

Thursday, November 16, 2023

School Council Minutes

École Edwards Elementary School

Airdrie, Alberta

October School Council meeting, held in person at the school and available via Zoom. Video can be found on the École Edwards School Council Facebook page.

The **2023/2024 School Council Executive** is Jacelyn Rohleder as Chair, Darcy Searcy as Vice Chair, Cayla Bergeron-Campbell as Secretary, and Amanda Gauthier as Treasurer.

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| AGENDA ITEM | NOTES |
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| Welcome: (Jacelyn) | 6:35pm - Meeting is called to order by Jaceyln. Introductions are made. 4 council members, Vice principal, RVS trustee, 4 teachers and approximately 5 parents in attendance. |
| Mission: | |
| This Month's PBIS Focus : (Jacelyn) | WE CARE! - Socktober shows how much our school, families and students care. We are far over our goal! - Remembrance Day celebration - appreciation and thanks to our veterans. |
| School Trustee, RVS (Todd Brandt): | - RVS asked for modular classrooms, but they have not heard back yet from the Province. - Potential grade structure changes - go to website and find out for your neighbourhood what the changes may be, give feedback online. - Jan and Feb there will be in-person meetings for feedback - For french immersion schooling, it seems it would be just a change in grade structure, not zoning. - https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/ Board meeting highlights are attached. Visit the RVS website for full information. |
| School Report: <i>Principal: Rachelle Prud'Homme</i> <i>Vice Principal: Veronica Hooper</i> <i>Grade 1 teacher: Sherri Wigmore</i> | 1. Principal's Report (attached) - Socktober - Donations were made to Airdrie Community Links, and Fear Is Not Love Society. Half of what was donated has already been given out to people in need. - New playground - new expectations - Memorable Remembrance Day ceremony |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades K, 1, 2 - Christmas Concerts - Literacy/Numeracy games night Nov 21 <p>2. Teacher's Report: Grade 1 Team - Sherri Wigmore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video from Grade 1 classes, showcasing games they use for Literacy and Numeracy education. <p>3. Parent Wellness: <u>Boundaries Build Resilient Kids</u> (Veronica Hooper)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kids need boundaries to feel secure and safe - - Boundaries are set by parents and not negotiated by children. - Boundaries create predictability and reduce anxiety in kid's lives. - Setting boundaries doesn't make you mean or unfair. - Boundaries are good for the growing brain. The more we learn about how our kids' brains work, we can set appropriate boundaries. - Benefits of setting boundaries for our kids: improved confidence, reduced anxiety, stronger values, better personal boundaries. |
| <p>Treasurer Report (Amanda):</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenses that came out this month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - funds spent on <i>Welcome Back BBQ and Boo-hoo Coffee and Tea</i>. - Revenue that came in this month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fun Lunch money we hadn't received from last year, and Panago Fun Lunch from Sept. - \$3632.59 + cookie dough funds (not yet posted \$4387.50). Report attached. |
| <p>Agenda Items:</p> | |
| <p>1. Updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 days a week now, and we need a few more volunteers to help out. - The school was awarded the Jim Swan Award for our breakfast program (\$1000 donation). - A parent brought up the Airdrie Rotary Club's "Dragon's Den" event, where local groups and charities have the opportunity to present their "ask"(could be funds or equipment, etc). The breakfast program could benefit from this. We would need someone from PACE to apply and present. - Ideas: bread slicer? |

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| <p>2. Conclusion of events</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cookie Dough fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$4387.50 raised for the school! - Thank you to the volunteers! - School Council donated 18 leftover tubs of cookie/muffin dough to Grade 5s for bake sales. - Staff Appreciation Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It went great, the teacher's were very grateful! - Thank you for all donations and help! |
| <p>3. Upcoming Events</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fun Lunches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boston Pizza in Dec. Order by Dec 8, lunch is on Dec 13. - Taco Time in Jan. Order by Jan 5, lunch is on Jan 10. <i>**note: order date is during Winter Vacation**</i> |
| <p>4. Fundraisers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cookie Decorating Kit sale (only 100 kits available), Nov 28 - Dec 4 - \$20 each kit: 16 cookies with icing and candies. - Pickup date is Dec 20 - This will help fund bussing for field trips. - Grade 5 camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hot Dog Dayz: lunch is Nov 24 if you ordered. - Noel Christmas online catalogue (order by Monday)!! - Bottle drive: Nov 30 and Dec 20, drop empty bottles at front of school - Bake sales at school events - All fundraisers are on the school calendar, which can be found on the School website. |
| <p>5. Tabled Last Meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gr 4/5 Ski Trip - Skiing prices have gone up (from \$35 per person, to \$45 this year), as well as bussing (from \$700 each bus, to \$1000 this year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - motion made by Cayla to donate \$2000 to bussing for the Gr 4/5 Ski Trip, Darcy seconded the motion, everyone was in favor with no objections. - Mme. Danielson requests (gym class) - Big thank you to Airdrie Football for coming in and being with our students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rocks and Rings (Jan 31 - Feb 3) - learning how to curl, bring in a coach and equipment. All classes will have a turn. \$1107.75 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion made by Darcy to donate \$1107.75 to pay for the Rocks and Rings program, Amanda seconded |

