

**ATTENDANCE**

Tina Andiel Carlson

Naomi Shumka

Katie Mayer

Amal Jomaa

Lindsay Adams

Lee-Ann Tai

Tannis Bo

Tammy Hangs

Judi Hunter

Christi White

Rhonda Simner

Talia Zink

Shelley Lambie

Jean Bangle

Sandra Kachiuk

Chris Kelly

Alex Cotzee

Tricia Mailloux

Jessica ErenArlene Abboud

Sarine Mustapha

**AGENDA**

**A. Welcome**

**Tina Andiel Carlson/Naomi Shumka**

Tina and Naomi welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending and being involved. Everyone's comments and feedback are always welcomed and encouraged by school council members either during the meeting or informally in the hall.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

*Tina Andiel Carlson makes the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lee-Ann Tai. Motion carried.*

**C. Approval of June 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

**D. School Trustee Report**

**Judi Hunter**

I trust everyone had a fabulous summer break, the weather was super and summer is such a good time to reconnect with family and friends. As we head back to school, I have seen parents and children out buying new clothes, school supplies and getting their heads around the early mornings and changes in routines.

Rockyview administration has been busy as well, a flood at Prince of Peace School necessitated the moving of resources to try to get the building ready for September opening. When that was not a possibility, administration had to find an alternative site. The Board was thankful to both the Calgary Public and Separate School Systems willingness to accommodate our students until the school is ready. Our thanks go out to the staff who was more than willing to do whatever to ensure a smooth opening for students.

Minister of Education Eggen has put out some new regulations for private schools and Early Childhood School. Essentially the focus is to have more financial accounting around those programs. The government also focussed on the importance of School Councils and the need for each school to have one and the efforts that will be made to ensure that every school has one.

The Springbank Fall Fair was a success and Rocky View Schools had both with tried to encourage School Council participation.

Some websites that will be of interest:

The following is a great website for information relating to anxiety

<https://www.anxietybc.com/>

It offers videos that kids may identify with and advise on how to cope with anxiety.

Please visit this website to get the full report on the most recent findings on young people and social media.

**<https://www.common sense media.org/research/social-media-social-life-2018>**

Just a community update. The Springbank Community Association is sponsoring a Family Movie Night in conjunction with Calaway Park, September 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 and includes movie, hot dog, popcorn and a drink. This is a private event for the community.

Also the Community Association is in the process of developing programs for children. Please look for information on the Springbankcommunity.com website. Your Community Association is working hard to create a community space which would include a least on gymnasium. Springbank Park for All Seasons in conjunctions with sponsors and Rockyview School Board has upgraded the football field at Springbank Community High School.

Further community information, there continues to be push back from residents around the damming of Springbank. This is NOT a normal dam, but rather a **dry** dam which is comprised of an eight (8) story berm and a mud run off the size of 60 Calgary Zoos. A dry damn has never been built before in Canada and no like damns world-wide have been built since the 1930s. Please check out information at [www.dontdamspringbank.com](http://www.dontdamspringbank.com).

The Lions Hall had to be demolished as it was deemed unsafe.

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**E. Council Reports**

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**1. Chair's Report**

**Tina Andiel Carlson / Naomi Shumka**

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There is one more volunteer position to be filled and the responsibilities including updating the announcement board by the road. It is a fairly cold task during times of the year. If anyone is interested, please let Tina or Naomi know.

Judi inquired as to whether we could use the Springbank Park For All Seasons (SPFAS) new digital outdoor sign for announcements such as the school council meeting and will inquire with them about this. Generally, SPFAS has been very good about letting the school hang up posters announcing specific events and although there may be a cost for using the digital sign, Judi will inquire. (Update: SPFAS advised Judi that EVEC would not be allowed to use the new digital outdoor sign.)

Everyone is encouraged to promote and register for the URStrong sessions in October. It will be included in the weekly VLOG. The feedback from the last time this session was held was very positive although it may be more relevant for girls. Naomi will provide this feedback to the facilitator to ensure the session is relevant for boys and girls who wish to attend. It is only the kindergarten parents who attend without their child.

