

Thursday, March 7, 2024

School Council Minutes

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
Welcome: (Jacelyn Rohleder, Chair)	6:30 pm - Meeting is called to order by Jaceyln. Introductions are made. Attendees: 4 council members, Principal, Vice principal, RVS trustee, 3 teachers, and approximately 9 parents (online and in-person).
Mission:	To build a culture of respect, collaboration and communication between parents, staff and administration that supports and enhances student learning.
This Month's PBIS Focus : (Jacelyn)	April: We BELONG May: We are INDEPENDENT
School Trustee, (Melissa Bowen)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Staff from Ecole Edwards went to the RVS board of Trustees meeting, to share how Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies are being used to create a positive, welcoming culture at our school.2. Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces: - see email or link for full report<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) over 1300 surveys were completed, and 500 people attended the in person open houses;b) funding increased 2.7 % - to cover enrollment cost;c) expenditures are lower than projected right now, but there is still time left in the school year. If there is surplus, it can go to reserves.d) no changes happen until September 2025;e) Ecole Edwards will become grades K-6 and some communities will be re-designated into Edwards.f) Transportation has been for rural transportg) school fee numbers have been approved

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- h) Ecole Edwards is projected to be at 97% capacity when the changes are made; bringing the attendance from 688 students right now, to approximately 834 in 2025;
- i) hoping to be approved by the Government for modular classrooms be moved from some high schools to other schools that will need them.

3. Questions

- a) Will Edwards be getting any portables in the coming years to keep up with student numbers?
 - i. No, not anticipated.
- b) How many grade 6 classes will Edwards have?
 - i. Not sure how many, but it's estimated that 6 more classes will be needed for grade 6.
- c) Is RVS counting the students numbers for the new communities popping up?
 - i. Yes, the planning department are always looking at new communities when they decide on the changes.
- d) Are these changes set in stone, even if the projected numbers changed quite drastically?
 - i. To change these plans, the majority of the RVS board would need to vote to want to put it to a new decision.
- e) Do you have capacity projections for middle schools and high schools?
 - i. Yes, see all the information on the website (and link above)
- f) How long would it take to have a portable moved from school to school?
 - i. The requests are placed in the fall, and we normally hear back from the Government in spring. RVS board is reiterating to the Government, the need for modular classrooms to be moved and shifted in the district.
- g) Why make the high schools lower in capacity percentage than the middle and elementary schools?
 - i. Melissa is unsure of the reasoning, but she will go back to the board and find out.

School Report:
-Teacher's Report:
Gr. 2 Team, Mme.
Mills

1. Mme.Mills Grade 2 class does community outreach at CedarWood Station, a senior resident living community. They do a walking field trip to the community, present something for the residents (song/reading/etc), and collaborate with the seniors to do crafts, puzzles, etc.
2. For Senior's week in June, Ecole Edwards students will be making 500 cards to celebrate, which will be given to community seniors.
3. Thinking Classroom: an educational method where students work together in random groups, at a standing vertical surface, where one person writes ideas down, and the others give ideas. This method encourages class engagement, and the randomized student grouping allows different kids to work together.
4. Question?
 - a) Do you need any additional support for the seniors program?
 - i. You can send your contact info to Mme. Mills if you want to volunteer for the class trips to Cedarwood Station.
 - b) Does every grade participate in the seniors program?
 - i. A lot of the grades participate.

- Parent
Wellness:
Vice Principal:
Veronica Hooper

Attendance Matters!

