

Thursday, May 23, 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)	6:32 pm - Meeting is called to order by Jaceyln. Introductions are made. Attendees: 4 council members, Principal, RVS trustee, 4 teachers, and approximately 11 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)	May: We are INDEPENDENT June: All of them! We are BELONG, We CARE, We DO OUR BEST, We are INDEPENDENT
School Trustee, (Fred Burley)	RVS Updates: - At the trustee meeting, they talked about the different options they are exploring for the Ward Boundary Review. - Go to https://rvsengage.com/ward-boundary-review-2024 for more information. - Reasoning for the review is to balance out the number of reps each trustee is responsible for. - RVS trustees attend school council meetings, where not all other school board trustees attend council meetings. - New options for schedules for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years - please vote in the survey found at https://rvsengage.com/school-calendars-25-27 Question: Where does the funding for trustees come from? Answer: Funding for trustees comes from the government and is allotted by the government in the schooling budget. It does not take away from funding for schooling/teachers/students/etc.

School Report:
-Teacher's Report:
(Mme. Miko)

**Parent
Wellness:**

Principal's Report:
(Principal
Rachelle
Prud'Homme)

1. Teacher's Report: Kindergarten team
 - a) Thank you to council for the t-shirts for field trips and recess
 - b) Thank you to council for the Incubator for chicks and ducks
 - i. 28 classes came through to see the eggs and animals, they were all taught about the incubation process
 - ii. ended up with 8 chicks and 2 ducks hatching
 - iii. ducks were named Cheese and Quackers
 - iv. the incubator really worked well!
2. Parent Wellness:
 - c) Dare to Care program purchased - it is a bullying prevention program, with sections for students, staff, and parents.
 - i. Next school year, the school wants to host some in-person sessions for parents to watch the videos and discuss.
 - ii. Some FAQs about the program:
 1. bullying vs peer conflict
 2. need to bring bullying issues to teacher and principal's attention
 3. how to deal with conflict
 4. repeated, intentional behaviour is bullying
3. Principal's Report
 - a) In what ways do you build independence at home?
 - tasks, learning time, making lunches, reading time,
 - students take ownership of their learning, take ownership of actions and words.
 - b) Spring concerts were successful.
 - c) Spring surveys were completed - helps prepare for next year
 - d) Camera intercom system installed at front door - all doors are locked
 - e) Jump Rope For heart until June 7 - fundraiser
 - f) ****NEW WEBSITE**** <https://ecoleedwards.rockyview.ab.ca/>
 - if you have school calendar on phone, please go to website and add it again, it's new.
 - g) Attendance letters will be sent out next week
4. School Reminders:
 - "COBS" Dough Raiser Program
 - May 30 > Grade 5 Orientation at Ecole Airdrie Middle School 5-6
 - May 31 > Anything but a Backpack Day!

- June 5 > 2024/2025 Kindergarten Orientation 4:30pm
- June 7 > Jump Rope for Heart Celebration
- June 12 > Parent Volunteer Appreciation Celebration - watch for email
- June 26 > Student Fun Day

Treasurer's Report:

(Amanda Gauthier)

PDF Attached

Student Care funding update: - went from \$273 to \$1905.13 in a few days! Thank you for all the amazing donations!

School Council funding update:

new expenses in budget

- ✓ \$186.19 - incubator
- ✓ \$350 - dance DJ
- ✓ \$33.36 + \$48.74 Dance decorations
- ✓ \$175 Dare to care

New incoming funds in budget

- ✓ \$169 Over the Top
- ✓ \$203 Papa Murphy's

---\$3927.78 total---

Question from Principal:

Can council put any money towards Grade 5 camp? - discussion about this, in the end, it was determined that Council would have some funds they could put towards the Grade 5 camp, to help offset the cost for parents.

- Motion made by Cayla to donate \$1000 for Grade 5 camp costs. Seconded by Tammy, with everyone in favour, no objections.

School Council New Spending Requests

- ✓ Student Fun Day June 26 - popsicles for students, up to \$500
 - Motion by Tammy to spend \$500 for popsicles for Student Fun Day. Darcy seconded the motion, everyone in favour, no objections.
- ✓ Welcome Back BBQ Aug 30 - food/drinks, up to \$500
 - Motion made by Amanda to spend up to \$500 on Food/drinks for the Welcome Back BBQ. Motion seconded by Cayla, everyone in favour, no objections.

- ✓ BooHoo Coffee and Tea Sept 3/4 - snacks up to \$200
 - Motion made by Darcy to spend up to \$200 on snacks for the BooHoo Coffee and Tea. Motion seconded by Amanda, everyone in favour, no objections.
- ✓ 2nd Woot Woot Wagon - snacks up to \$400
 - Motion made by Cayla to spend up to \$400 on snacks for the 2nd Woot Woot Wagon. Motion seconded by Darcy, everyone in favour, no objections.