**2. Principal's Report**

**Lindsay Adams**

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• **Community**

- There were a number of Ecole Elbow Valley students who were winners at last weekend's fall fair in categories such as gardening, baking, vegetables and inventions. The winners will be showcased in the school over the coming weeks.
- There will be a back to school movie night at Calaway Park this Friday hosted by the Springbank Community Association. There was information included in the school newsletter and the event will likely be sold out if it is not already.

• **Professional Learning**

- The overall focus and theme for students and staff this year is wellness. It is important that everyone is reminded to focus on what makes you feel good. Students are encouraged to write on sticky notes and post on Lindsay's office door what "fills their cups" and makes them energized and enthused. Students and staff are being encouraged to continue to talk about this throughout the year.
- More kids are dealing with anxiety and mental health issues. It is important kids know they can talk openly about it and get the help they need and deserve. There will be a significant outreach this year to support mental health causes including the Hallway of Hope. The Hallway of Hope is an initiative being led by a former Ecole Elbow Valley student who is

now in Springbank High School. It is an initiative focused on creating a welcoming hallway at the hospital established to support kids with mental health issues requiring the support of a hospital. It may be of value to have the student leading this initiative come speak at a future school council meeting.

- The P.L. days in August had a mental health focus. There were sessions on ADHD including practical strategies for dealing with ADHD and mental health in the classroom and ensuring all kids are accepted.
- All P.L days this year will include half day focused on a specific theme and a half day of literacy/numeracy.
- **Learning Commons**
  - Furniture has arrived and been set-up. All money committed to improve the Learning Commons last year came from school council.
  - The enhancements include 2 projectors which can be connected to Apple TV for events and presentations by the students and others.
- **Playground Resurfacing**
  - Rubberized playground surface has been fully completed.
- **Renovation**
  - The main office is completed and Lindsay offered tours to school council after the meeting today.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - The partnership between school council and the school has made many things possible including some of the special activities planned for this year such as inline skating and the dance residency. Math numeracy programs have also been committed across each term for each classroom.
  - Feedback from school council as well as parents on a prominent front entrance feature is welcome. The school is hoping to partner with school council on some sort of investment for a front entrance feature this year.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

**Katie Mayer**

- Katie presented the Treasurer's report. Tina and Katie will work on this year's budget for next meeting and also work on a modified simpler format for the financial report.

<i>Elbow Valley Elementary Parent Advisory Council</i>			
<i>Statement of Revenue and Expenditures</i>			
<i>as of June 30, 2018</i>			
	2017/18	2017/18	2016/17
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Special Lunch Program - rebate	13,756.50	15,000.00	15,270.13
Mathathon	20,833.00	20,000.00	23,071.25
Family Fun'raiser	14,907.00	10,000.00	12,986.00
Yearbook	-	1,000.00	1,414.55
Lions Club Grant	-	-	5,000.00
Mabels Labels	282.75	250.00	
Teacher Appreciation	-	100.00	176.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>49,779.25</b>	<b>46,350.00</b>	<b>57,765.13</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>School Programs</b>			
Grade Teams	8,343.66	10,000.00	7,805.43
Robotics Training	-	5,000.00	-
Robotics	15,000.00	15,000.00	
<b>Committees</b>			
Volunteer Coordinator	1,342.32	2,676.00	108.59
Spirit of Caring	-	250.00	198.23
<b>Bussing/Field Trips</b>			
Financial Assistance	-	1,000.00	-
<b>Special Programs/Events</b>			
Special Programs	9,003.94	10,000.00	9,920.50
Special Day	-	2,000.00	1,556.49
In-Line Skating	10,902.08	14,000.00	10,123.47
Sound Kreations Residency	4,622.80	5,000.00	4,720.34
First Aid	460.00	500.00	-
Sports Day	661.79	500.00	416.69
Books	9,136.05	10,000.00	6,130.91
Family Dance	605.20	1,500.00	
Parent Workshops	349.99	1,500.00	-
Lions Club Funds	641.16	638.57	4,361.43
Playground Resurfacing	-	-	
<b>Yearbook</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>School Council Expenses</b>	<b>73.36</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>114.56</b>
<b>ASCA AGM</b>	<b>1,118.56</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>62,260.91</b>	<b>81,814.57</b>	<b>59,937.42</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(12,481.66)</b>	<b>(35,464.57)</b>	<b>(2,172.29)</b>
<b>Opening Book Balance</b>	<b>30,221.00</b>	<b>30,221.00</b>	<b>32,393.29</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(12,481.66)</b>	<b>(35,464.57)</b>	<b>(2,172.29)</b>
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	<b>17,739.34</b>	<b>(5,243.57)</b>	<b>30,221.00</b>