- ✓ As we are now over the Covid hump, we want to try to break the habits of lack of attendance that Covid caused.
- ✓ Chronic absenteeism is between 5-9% of school days absent.
- ✓ Anxiety builds when kids continue to be absent.
- ✓ If your kid is having a hard time going to school, you as a parent can come and volunteer and help show your kid it is OK to go to school.
- ✓ More school attendance = more engaged students.
- ✓ More school attendance = feeling a part of the school, community and creating an emotional connection with staff and other students.
- ✓ Different kinds of absences: cannot, will not, do not
- ✓ Projected to send 50 letters to parents due to absenteeism.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This year the letter will come out in May, while next year, attendance letters will go out 3 times a year. ✓ If there are any attendance concerns, the teacher will reach out to parents first. If it continues to be a concern, the principals will work with the parents and student to create a plan. If it still continues to be a concern, an attendance letter will be sent to parents.
<p>- Principal Report: Rachelle Prud'Homme</p>	<p><i>*PDF Attached*</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The yearbook design winners were chosen. Thank you to everyone who submitted a design. 2. There are many Student Clubs (18 clubs!). Some are teacher led and some are student led. It is a great opportunity for students to show leadership by creating a club. 3. Spring concerts - May 13-15, Grades 3-5. Check your email from your student's teacher to find out when your student's concert is. 4. New RVS Student Survey for grade 4-5 called Our School. 5. Review of our school goals has shown we are doing really well in all our goals, with the greatest area being #3 (creating inclusive, engaging, and healthy learning opportunities) 6. Parent input survey - This month we are looking for feedback to help shape our plans and school goals for next year. We want to hear from you! Parent Input Survey 7. New COBS "Dough Raiser" program - 5% of purchase from COBS will go to school. Tell them you have a student who goes to Edwards! 8. DARE TO CARE program: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bullying prevention program which includes student learning, parent webinars, and teacher modules. b) School Council will donate the \$500 grant received from the Government to purchase the Dare to Care Program, plus \$400 from council funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Motion made by Amanda to donate the \$500 grant received from the Government to purchase the Dare to Care Program, plus \$400 from Council funds. Darcy seconded the motion, everyone was in favour and there were no objections.

Treasurer's Report:

Amanda Gauthier

PDF Attached

Funds Update:

Alien Inline Skating (whole school) -1904.76\$
Jubilations (Gr 1 team) -483.81\$
Incubator (Kindergarten team/whole school) -200\$

Dance ticket sales +2283\$
Dance concession +845.50\$
50/50 at dance +250\$
Flower fundraiser +552\$
Mary browns Fun Lunch +189\$

TOTAL \$7649.07

Student Care Funds update: this has opened up on School Cash Online for donations, until the maximum is reached.
TOTAL \$ 273.96 right now.

School Council Spending

- ✓ Grade 2 team: \$500 for bussing to Heritage Park
- ✓ Grade 3 team: \$500 for bussing to Zoo
 - Motion by Darcy to spend \$500 each (\$1000 total) for bussing for the Grade 2 and Grade 3 field trips. Motion seconded by Lisa, everyone in favour, no objections.
- ✓ New Kindergarten T-shirts for field trips/recess- up to \$1000
 - Motion made by Amanda to spend up to \$1000 on new Kindergarten T-shirts. Motion seconded by Cayla, everyone in favour, no objections.
- ✓ Gym Floor Hockey Sticks - \$500
 - Motion made by Darcy to spend \$500 on Floor Hockey Sticks for the gym. Motion seconded by Heidi, everyone in favour, no objections.
- ✓ Gym Yoga Mats - \$1000
 - Motion made by Tammy to spend \$1000 on Yoga Mats for the school. Motion seconded by Leah, everyone in favour, no objections.

<p>Agenda Items:</p>	<p><i>Updates:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spring Flower Fundraiser finished last Friday, pick up on May 24, near T&C parking lot. 2. Elections for School Council positions and PACE. If you are interested in any of the school council positions or positions on PACE (all volunteers), please email School Council or talk to one of us! <p><i>Conclusion:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. School Dance: The dance went well, it looked awesome, and we hope everyone had a fun time! The late dance sold out by day 4 of opening ticket sales, and we sold some extra tickets to the early dance at the door. <p><i>Upcoming:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Fun Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ May 8, Subway, order due May 3. ✓ June 12, Maverick's Donut Company, order due June 7 5. Spring Concerts - May 14-16 <p><i>Fundraisers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Student Council: Smile Cookies for sale April 19-29 on School Cash Online. Delivery is May 1 and volunteers are needed. Please contact school council if you can volunteer to help! All cookie sale proceeds go to Airdrie Health Foundation. 7. Grade 5 Camp - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hot Dog Dayz, May 10 and June 7 ✓ Bake Sales at Spring Concerts, May 13, 14, 15 ✓ Bottle Drives, Apr 30, May TBD
<p>Questions/ Comments:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ From Mme. Danielson - Alien In-line Skating was really great. Thank you for the funds, it was so well received, and we had great feedback. ✓ Don't forget, Jump Rope for Heart is May 6. Information will be sent out.
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>8:14 pm Meeting adjourned.</p>
<p><i>Next (and last) School Council meeting:</i> Thurs, May 23</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.</p> <p>We appreciate you and welcome any comments!</p>

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PBIS Monthly Focus:

*How does your child show belonging?
How and when do they feel a sense of belonging?
How does your family support this at home?*



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

April's focus

Attendance Matters!



