

# ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 7<sup>st</sup>, 2016

7:00 PM

## ATTENDANCE

KARIN HUNTER

BRANDI SHCROEDER

LINDSAY ADAMS

JUDI POOLE

HELEN CLEASE

TANNIS BO

TRISH CULL

JANICE HEPFNER

KATIE MAYER

DIANE STEVENSON

ENIKO KAPOCSKI-KISS

JULIE COLWELL

LORI CHAMPAGNE

MICHELLE ADAMS

KIRSTEN HUNTER

NATALIE PENTNEY

AMANDA MILES

BRENDA RENOWDEN

ELAINE AHN

VANESSA STOCKBRUGGER

DANA MOIR

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June 1st, 2016

1:00 PM

## AGENDA

### A. Welcome

Brandi Schroeder

### B. School Trustee Report

Helen Clease

- Welcome to the 2016/2017 school year. Thank you to the parents who came this evening to support your school. It helps show the children you value their school and education.
- A big welcome to new staff specifically, Lindsay Adams, we all look forward to working with you. We know parents and students will be in good hands under the leadership of Lindsay Adams and Judi Poole, and the great teaching and support staff at Elbow Valley.
- **Rocky View Schools Background and Start-Up**
  - Rocky View is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest division in Alberta with over 22,000 students, with the population continually growing.
  - 1165 full time teachers, 546 full time support staff, 43 principals, 58 assistant principals
  - Opened three new schools this year in the Rocky View district. Airdrie Cooper's Crossing and Heloise Lorimer and in Cochrance, RancheView
  - New Superintendent this year – Greg Luterbach. Mr Greg Luterbach comes from the Kootenay-Columbia School District.
- **Alberta School Council Association**
  - The Board of Trustees once again has purchased a district school membership in ASCA.
  - Will provide professional development, support and resources for councils including workshops, training, and consultation services.
  - RVS has updated the School Council Resource guide which is available on the RVS website.
- **Alberta School Board Association**
  - ASBA is the provincial organization providing services and provides a provincial voice for all 61 of Alberta's publicly funded school boards. There are about 450 trustees in Alberta representing the local needs of their community.
  - In 2013, Helen was elected President and her term ends November 2017.
  - Education Act – We are still awaiting information as to the next steps
  - Curriculum Update- Expect to hear about the process and consultation opportunities by mid-September
  - LGBTQ policies and guidelines – All 61 publically funded submitted policies by March deadline
  - Municipal Government Act – Boards have been providing feedback to ensure decisions are made in the best interest of student learning.

- Review of the Child and youth Advocate Act – The Legislative Assembly of Alberta has assigned a standing committee to review this act that ensures the rights, interests, and viewpoints of children and youth receiving interventions services. Deadline for feedback is Oct 14. Opportunity for input can be found on the Alberta Government website.
- **Board of Trustees**
  - RVS Board of Trustees is comprised of 7 trustees
  - Meets the first on third Thursday of each month. A complete list of meetings is available on the RVS website.
  - Alberta is made up of many diverse communities, boards work to support the local needs of their communities. Boards are responsible for many aspects of ensuring quality education for students.
  - Trustees communicate, plan, make policy, advocate, educate, lobby, legislate, and serve their communities as elected politicians. They are your voice.
- **Srpingbank Fall Fair**
  - The annual Springbank Fall Fair is taking place on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours. As usual, I will be setting up a RVS booth at the Park for All Seasons. Please drop by to say hi!

Thank you for supporting your child’s school. If you have any questions please call anytime at:

Helen Clease  
 RVS Trustee Ward 4  
 Phone: 403-650-2716  
 Email: [hclearse@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:hclearse@rockyview.ab.ca)  
 Twitter: @clearseh

**C. Approval of Agenda**

*\* Natalie Pentney makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Katie Mayer. Motion passed.*

**C. Approval of June 2016 Meeting Minutes**

*\* Brenda Renowden makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Diane Stevenson. Motion passed.*

**E. Council Reports**

1. Chair’s Report Karin Hunter /  
Brandi Schroeder

Karin Hunter

- Rocky View school App is available
- EEVE council has a twitter account
- You need your criminal record check in order to volunteer at the school. Please get those in if you have not already done so. If you have completed one in the previous years, it is valid for five years. You do need to sign a

declaration, which can be found in your student packages that have been sent home.

- Waiting for the cheque from the Lion's club to continue to build on the Learning Commons transformation.
- Fall Fair – there are opportunities for children to enter art contest, gardening etc... bouncy castle, booths and games set up. Please come and join the fun.
- Survey is in place to gather feedback about activities that student council is currently supporting.