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| | | <p>the motion, everyone was in favour with no objections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fit Set Ninja - outside obstacle course - \$3500 - TABLED ● Inline skating - approx \$9000 for 10 days total - TABLED | |
| Open Floor for Questions | | <p>- Remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check École Edwards School Council Facebook page • Sign up for the REMIND app • Email School Council to be added to the volunteer list edwards-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca | |
| Adjournment | | - 7:46 pm meeting adjourned. | |
| <u>Next Meetings:</u> | <i>No meetings in December and February</i> | **Reminder** Christmas Concert dates by grade: Dec 11 (K) Dec 12 (Gr 1) Dec 14 (Gr 2) | THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to come out to the meeting, watch the meeting on Zoom, or read the minutes. We appreciate you and welcome any comments! |

Have a happy holiday season and we will see you in the new year!

2024...Here we come!



THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Nov. 16, 2023

Exemplary Practice – New Practice Provides Support to RVS' Teachers

- Rocky View Schools' (RVS) learning specialists support teachers in their overall instructional practice with the goal of improving student learning.
- Recently, RVS has begun embedding learning specialists in specific schools for four- to six-week cycles, making them available to work directly with teachers on their instruction.
- The learning specialists offer professional learning, team teaching, co-planning, modelling, one-to-one conversations about overall practice, and small group work with department or grade teams – all to explore different approaches to pedagogy and build teacher capacity.
- RVS learning specialists Jane Roberts and David Moore presented to the Board of Trustees (the Board) on the work they did with teachers at Springbank Community High School, and Principal, Darrell Lonsberry spoke to how their work improved and supplemented the skills his teachers practice in classrooms every day.

RVS' Rapid Growth Prompts Ward Boundary Review

- Given the consistently high population growth in many of the communities within RVS, the Board determined a review of the current ward boundaries should be completed.
- RVS' ward boundaries were last reviewed in 2016.
- Board Policy 29 – Ward Structures outlines how and when a ward boundary review can be undertaken. An important factor is ensuring RVS' communities are served adhering to a representation by population model where each trustee represents a similar number of residents.
- The review will include consultation with all communities within the RVS. Additional information regarding this community engagement will be provided when available. The review will be completed by December 2024.

Annual Education Results Report Highlights RVS' Accomplishments, Initiatives and Stories

- RVS' 2022/23 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) highlights accomplishments and initiatives designed to help students connect to passions, interests and people; achieve their potential; and navigate successfully as global citizens throughout their learning with RVS, the performance measures laid out in the 2019-23 Four-Year Plan.
- This edition of RVS' AERR continues our approach of a blend of storytelling and data. Within its pages, you will find stories about many of the important teaching practices, events and activities taking place within RVS on a daily basis.
- Highlights include:

- The majority of students in grades 1-4 demonstrated growth in literacy and numeracy skills as measured by the LeNS, CC3 and Alberta Numeracy Screening Assessment.
- Our students feel they can get the help they need in school; however, they also indicated they could use support in developing conflict resolution skills.
- Overall diploma exam results are at the provincial average while our high school completion rates are better than the provincial average.
- The AERR reports back on the progress of specific actions taken the year before and identifies new actions to be taken in 2023/24. We are pleased to report that all six of the items identified for 2022/23 were completed.
- The 2022/23 AERR is available on rockyview.ab.ca

Community Invited to Share Initial Thoughts Online Regarding Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces Plan

- Many RVS Airdrie elementary, middle and high schools are operating at or near full capacity as a result of ongoing enrolment growth and a lack of government approval for new schools or modular units.
- In September, the Board approved the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces community engagement plan to engage the community and collect feedback on potential student accommodation changes that would best serve all Airdrie students.
- Beginning Nov. 15, community members are invited to provide their initial thoughts on the proposed solutions online on RVSEngage. Further opportunities to learn more about the proposed options and provide feedback online and in person will be offered in the new year.
- [RVSEngage](#) is the main source of information about the engagement for community members, and was updated Nov. 15 with new information, including the possible solutions being considered:
 - Converting C.W. Perry School into a high school. This will redistribute Grade 9-12 students across Airdrie. C.W. Perry was chosen because of its location in the city and ability to accommodate high school-level programming in its spaces.
 - Grade 8 students staying in their current school for Grade 9, creating a more traditional Grade 10 - 12 high school model. This minimizes the changes for families as students stay in their schools for one more year; however, it impacts the programming options our Grade 9 students currently have and increases space pressures in some schools by adding a grade. It may also require adding or removing a grade level at some other schools.
 - Re-organize grade structures across Airdrie schools to remove urgent pressures where possible (Kindergarten – Grade 6, Grade 7 – 9 and Grade 10 – 12). This addresses both high school utilization and standardizes grade configuration across the community.
- An online interactive tool, Your RVS Journey, allows parents/guardians, students and other community members to see how they might be impacted by each of the proposed solutions. The tool is available on [RVSEngage](#).