Highlights from April:

- **PBIS Focus:** We Belong
- **Exciting learning**, artwork, and projects from around the school! See the April Family Express to see some highlights and follow us on Twitter.
- **Yearbook Design Winners!**
Tiara, 4/5 G (Front Cover) Layla 5K, Kenzi 4F, Kayanna 5K, Aubrey 4/5M, Elom 4/5M, Oscar 4/5M, Sadie 4/5M, Shanaya 4/5G, and Lexi 4/5M
- **Wow! Student Clubs!** Even more for April and May! Right now, we have about 18 clubs offered across grades 1-5!
- **École Edwards School presented to the RVS Board** in April about How PBIS Influences Our School Culture
- **The Annual Family Dance was a hit!**
- **Choir Club Performance**– participated in an adjudication with Nose Creek School Choir, hosted at École Edwards School. Our choir performed at the Airdrie Rotary Festival of Performing Arts on Thursday, April 25. We performed an indigenous song called Rain Dance as well as a piece all about imagination, called Inventions and Machines.
- Updated Attendance Policy and Process – letters will start being sent by email to parents/guardians in May to celebrate excellent attendance or to share concerns.

April Parent Input Survey:

This month we are looking for feedback to help shape our plans and school goals for next year. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Check your emails for the survey link as well. <https://forms.office.com/r/sHeTcsjaxN>

Upcoming School Events:

- **School Spring Photo Day** May 1
- **Hats on for Mental Health** will be on Wednesday May 8th
- **Spring Concerts!** Grade 3-5 Spring Concerts are May 14, 15, and 16th 1pm & 6pm
- **Student, Staff, and Parent Spring Feedback for School Goals are in April and May**
- **New RVS Student Survey for grade 4-5 will be in April, called Our School**, which will share insights into our students' sense of well-being, emotional health, and social awareness.

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.

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?**

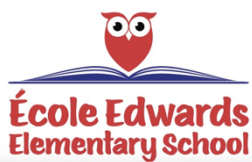
School Goal: Students are performing math and reading at or above grade level.

- 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.



PBIS AND ITS INFLUENCE ON SCHOOL CULTURE



CLASSROOM MATRIX



We are always proud to share about our amazing school, students and staff!
Thank you for welcoming us.