## 2. Principal's Report

Lindsay Adams

- Welcome everyone to the meeting this evening.
- Parental support is instrumental to the school and the enhancement of our children's education
- Thank you to Helen Cleave for joining
- Thank you to the executive for taking the time to meet last week and help plan for the year ahead.
- Staffing
  - We started the year with three grade four English classrooms with 32 students however, we were able to hire a new teacher to reduce the class sizes and we now have four classes. We do not have a permanent teacher as this position had to be posted and go through the formal hiring process.
  - We are in the process of hiring a part time Learning Support teacher for French Immersion. This job has been posted as well
- Madame Adams and Madame Poole have had a chance to visit classrooms this week.
- Welcome back assembly focused on "bucket filing" which includes kindness.
- We have asked staff and students to write a letter to administration about what they like at the school, what they would like to see changed, and what they could do away with.
- In October newsletter there will be a parent survey to compliment the letters written by students and staff to hear their voice.
- Fall Fair will be happening this Saturday along with Rocky the Raccoon, please stop by to visit.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

Katie Mayer

- \$5000 was added to the budget for Robotics training for teachers.
- Budget was increased to purchase new library books
- Budget was increased to help fund two parent workshops
- There was interest gained over the summer months

*Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures  
as of August 31, 2016*

	<b>2016/17 Actuals</b>	<b>2016/17 Budget</b>	<b>2015/16 Actuals</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	-	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
Interest Income	4.94	-	25.95
<b>Total Revenue</b>	4.94	55,000.00	67,841.20
<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	-
<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>	-	74,270.00	70,323.54
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>4.94</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>	4.94	(19,270.00)	(2,482.34)
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	<u>30,945.36</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. Motion passed.*

*\*Katie Mayer makes the motion to file the financial statements for August 31<sup>st</sup> , 2016, seconded by Natalie Pentney. Motion passed.*

4. Teachers' Report Trish Cull

- Throughout the year will provide reports on what is happening in and around the school.
- During afternoon meetings students will be invited to share some of their learning.

5. Volunteer Coordinators Sally Lockhart  
Niki Ferby

- Discussions have occurred for ways to improve the participation for welcome tea and Kindergarten Kleenex and Tea.
- New volunteer meeting will be next Wednesday at 2:15, it will start in the staffroom. It will be followed by a Learning Commons volunteer tutorial. Please welcome anyone who may be interested.
- We will also need a large number of volunteers to help assemble the new Learning Commons shelving that should be arriving in the near future, please watch for updates.

6. Special Lunch Coordinator Tannis Bo

- Please email Tannis if you have any questions.
- Lunches are available online at Healthy Hunger
- A Sign-up Genius will go out for pizza lunch volunteers.

7. Library Coordinator Monica Webster

- Meeting next Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> , following the Volunteer meeting for those interested in volunteering in the library. We love volunteers!

8. Yearbook Committee Brenda Renowden

- Last years yearbooks are in. Some were passed out to people who were at meet the teacher day. The remainder will be distributed once I am in receipt of the class rosters (which was requested) and have time to process/organize that. Goal is to have that done within a week.
- We are looking for volunteers. Since this is my final year being in charge, we ideally need someone who is interested in overseeing the books next year, so they can learn hands on instead of trial by fire.
- Will be meeting with principal to go over student involvement, if any. We will also be sending out request for some help to the class parents, once those are established.
- We will do it using School Cash online this year.
- Michelle Adams has volunteered to support Brenda throughout the year.

9. French Immersion/CPF Lori Champagne

- CPF is a group of parents who work together to fundraise in order to support students learning in French.
- Looking for volunteers, specifically in the elementary years.
- AGM is Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at 495 Rodeo Ridge. Please join!
- Please contact Lori Champagne at [lorivi.champagne@gmail.com](mailto:lorivi.champagne@gmail.com) if you would like any further information or have questions

10. Long-Term Planning Committee Frankie-Lou Nelligan

- The LTSP Committee is excited about the new school year and bringing some of our projects to fruition. So far this is what is going on:
- We are waiting to hear if the Lions funding for our building tools in the Learning Commons has been approved. Once it has, we will be purchasing Magformers, Lego and storage units as an enrichment tool for the kids. With the pending arrival of the new shelving, we are going to have a really special place for Learning soon.
- This month we will conduct an evaluation of two of our pilot projects; the dry erase wall in Madam Wilkie's class and the indoor gardens used by Madames Lowell & B. After evaluation we will be better able to decide if the use of these items could be expanded to other teachers who are interested in them.
- The committee is really interested in seeing the results of the new survey for parents to be released within the next month. This will help us to determine whether parents

are still interested in supporting those projects that were given high priority last year and where to best allocate our funds.

- As always, if you want to get involved in the LTSP, we would love to hear from you! Frankie-Lou can be reached at our email [LTSPPlancom@gmail.com](mailto:LTSPPlancom@gmail.com) or call her on her cell [403-461-7595](tel:403-461-7595).

11. Vice Chair

Sander Steer/  
Amanda Miles

- Workshop demand was for technology and numeracy.
- We will host two parent workshops this year.

11. FEEVESS

- Currently has \$66,946 is in the casino account.
- A written report will be presented to outline the budget and plan for the following year.

**F. Other Business - School Survey**

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting Date:**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> 2016, 1:00PM**