*Katie Mayer makes a motion to put the financials on file. Seconded by Tina Andiel Carlson. Motion carried.*

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**4. Teacher's Report**

**Shelley Lambie**

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Shelley inquired as to what school council would like to hear as part of the teacher's report. The general feedback is that there is value in project oriented updates similar to the community that the Grade 1s built last year. There is also an opportunity for the kid's to come present what they have been working on and learning and perhaps this is rotated by grade. It would also be of value to understand from a teacher's perspective if there are any behavioural flags or new social trends which the greater school community should be familiar with. Shelley will consider these themes as part of next month's meeting.

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**5. Volunteer Committee's Report**

**Amal Jomaa/Arlene Abboud**

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Our 2 days of Coffee and Kleenex was a success. Parents that stopped by were very appreciative. We met many new parents who were excited to be at our school. And some familiar faces dropped in to say hello.

We have our volunteer orientation this Thursday at 2:15 PM. We are optimistic that it will be well attended. There was a question as to whether the materials reviewed at the volunteer meeting can be posted on the school council web site to accommodate those parents who cannot attend the meeting. Amal will send the materials to Lindsay and she will also include it in the VLOG.

There are still many spots open for Grade 1 lunch supervision. We have asked Rachel to resend to parents.

Friday September 21st is our picture day. Look for a sign up coming your way soon.

There are no volunteers required for the Terry Fox run except for the kindergarten classes and they handle the volunteer sign up themselves.

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**6. Special Lunch Coordinator**

**Tannis Bo**

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Welcome back all. We are offering Little Caesars pizza, Subway and Mucho Burrito again this year. Special lunches will be available every Friday there is school, as well as the first Tuesday of the month.

Prices have changed this year to make School Council's profit consistent over the items at around \$1.25 per Subway and Mucho Burrito lunch and \$2 per slice of pizza. Vendor prices from both Subway and Mucho Burrito increased with Mucho Burrito's increase being significant. I will monitor the number of students ordering and we can always adjust vendors or our margins next year if it seems like the prices are stopping people from ordering.

## *École Elbow Valley School Council Meeting*

**September 11th, 2018, 7PM**

In prior years there was a separate form to volunteer for Pizza lunches. This year I will be sharing the school wide volunteer mailing group with the Volunteer Coordinators (Amal & Arlene). Look for a Signup Genius coming soon. If you did not fill out the form but wish to volunteer please email me at [evespeciallunches@gmail.com](mailto:evespeciallunches@gmail.com).

If there are any questions about or suggestions for the lunch program, please feel free to contact Tannis at [evespeciallunches@gmail.com](mailto:evespeciallunches@gmail.com).

There was a question raised as to whether School Council also coordinates the Lunch Lady and receives a portion of the funds from these lunches. There was no money received last year, but Katie will confirm if something should have been received. Historically, the amount of money raised has been minimal from the Lunch Lady, but generally the food is good and parents are pleased to have a convenient option for lunches.