Board Ratifies Agreement with ATA Local

- After multiple bargaining sessions on collective agreement matters that are determined to be managed between RVS and ATA Local #35, the Board ratified the mediator's report and previously agreed to items.
- The Board awaits information from ATA Local #35 to determine if they will agree to the mediator's report and previously agreed to items.

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Nov. 2, 2023

Board Celebrates Students Receiving 100 Per Cent on Grade 12 Diploma Exams

- Twice a year, the Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) recognizes students who obtain a perfect mark of 100 per cent on a provincial diploma exam.
- The following students were recognized by the Board for obtaining 100 per cent during the June 2023 exam sitting:
 - George McDougall High School student, Kacey Paradis, scored 100 per cent in Math 30-2.
 - Rashveer Sandhu from Chestermere High School achieved 100 per cent in Chemistry 30.
 - Janelle Saltvold, Cochrane High School, achieved 100 per cent in Physics 30.
 - Chestermere High School's Balroop Toor scored 100 per cent on his Physics 30 diploma exam.
- The Board congratulates these students for their stellar achievements and wishes them great success in their future pathways.

RVS Requests 22 Additional Modular Classrooms to Help Manage Growth

- To help mitigate the ongoing space crisis in RVS schools the Board will submit a request to the provincial government for 22 additional modular classrooms, as well as the relocation of 12 classroom units and one washroom unit.
- There are 990 additional students in RVS schools this year. With no new schools across the division until 2026/2027 at the earliest, these additional modulars and modular relocations are critical to meeting students' space needs.
- The units are requested for schools with expected utilization rates of more than 100 per cent, based on accommodation changes and projected enrolments.
- In March 2023, RVS received 10 new modular classrooms and two classroom relocations; RVS' request was for 32 new units. In addition, five surplus modular units were awarded to RVS on Oct. 24 which the Province will pay to deliver and set up.
- If approved, these modular units will help mitigate RVS' enrolment issues in the short term but will also increase the stress on core school buildings which will have more students than they were built to accommodate.
- Typically, the Province announces decisions about modular requests in March of each year.

Board Will Hold an Additional Meeting to Hear Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces Delegations

- About half of the 990 new RVS students were welcomed into an Airdrie school in September emphasizing the need to find a longer-term space for students solution in the city. The Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces engagement will seek stakeholder feedback and insights to help inform the Board's decision. Details are

available on RVSEngage and families and staff are encouraged to watch for more information to be made available soon.

- Given the size and scope of the ongoing Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces public engagement, it is expected the Board may receive significant interest for delegations on the topic. In support of the Board's commitment to hear from as many stakeholders as possible, an additional Board meeting dedicated to delegations presenting on this topic will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024.
- Information regarding how to submit a delegation request will be available on rvsengage.com in the new year.

Board Welcomes School Councils to Joint Meeting

- Each year, members of school councils from across RVS are invited to a joint meeting with the Board, providing an opportunity for learning and connection.
- The fall joint meeting was held Oct. 26 and included a presentation from staff about the Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework used in RVS to create safe, positive, predictable and inclusive cultures.
- These important joint meetings are held twice each school year, with the next scheduled for March 14, 2024.

NOVEMBER 2023

PBIS Monthly Focus:

WE CARE/NOUS SOMMES ATTENTIONNÉS

How do you show care within our Edwards school community?

- *Featured this month:*
 - **Parent Feedback from October**
 - **Parent Info and Tips**
 - **Grade 1 Team shares learning video**



School Population – Quick Facts

687 total students

32 classrooms K-5

- 11% of our students have significant learning needs
- 7% of our students are learning English as an additional language
- 7% of our students self-identify as First Nations, Indigenous, Metis, or Inuit

Building Resilient Students Series for Parents - with Mme Hooper

November's Focus: Boundaries Build Resilient Kids!

