very important life skill and provides another favorite physical activity for our students.

There's always something exciting going on in the Kindergarten classes. It's looking pretty prehistoric these days as these young inquiring minds engage in a study of dinosaurs. It's dino stories, dino facts, dino math, digging bones, building dinos out of macaroni, you name it. It's everything dinosaurs including an upcoming trip to the new and improved Dinosaur park at the Calgary Zoo.

Grade one students built Built communities during their Community Inquiry. Last week, they built Birdhouses with Andrew Styles, the 'Birdman.' This was tied into the Science curriculum with building. The birdhouses were given as Mother's Day gifts. During May and June, students will be doing a bird inquiry project and will be studying butterflies and planting Seeds. To end the year, they are planning their annual trip to Bow Valley Provincial Park where they will further their study of the needs of plants and animals.

Grade Two classes have a variety of in school field trips this week and next. The first in-school field trip all students will have the chance to experience is the Discover Archaeology program organized by Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park. This program will explore the Social Studies curriculum looking at Canada's dynamic communities. Students will work hands on with real artifacts in order to learn about the work of archaeologists.

The second in-school field trip is led by Teacher's Pet. Classes will have the chance to participate in one of two programs. The first is tied to the Social Studies and art curriculum where students will create their own Inukshuk. The second program is linked to the Science curriculum looking at Small Crawling and Flying Animals where students will create a bug catcher.

In Grade 3, all classes have continued their study of structures through their building projects and/or building centers. All classes also made bridges out of K'nex kits. 4 Grade 3 are looking forward to a trip to the Zoo in the next few weeks. Students will attend a program called "Feathers, Flippers and Tuxedos" which is about penguins and their life cycle. They will also be spending part of the field trip observing different animals in the zoo and looking to see if they can spot any animals at the beginning of their life cycles.

The Grade Four's experienced a great field trip to Canada Olympic Park. Students participated in a variety of team work challenges. One challenge had group members try to figure out how to flip an area rug over without anyone getting off the rug. During another challenge, the group led a blind folded member through an obstacle course giving verbal prompting only. For the final challenge, teams used materials collected at each previous station to create a soft landing for an egg dropped from a three foot height. It was a great day spent outdoors with an emphasis on creative thinking and problem solving and of course our students rose to the challenge.

As you can tell, it is field trip season. On behalf of all the teachers at EEVE, I would like to thank School Council for your generous support throughout the year. You have enabled so many enriching activities for our students that would not be possible without your support. We are so grateful. Thank you!

Evidence of Learning

Ms. Finn's Grade One class used the Chatterpix apps to make animated stories. Students created and designed their egg after reading Jan Brett's The Easter Egg. The group discussed how we are all unique.

The project integrated Social, Language Arts, Art and technology.

**5. Volunteer Coordinators Cindy Perala-Ralph
Kirsten Hunter**

- Fantastic year for all the events, we had more than enough volunteers.
- Photos and K Grad Photos went well.
- Grade 1 lunch Rep supervisor is ready for September.

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Lana Schafer

We only have a couple more pizza lunches left this year. The group of moms who consistently come out to help out on pizza Fridays are wonderful! We have become extremely efficient at sorting and delivering the pizza while enjoying a few laughs and a slice of pizza (Little Caesars provides pizza for the volunteers!). Thank you all so much for your help!! And thank you to Alex Martin who helped me out this year with organizing the pizza lunches. Alex has also agreed to take on the role of Special Lunch Coordinator for next year.

At the last School Council meeting we voted to keep the three current Special Lunch providers while trying to make them healthier where possible.

The Lunch Lady

I have forwarded the survey results to The Lunch Lady for them to consider for improving their food and service.

Pizza

The order system will be moving to the Healthy Hunger on-line site for the next school year; no more paper orders. Parents can register at www.healthyhunger.ca to place their orders. More information will be on the school's website before the end of this school year. As per the April Council meeting, we will be adding a veggie pizza selection along with the previous cheese, pepperoni and hawaiian. We will also offer a gluten free crust.

Subway

We will be adding egg salad, tuna salad and grilled chicken along with the existing ham, turkey, roast beef and veggie sub or salad selections.

7. Library Coordinator Pam Vinge

-Huge thank you to all the volunteers over the past few years.

8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

-No report.

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- We are going to do the cheese fundraiser again next year, the information will be in the September newsletter.

10. FEEVES report Troy Millington

- We are continuing to fund/support school council in its efforts to help with funding.
- November 5 and 6th is the Casino – please mark the dates down.

11. Vice-chair's report on ASB meeting Troy Millington

- Troy went to the Alberta School Council Association Meeting and attended workshops and a General meeting.
- Troy is now one of two of the board of directors of the Alberta School Council Association.
- Troy also attended the Rocky View Meeting.

E. School Trustee Report Helen Clease

Trustee report EVE May 13, 2014

Election/budget Well it has been quite a week! Just over a week ago Alberta elected a new majority government. All I can say is that on election night I was speechless. School Boards across the province are now anxiously waiting to see what will happen with our budget. During the campaign the NDP indicated that they would revisit the budget. Two things that are of great concern to boards is the lack of funding for new enrolment and the limit put on reserves, not allowing boards to make the financial decisions to support local community needs.

Everything is now in a state of flux while we wait for the new government to be sworn in and the cabinet to be announced.

Ms Notley announced an extension for boards to submit their budget, but with no indications as to how the budget will change there is not much boards can do but wait. RVS will prepare budget based on the one proposed by the PC's and will adjust as new announcements are made. There is no doubt that we will see the impact of this budget on classrooms, supports and transportation.

There is much uncertainty as we look to things like the Education Act which was to be proclaimed in September, curriculum redesign and bargaining. It seems that we have been in a state of transition for about the last 18 months and that will continue for a bit. The general feeling is that we needed change so we will all move positively forward. The first order of business will be to get to know the new MLA's

I have been spending the last month meeting with MLA's and will now continue with all the new representatives.

RVS Attendance area consultations for Airdrie and Cochrane

Meetings will be held for residents in Airdrie and Cochrane affected by the opening of three new schools in September 2016.

Springbank sewer line

We have received approval from the city of Calgary to tie in to the Cochrane line. RVS is moving forward on this.

ASBA spring general meeting

Alberta School Boards Spring General Meeting will take place in Red Deer on Jun 1/2. Our theme this year is on Student Leadership.

ASCA annual general meeting

In late April Alberta School Councils held their AGM. We had two representatives from the Springbank area. Brenda Trybuch from SCHS and Troy from EVE both attended. Congratulations to Troy for being elected to the ASCA Board of Directors.

Musicfest

I was very disappointed that I was not able to attend Musicfest this year. As you can imagine things have been very busy. Musicfest is one of my favourite events in the school year. I have heard from Superintendent Hoium that once again it was a fantastic show. Congratulations to all.

As you look toward next year at your AGM I just want to thank everyone for contributing to School Council this year. You make a great difference to your child's school. Thanks so much for all that you.

I also want to say thank you for all your support during the election campaign and appreciate you speaking out for our kids in terms of the budget. You can make a difference.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Helen Cleese

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F. New Business

School Council 2015-2016 elections

Co Chairs

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Volunteer Coordinators

Special Lunch

Library Coordinator

Yearbook Coordinator

French/CPF

Bulletin Board

Troy Millington, Karen Hunter

Sander Steer

Melanie Spagrud

Nikki Ferby, Sally Lockhart

Alex Martin, Kristen Hunter

Monica Webster

Brenda Renowden

Lori Champagne

Michelle Adams

Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm

Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2015 @ 1pm