

Thursday, March 7, 2024

**School Council Minutes**  
**École Edwards Elementary School**  
Airdrie, Alberta

January 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
<b>Welcome:</b> (Jacelyn Rohleder, Chair)	6:34 pm - Meeting is called to order by Jaceyln. Introductions are made. Attendees: 4 council members, Principal, Vice principal, RVS trustee, 1 teacher, 2 students and approximately 11 parents (online and in-person).
<b>Mission:</b>	To build a culture of respect, collaboration and communication between parents, staff and administration that supports and enhances student learning.
<b>This Month's PBIS Focus :</b> (Jacelyn)	March: We do our best.
<b>School Trustee, RVS</b> (Todd Brand)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. RVS in the media: The Alberta Provincial Government announced that RVS will receive full construction funding for 3 new schools, with one (Grades K-8) being in Southwinds, Airdrie. Design funding was approved for an Airdrie highschool in Southwinds as well.</li><li>2. RVS is still waiting on Provincial Government to hear what the modular unit approvals will be.</li><li>3. Thank you to everyone who is helping gain support to get more funding for schools in Airdrie and RVS.</li></ol>
<b>School Report:</b> <i>-Teacher's Report: Gr. 3 Team, Mme. Baptiste-Lacasse</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Teacher's Report: Grade 3 team<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Some highlights of what Gr 3 students are learning:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ to write cursive</li><li>➤ physical literacy</li><li>➤ to celebrate different cultures (through social studies learning)</li><li>➤ classroom economy - each student has classroom coins that they can earn by doing things in class (like helping others, tidying up, etc.) and exchange them for</li></ul></li></ol></li></ol>

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Wellness, Vice  
Principal: Veronica  
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- classroom supplies.
- outdoor classroom - learning while walking outside as a class.
- sharing circle, thinking class - students collaborating together to solve problems (math, science, etc.) students have access to a lot of different tools and strategies, to learn how they best learn and regulate.
- self regulation - zones of regulation - blue zone, green zone, yellow zone, red zone.

## 2. Parent Wellness: **Conflict Management**

- a) Recently, Ecole Edwards has changed some language: from “supervision” to “coaching”.
- b) Conflict is a normal part of human interaction.
  - Feelings are the first signs of a problem, but they aren’t the problem. Work through the feelings get to the root of the problem .
  - Coaching is working through the feeling, identifying the problem, then problem solving
- c) Working through the feeling is difficult, but necessary. It important that kids learn to be sad, disappointment, angry, etc.
- d) Practice makes perfect - effective communication is a skill.
- e) Parents, teachers and trusted adults need to model desired behaviour, how we want to see our students work through conflict.
- f) The coaches at school are in there with the students, active, talking, and watching for things to teach - they are active, engaged problem solvers.
- g) STOP - MAKE SPACE - ASSESS - PROBLEM SOLVE. - you don’t have to know all the answers right away.



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- *Principal:* Rachelle  
Prud’Homme


## 3. Principal's Report: (PDF attached)

### **PARENT INPUT SURVEY:**

Go to <https://www.menti.com/>  
& input code 19669357

*(If you have an idea for parent feedback questions, please contact the school).*

- a) Welcome new teachers - Mme. Grist, Mrs. Mahan and Mrs McCord.
- b) Alien in-line skating - is held in March and free for all students (school council and PACE donated money for the cost)
- c) Student collaborative artwork - Each class created a collaborative art piece which are displayed in the office. An

	<p>upcoming auction will be held for these.</p> <p>d) Staff collaborative artwork - the teachers are creating a collaborative art piece together.</p> <p>4. School Reminders:</p> <p>a) Gathering Enrichments for Airdrie Residents month</p> <p>b) Mar 20-22, Student Learning Showcases, Book Fair, Staff Appreciation Dinner</p> <p>c) Mar 21, Rock Your Socks Day</p> <p>d) Mar 29 - Apr 9, SPRING BREAK</p>
<p><b>Treasurer Report</b> (Amanda):</p>	<p>1. Update on School Council funds:</p> <p>a) Woot Woot Wagon cost just over \$300</p> <p>b) Bussing for Gr 4/5 Ski Trip was less than allocated (\$2000 was allocated, but it was only \$1338.12)</p> <p>c) Rocks to Rings Curling for each class \$1105.41</p> <p><b>Total in account: \$4367.98</b></p> <p>2. Student Care Program funds:</p> <p>a) <b>Total in account: \$1032.70</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Items:</b></p>	
<p>1. <i>Updates</i></p>	<p>➤ Elections for School Council positions will be upcoming. - Secretary or any other positions anyone is interested. Please contact School Council if you are interested.</p>
<p>2. <i>Conclusion</i></p>	<p>➤ Teacher "Woot Woot" Wagon went really well, it was greatly appreciated by the teachers and staff.</p>
	