Scan the QR Code to see the presentation →



Highlights from November:

- **The Playground is now Re-Opened!**
 - o We had a Re-Opening Ceremony on November 8th for the playground, students were so excited!
 - o Students have been learning about safety expectations and how to be their best when using the new playground.
 - o There is mud on the east side of the playground, please help us to CARE for our new playground by avoiding the muddy areas. Enter and exit the playground for the side near the staff parking lot.
 - o We are so happy to have the playground back, with new features and structures. We are grateful to the RVS Business Operations Team for all of their effort working with the insurance company and with the BDI Spaces, who designed and installed the new playground.
- **Memorable Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 9th**
 - o Thank you, Mme Simon and Mme Smith, and the Remembrance Day Committee Team for all of the details, care, and work, for both ceremonies.
 - o The ceremonies celebrated family members who are veterans or who are currently in service.
- **WE CARE Video Assembly featuring grade 2 students and leaders from grade 4, at the end of the month.**
 - o Every month we are celebrating and featuring our monthly PBIS expectation with an assembly by video, on Zoom, or in person.

Upcoming School Events:

- **Parents, watch for classroom updates and news weekly or bi-weekly from teachers.** When you have a question, reach out to the teacher.
- **Parents, please see PowerSchool to review your child's learning progress. Teachers are reporting online in PowerSchool throughout the month in subject areas. This is our online report card, accessible to all parents and guardians.**
 - o If you have questions about how to log in, ask the office.
 - o If you have questions about your child's marks or learning progress, reach out to your child's teacher.
- **Christmas Concerts! K-2 concerts are in December**
- **Grade 4/5 Ski trips on December 21st and January 15th**

Celebrations from October:

SOCKTOBER FINAL UPDATE! During the entire month of October, we collect socks for those in need, making a difference in our community by supporting multiple charities. We collected a final total of...

2367 pairs of NEW socks ❤️

Mens 747, Womens 558, Kids 862, Girls 424, Boys 420, Baby 1, Unknown (unwrapped but new) 198,

Toe warmers 20, Mitts/ gloves 4, Toques 17, Scarves 3, and Ear bands 15!

Half of the sock collection is going to Airdrie community links who are always so thrilled and shocked at the fact that they are new items. This year the entire other half (and the winter wear) is going to the Fear is Not Love society (new name for the Calgary Women's Shelter) which Community Links directs members of Airdrie to if they can't help them. Both places talked about how they are more in need this year and that these donations are going to be a huge deal to those that receive items.

Thank you, staff, students, and families, for the generous donations!

– Ms. Wigmore (Lead teacher for Socktober sock collection for Airdrie residents in need)

School Goals & Continuous Improvement

2023-2024 School Education Plan focuses on 3 goals:

- 1) **How might we engage students in their literacy and numeracy success?**

School Goal: Students are performing math and reading at or above grade level.


- 2) **How might we build student leadership across the school community?**

School Goal: Students have a sense of purpose in life, understand their own and other cultures, and are goal oriented, building leadership skills.

- 3) **How might we create inclusive, engaging, and healthy learning opportunities for all students?**

School Goal: Students are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe, and experience success in learning environments that are inclusive of every learner.

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| <p>WE ARE INDEPENDENT We Leave Wood Chips On The Ground</p>  | <p>WE DO OUR BEST We Use Equipment As Intended</p>  |
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| PLAYGROUND MATRIX | |
| <p>WE CARE We Take Turns</p>  | <p>WE BELONG We Keep Our Bodies To Ourselves</p>  |

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| <p>NOUS SOMMES INDEPENDANTS Nous Laissons Des Morceaux De Bois Par Terrain</p>  | <p>NOUS FAISONS DE NOTRE MIEUX Nous Utilisons L'équipement Comme Il Faut</p>  |
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| MATRICE DE LE TERRAIN DE JEUX | |
| <p>NOUS SOMMES ATTENTIONNÉS Nous Prenons Des Tours</p>  | <p>NOUS APPARTENONS Nous Gardons Notre Corps À Nous-Mêmes</p>  |

Parent Feedback from **OCTOBER**

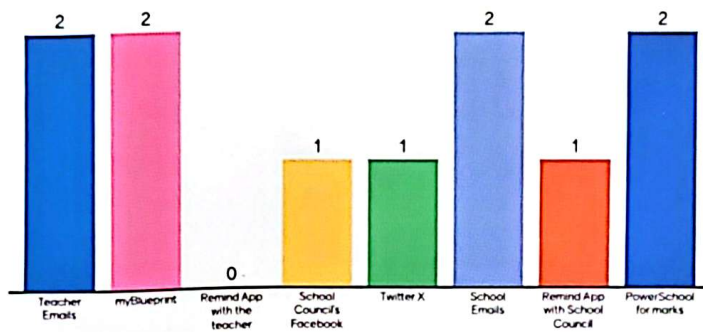
If you haven't given your input yet →



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Join at menti.com use code 7673 6449

What are ways that help me as a parent connect with school and my child's learning?



How satisfied are you with the following...



What are some ways I feel connected and a sense of **BELONGING** with the school?

- email updates
- involved school council
- volunteering in classroom
- need to look for the fb

