

ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2015

7:00 PM

LARGE MUSIC ROOM

AGENDA

A. Welcome 7:05

Troy Millington /
Karin Hunter

B. Minutes Pending Approval

*Approval of Agenda - Motion by Sally Lockhart, Seconded By Brenda Renowden

C. Approval of June 2015 Meeting Minutes

*Approval of June 2015 Meeting Minutes - Motion by Monica Webster, Seconded by Dianne Quinn

D. Council Reports

1. Chair's Report

**Troy Millington /
Karin Hunter**

1. Proposal of a long range plan of school council budget
 - Aid with long-term projects
 - Would address where extra money would go (i.e. technology, infrastructure...)
 - Address what fundraising money is planned for
 - Teacher rep could generate brainstorming for a "wish list"

2. Principal's Report

Celia Barrington

1. A great start to our school year. We have 596 students enrolled with a class size average of 22.9. Similar to last year in French Immersion, we used all of our carryover to lower the Gr.3 English classes from 29 to 22 by adding a class.
2. We are delighted to welcome one new teacher, Mrs. Erin Sather and a new caretaker, Mr. Sandy Menendos.
3. Hosting the Open House the afternoon before 1st day was a great success and received very favourable reviews from parents. Thank you to School council for hosting a Coffee and Kleenex for parents on the first 2 days.
4. Our entire staff was recertified in Emergency 1st Aid on August 28. This is a practice that we do every 3 years to ensure that we keep current.
5. As written in our first newsletter, Literacy is a very strong focus for our school again this year with several initiatives underway.
6. September is a busy month with Terry Fox, Photo Day, Sports Day and In Line Skating planned and ready to go.
7. Looking at having a mental health day to support students.
8. School Budget presentation
 - 10 teachers will attend a vulnerable readers conference and then present their learning to the staff.

- Learning Commons – will present in the future as to their plans and directions. Possible funding needed.
- 9. Student Learning Assessment (SLA) – 2 components this year. Digital application and performance task (pencil and paper) for writing, literacy and numeracy.
 - Pilot project – information will only be presented to parents of children who have completed.
 - Results are used to help teachers guide their teaching practice.
 - Parents will receive an information letter so they know what to expect.
- 10. Staff promotes idea of long-range budget planning by Parent Council.

3. Treasurer's Report

Melanie Spagrud

1. Statements for 2014/2015 handed out
 2. 2015/2016 Budget Review
- Revenue for our budget –
- Rebates from pizza, Subway and Lunch Lady
 - Mathethon and Family Fun
 - Reimbursement from FEEVES
 - Casino money will come in February
- Anticipate that our budget will be balanced for the year

*Approval of 2015 16 Budget - Motion by Melanie Spagrud, Seconded by Monica Webster

3. Motion approved to remove Monica Webster as signing authority for banking at ATB and add Troy Millington and Karin Hunter
- *Approval of Changes to Signing Authority to Troy & Karin - Motion by Melanie Spagrud, Seconded by Monica Webster

4. Teachers' Report

Trish Cull

1. Great start up to the year. Students have adjusted well.
2. Rocky View Reads is a program EVE is going to be a part of which is a reading initiative that develops community and family partnerships for reading. It focuses on instilling the importance of reading and helping to offer reading to different areas in the community.

5. Volunteer Coordinators

Sally Lockhart
Niki Ferby

1. Primary contact will be through class reps
2. All events are confirmed and will be rolled out through Sign Up Genius
3. First Event Kleenex and Coffee was a success
4. Next event volunteer workshop – will be meeting with classroom reps and ensuring is confident in their role. Will offer tutorials on Sign Up Genius. At 2:15 a general meeting for anyone who is interested in

volunteering. Informing areas of need for volunteers specifically library and pizza lunches.

5. Photo Day - Need 5 -10 volunteers.
6. Sports Day – Teachers will be contacting parents for volunteers. Approx. 60 volunteers needed
7. Mathethon in November

6. Special Lunch Coordinator

Alex Martin

Kirsten Hunter

1. New options available for Subway lunches
2. Pizza now offers vegetarian and gluten free
3. Sign up Genius will be available for lunch day volunteers
4. Will purchase a freezer to replace the old one, space will be measured. Possible donated freezer available, space will be measured.

7. Library Coordinator

Monica Webster

1. Spaces still need to be filled until new volunteers have had orientation.
2. Volunteers will start in the library on Sept 14; we have a nice group of volunteers who helped out last year.
3. Library orientation will take place on Sept 16 at 3 pm after the other volunteer orientations, also on Sept 25 at 1 pm.

8. Yearbook Committee

Brenda Renowden

1. Passed out yearbooks at meet the teacher - first time doing it that way. Very successful. Kids and parents enjoyed getting them then and we liked that we could hand them to the parents and they could “sign” for them. Less chance of “lost “ orders.
2. Last years 4th grader’s yearbooks were dropped off at the middle school on Sept. 1st. I called today, and they said they would be distributed today.
3. We have a stand by list for any left over books.
4. We should be able to close out the invoice on this soon. Lifetouch owes us money - maybe \$600+
 - a. Next up: Thinking of ideas to freshen up yearbook.
 - How to get the kids involved - maybe a group to take event pictures
 - Once again trying to get a class “rep” to take pics of things happening in class

9. French Immersion/CPF

Lori Champagne

1. What we do: primarily raise funds to support French education in the Springbank schools. We distribute the funds raised to the 3 schools based on requests from the teachers of each school. We also have resources to help your children's studies. Please ask!! Please consider getting a CPF membership as part of your

membership comes back to our chapter. You can renew online at CPF. Ca or I have a few forms. We also need executive members!

2. Springbank Chapter is hoping to again fundraise for French programs at our schools using the Bergeron Cheese Company. We would like to formally request to hold our fundraiser in the month of November, 2015 in time for the holidays.

*Approval of CPF Plan to Send Notices to all Parents for Fall Cheese Fundraiser - Motion by Lori Champagne, Seconded by Cindy Perala-Ralph

10. FEEVES report

Troy Millington

1. Friends of Ecole Elbow Valley Elementary School (FEEVES)
2. Casino will be November 5th and 6th
 - Troy and Monica will set up a Sign up Genius for the Casino (Sept 15)
 - Encourage people to offer support to volunteer's i.e. babysitting, food, transportation to students.
 - Approximately 40 volunteers are needed

E.

School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

1. Alberta School Board Association
2. Importance of school council role in schools and volunteers associated with it.
3. Unofficial numbers 21, 421 students in Rocky View, we have grown by about 4% There are 3 new schools this year. Infrastructure is a problem. 1079 full time teachers.
4. Hoping to connect the Springbank sewer line to the Calgary line soon. Currently Rocky View County and City of Calgary are working together to accomplish this.
5. The Rocky View App is up and running and plans to have First Student View and Bussing information.
6. SLA's are at a pilot phase in Rocky View.
7. Rocky View has purchased the land adjacent to the high school.
8. Fall Fair – Springbank Community Center this Saturday.
9. Bears Paw councilor has passed away this summer

F.

Board of Directors for School Council

Troy Millington

1. The board is representing parent interest from Parent Councils and relays that information to Ministers and government.

Group meets every 3 months

G. Other Business – Sports Day, School Survey

1. Beakerhead.com a neat website for children who are interested in science, art and inventing.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date:

October 7, 1:00 PM