<p>3. <i>Upcoming</i></p>	<p>➤ Fun Lunch:</p> <p>a) Mar 13, Mary Browns, <b>order due Mar 8.</b></p> <p>b) Apr 10, Over the Top, <b>order due Apr 5</b></p> <p>➤ Celebration of Learning (Parent Conferences), Book Fair, Staff Appreciation Dinner: Mar 20-22</p> <p>a) All grades (K - 5) = <b>Mar 20 &amp; 21</b></p> <p>b) Kindergarten <b>only</b> = <b>Mar 22</b></p> <p>➤ <b>*Save the Date*</b> <b>SCHOOL DANCE</b>, April 18 (watch for email)</p>

<p>4. <i>Fundraisers</i></p> <p>5. <i>New Items</i></p>	<p>with more information)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) School Council: Spring Flowers (date TBD)</li> <li>b) Grade 5 Camp: Bottle drives: (Mar 29, Apr 30), Bake sales for Spring Concerts</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ The Kindergarten classes have asked council to donate money to buy an incubator for the baby chicks that they hatch in school. All classes get to see and interact with the chicks. <b>Jacelyn made a motion to donate \$200 to buy the incubator for the Kindergarten team, Melanie seconded it and everyone was in favour, with no objections.</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Open Floor for Questions and Comments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is a RVS Joint School Council meeting on March 14.</li> <li>➤ Question: There are concerns with the disruption of classrooms when a student is trying to regulate, because teachers needs to be with that student, and have to stop teaching lessons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Answer from Principal: There are all kinds of disruptions in classrooms, even when no one needs to regulate (bathroom breaks, announcements, distractions, etc.) Teachers try to deal with all of the disruptions properly and ensure the students still learn.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>8:07 pm meeting adjourned.</p> <p>Remember to check the <a href="#">Ecole Edwards School Council Facebook Page</a>, sign up for the <a href="#">REMIND app</a>, and email <b>School Council to be added to the volunteer list</b> (edwards-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca)</p>	
<p><b><u>Next Meetings:</u></b> Thurs, Apr 25 Thurs, May 30</p>	<p><b>**IMPORTANT**</b> Next School Council meeting will be held on <b>April 25</b> (not April 18)</p>	<p>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!</p>



# School Council Principal Report

Rachelle Prud'Homme, Principal  
Veronica Hooper, Assistant Principal

## February/March 2024

### PBIS Monthly Focus:

*How does your child show caring?  
How does your child do their best?*



### School Population – Quick Facts

688 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

**March's Focus:** Building Resilient Students: Managing Conflict 101  
Scan the QR Code to see the presentation →



### Highlights from January & February:

- **French Culture Week** at the end of January
- **PBIS February Focus:** We Care- thank you to the Grade 1 Team for making the We Care Assembly Videos in both languages
- **Literacy Week was great fun – special activities and dress up days!**
- **Have a Heart Day** letters to MLAs
- **Love Lollies fundraiser with grade 5 Student Council** raising \$600 towards a charity of their choice
- **WOOT WOOT WAGON!** Treats for staff from School Council
- **WinSport Ski Trip Rescheduled**
- **Black History Month**
- **Pink Shirt Day Assembly**
- **Stepping Stones to Mental Health**
- **Staffing Updates:** Welcome Mme Grist, Mrs. Mahan, and Mrs. McCord to our team!

### March Parent Input Survey:

1. What are the ways that your child demonstrates their learning at school and at home?
2. What are the benefits you see from your child participating in leadership opportunities?

Complete the survey now! Join at [menti.com](https://www.menti.com)

**Use code 19669357**

### Upcoming School Events:

- March is GEAR month
- Alien-in-Line skating
- March 11- PL day
- March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Student Learning Showcases
- March 18-22<sup>nd</sup> Book Fair
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Rock your Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day

**Deadline for Alberta Education Assurance Measures Surveys March 11<sup>th</sup>**

### Parent Reminders:

**Parents, watch for classroom updates and news weekly or bi-weekly from teachers.**

When you have a question, reach out to the teacher.