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### **7. Library**

**Jill Johnson**

Wendy will be looking for volunteers to help put books away in the learning commons or help her with other projects she has on the go from the last week of Sept. She rearranged the books back to the Dewey decimal system last year and a lot of the shelves are labeled which should make the job a lot easier. She was hoping people will be willing to sign up for a regular shift e.g. every 2 weeks so she knows what help she is likely to be getting but is happy for people to come occasionally too. I will be sending out Sign Up Genius information when I have the volunteer list in so please look out for this. I will have the hours she is here on it as she is still working part time. You are welcome to bring younger kids as they often love to “help!”. There will also be a lot of volunteering opportunities (both during the day and evening) during the Scholastic book fair the week of the 5th Nov. Last year lack of volunteers limited the times the fair could be open. The more books sold the more free books for the library so we please help out if you can. Information for this will be sent out on a separate Sign-Up Genius closer to the time.

Thanks to all who help, it's a good relaxing way to contribute to the school and say Hi to your kids at the same time. Invariably when I am in the library my kids are passing through for one reason or another and they love to “show off” to their friends that their parent is there! Also get to meet their friends!

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### **8. Yearbook Committee**

**Lee-Ann Tai**

The 2017/18 yearbooks have all been distributed. They should have gone home with your child last week or been handed out by the Middle School for kids that moved up to grade 5. If you have not received your child's yearbook, please let us know by Monday, Sept. 17/18 at [elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com). Following this date, we will release any extras for purchase.



The Yearbook Committee is always looking for helpers. It's a great way to interact with the kids and experience what they do at school. If you can snap a photo on your phone and know how to operate a computer, that's all the experience you need! If you would like to see the yearbook continue, please consider helping out.

Everyone is also encouraged to send any pictures they have from school events to [elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com) or to Lee-Ann directly. The general guidance is that pictures in a public form can be posted externally, but for any pictures taken inside the school, the school must verify that they have the appropriate consent form signed before pictures are published.

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**9. French Immersion / CPF**

**Stephanie Rosenbaum**

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Stephanie is continuing to look for volunteers to support French Immersion/CPF. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Stephanie or Naomi. You do not have to speak French and the extent of the volunteer position is basically just 1 fundraiser per year which is very popular (Springbank Cheese for Christmas). The association requires people who volunteer for the Board just to ensure it can continue to operate.

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**10. Grant Writers**

**Cate Wilkins / Victoria Ross**

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Update to be provided to School Council at October Meeting

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**11. Spirit of Caring**

**Pauline Hall**

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There is no update on the Spirit of Caring at this meeting. The Spirit of Caring is focused on recognizing staff milestones and supporting students if they have an extended illness or injury.

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**F. FEEVES Report**

**Chris Kelly**

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FEEVES will have a Board meeting in the next few weeks and provide an update at a future evening school council meeting. The next casino is 14 months away. Everyone is welcome to join the FEEVES Board meeting and encouraged to email Chris if they are interested in attending the next meeting. Chris emphasized it is pretty casual.

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**G. Other / Open Floor**

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There was a question as to how parents can become more involved in school council. Although there are not currently any open positions, we do know some positions will be coming available in the coming 1-2 years and Tina encouraged all parents who are interested to shadow the person currently doing the role to ensure a smooth transition and understand the requirements. The yearbook and special lunches are also always areas that require extra volunteers.

There was a question as to whether the school would be willing to set-up a station to collect old but still usable backpacks for donation. There is a place in Cochrane that requested slightly used backpacks and Lindsay also suggested Steven's Backpacks may be a good option. Lindsay has no issues setting up a box at the school to collect backpacks if a parent confirms an appropriate place for donation. There will likely also be other donation and volunteer opportunities throughout the year for Inn from the Cold and Mustard Seed. It is impactful for the older kids (Grade 4s) to learn about volunteering their time to help those less fortunate.

There was a suggestion that positive affirmations are posted in the student bathrooms at the school. Sandra and Jessica will work on this.

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting Date:**

**October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**