Rocky View Schools @rvsed · Apr 11

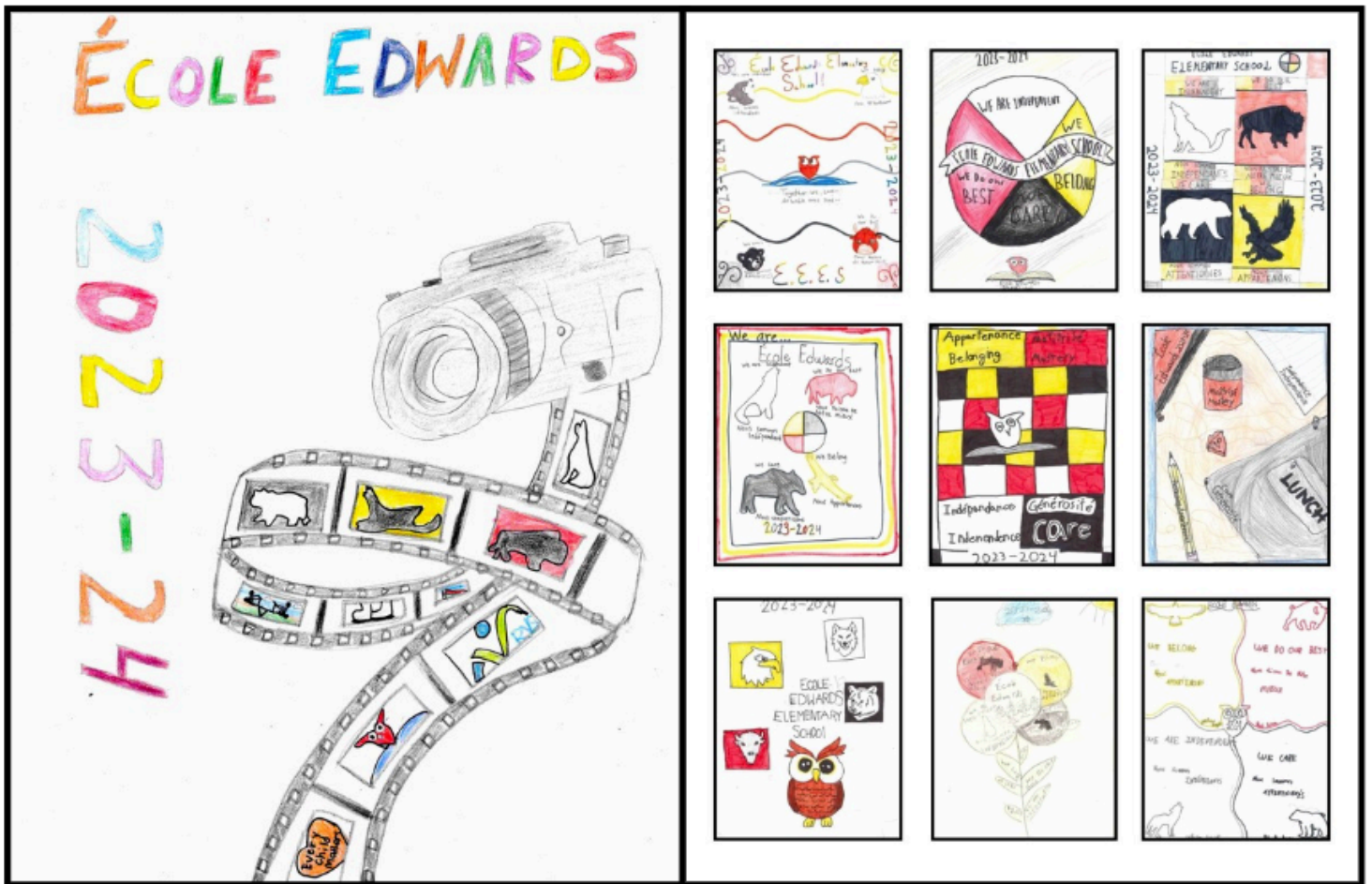
This morning, staff from @EcoleEdwards told the #RVSTrustees about how Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies are being used to create a positive, welcoming culture at the school. #RVsed



Congratulations!

YEARBOOK

WINNERS!



Front Cover Winner:
Tiara gr. 4/5 Grumpelt!

Back cover winners! (From top left and across)
 Laya 5K, Kenzi 4 F, Kayanna 5K, Aubrey 4/5M,
 Elom 4/5M, Oscar 4/5M, Sadie 4/5 M, Shanaya
 4/5G, and Lexi 4/5M

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
6-Mar-24	Alien In-Line Skating		\$ 1,904.76	\$ 3,536.72
27-Mar-24	Jubilations Dinner Theatre		\$ 483.81	\$ 3,052.91
22-Apr-24	Dance Tickets	\$ 2,283.00		\$ 5,335.91
22-Apr-24	Dance Concession Items	\$ 845.50		\$ 6,181.41
23-Apr-24	Spring Flower Fundraiser	\$ 552.16		\$ 6,733.57
				\$ -
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				\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 16,357.25	\$ 9,623.68	\$ 6,733.57
Fun Lunch				
	Name	Revenue	Expense	
18-Oct-23	Panago Pizza	\$ 206.00		\$ 206.00
4-Jan-24	Subway	\$ 184.00		\$ 390.00
4-Jan-24	Chopped Leaf	\$ 148.00		\$ 538.00
23-Jan-24	Boston Pizza	\$ 193.00		\$ 731.00
26-Feb-24	Taco Time	\$ 195.50		\$ 926.50
18-Apr-24	Mary Browns	\$ 189.00		\$ 1,115.50
				\$ -
				\$ -
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				\$ -
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				\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 1,115.50	\$ -	\$ 1,115.50
Commitments				
	Incubator for Kindergarten		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
			TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 17,472.75
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,623.68
			TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$ 200.00
			TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 7,649.07