Be sure to check out our school's monthly newsletter the Family Express sent home at the end of each month

### Parents, please see PowerSchool to review your child's learning assessments and 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, all the time.

**Read every night with your child, practice math facts, and set up learning routines to help build their independence and mastery!**

## 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.

### Hello March!

How can you  
**DO YOUR BEST**  
this month?

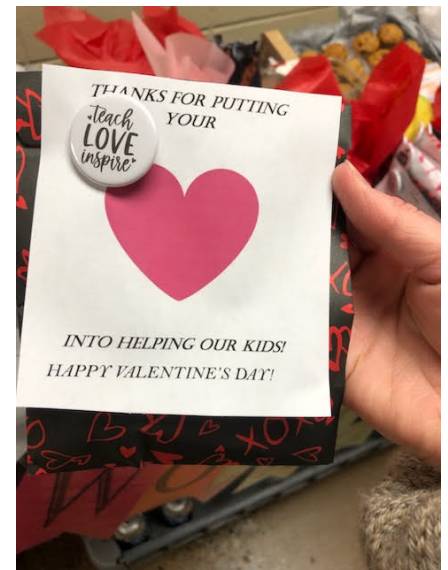
- ✓ Make good, careful choices
- ✓ Challenge yourself to do things that are not easy. Push yourself in your learning.
- ✓ Stay positive and persevere – do not give up!
- ✓ Think about and reflect on the person you are becoming and how you can be your very best self.



### Bonjour mars!

Comment pouvez-vous  
**FAIRE DE VOTRE MEILLEUX**  
ce mois-ci?

- ✓ Faisons des bons choix
- ✓ Essayons des choses qui sont difficiles et nouveaux!
- ✓ Soyons positives: persévérons, et continuons!
- ✓ Réfléchissons de comment nous grandissons! Nous changeons pour la meilleur chaque jour!



## École Edwards Elementary School Fundraising

DATE	Event	Revenue	Expense	Balance
1-Sep-23	Carry Forward	\$ 4,632.97		\$ 4,632.97
10-Oct-23	Adjustment for overage on Community outreach	\$ 1,830.11		\$ 6,463.08
11-Oct-23	Melanie Gaze - Welcome Back BBQ		\$ 228.90	\$ 6,234.18
11-Oct-23	Darcy Searcy - Boo Hoo Tea		\$ 83.27	\$ 6,150.91
11-Oct-23	Cayla Bergeron-Campbell - Boo Hoo Tea		\$ 27.44	\$ 6,123.47
18-Oct-23	Edo Japan (from 2022/23)	\$ 129.01		\$ 6,252.48
18-Oct-23	Lunch Lady (from 2022/23)	\$ 174.00		\$ 6,426.48
28-Nov-23	Cookie Dough Fundraising	\$ 4,390.50		\$ 10,816.98
21-Dec-23	Cookie Decorating Kits		\$ 1,140.00	\$ 9,676.98
22-Dec-23	Breakfast Program		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,676.98
7-Feb-24	Cookie Decorating Kits	\$ 1,520.00		\$ 8,196.98
26-Feb-24	First Student - Bussing for GR 4 & 5 Ski Trips		\$ 1,338.12	\$ 6,858.86
24-Feb-24	Rocks to Rings		\$ 1,105.41	\$ 5,753.45
28-Feb-24	Woot woot wagon treats - Cayla Bergeron-Campbell		\$ 12.70	\$ 5,740.75
5-Mar-24	Woot woot wagon treats - Jacelyn Rohleder		\$ 299.27	\$ 5,441.48
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<b>Fun Lunch</b>				
	Name	Revenue	Expense	
18-Oct-23	Panago Pizza	\$ 206.00		\$ 206.00
4-Jan-24	Subway	\$ 184.00		\$ 184.00
4-Jan-24	Chopped Leaf	\$ 148.00		\$ 148.00
23-Jan-24	Boston Pizza	\$ 193.00		\$ 193.00
26-Feb-24	Taco Time	\$ 195.50		\$ 195.50
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<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 926.50	\$ -	\$ 926.50
<b>Commitments</b>				
	Alien In-Line Skating	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
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			<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 13,603.09
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 7,235.11
			<b>TOTAL COMMITMENTS</b>	\$ 2,000.00
			<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	\$ 4,367.98