School Council 2024/2025 Budget

PDF attached (Fundraiser plan, temporary budget for next school year)

Agenda Items

1. **Updates:**

- a) - Spring Flowers fundraiser (pick up May 24)
- b) - Elections for School Council Positions and PACE positions; please contact us if you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions.

2. **Conclusion:**

- a) **Fun Lunch review:** Andrea is the lead on fun lunches. She felt appreciated as a volunteer and noted that the vendors were happy and accommodating. Finding volunteers was easy, which made it nice. Some fun lunches were hard to organize, but most were great.
 - i. Note - anyone have ideas on what containers we can use to bring the lunches to the classes?
- b) **Student Care review:** Lisa is one of the leads on student care. They would buy and bring in fruit and clothing every Monday. The length of time to get financially reimbursed for the purchases, is an issue that was brought up. It would be good to explore some better options (gift cards can't be used, neither can a school credit card). For next year, they would like more communication from the office throughout the week if things are needed. Lisa and Chelsea will do it again next year if there is no interest from other parents.
- c) **Fundraiser review:** Recapped in the budget; everything went pretty well. There will be a survey in September to see what the interest is in the different fundraisers.
 - i. Idea: something interactive for the early part of the year, maybe a family movie night, movie in the field, Halloween or Fall family dance.
 - ii. **If you have any fund-raising suggestions, please let us know.**

3. **Upcoming: Fun Lunch "TREAT" : June 12, Maverick's Donut Company, order due June 7.**

4. **Fundraisers:**
- **Grade 5 camp:** Hot Dog Dayz **June 7**, order due June 2.

**Questions/
Comments:**

Thank you to the staff, teachers, parents, students and volunteers for making this school year great!

Adjournment:

8:25pm - Meeting adjourned.

THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to come out to the meetings, watch the meetings on Zoom, or read the minutes.

We appreciate you and welcome any comments!

We will see you back in
September, for our first
School Council meeting
of the 2024/2025 school
year!

**September 19,
2024**

MAY 2024

PBIS Monthly Focus:

In what ways do you build independence at home? What are some examples of independence at school?



School Population – Quick Facts

680 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: Learning Series for Parents

May's focus

Dare to Care – bullying prevention program



Highlights from May:

- **Successful Spring Concerts for grade 3, 4 and 5!** Well done and bravo staff and students! Incredible talent was showcased in each performance.
- **Completed Spring Surveys** for staff, students, and parents to help us prepare school goals for next year.
- **Completed New RVS Student Survey for grade 4-5 called Our School.** This will share insights into our students' sense of purpose, well-being, emotional health, and personal and social awareness. These results will be featured in our school goals for next year.
- **FitSet Ninja Obstacle Course**
- **Jump Rope for Heart**
- **Camera Intercom system has been installed at the front doors, as an additional safety measure**
- **School Goals One Page Summary – see below!**
- **Check out our NEW school Website!**

Upcoming School Events/Reminders:

- **June special classroom activities!**
- **Final assessments and year-end report cards** – mid June comments will be added to the report cards, please wait until the school sends an email to notify you that the report card is ready for viewing.
- **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.

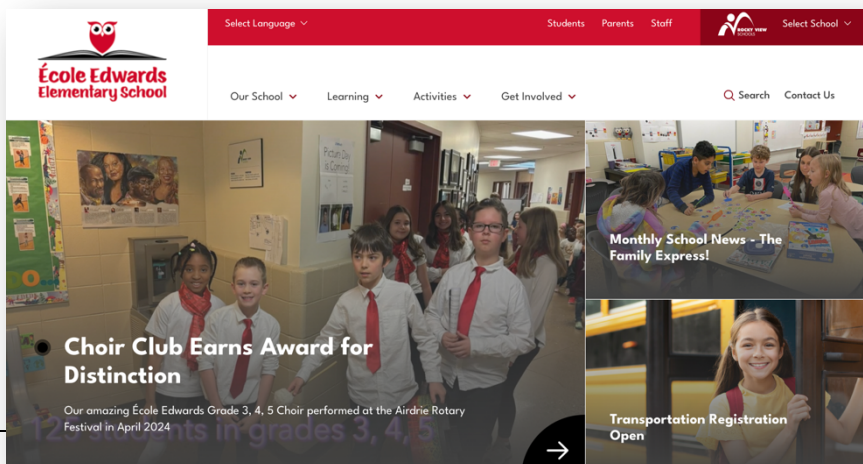
Parent Reminders:

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

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

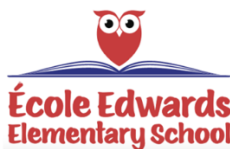

Be sure to check out our school's monthly newsletter the Family Express sent home at the end of each month.

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 – see our School Goals on our website, or review the one-page summary here:

<p>Student Snapshot</p> <p>83% School's overall score on Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports inventory.</p>	 <p>École Edwards Elementary</p> <hr/> <p>École Edwards Elementary</p> <hr/> <p>2023/24 School Education Plan At-A-Glance</p> <hr/> 	<p>This Year We Worked On:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prioritizing student success in literacy and numeracy• Preparing students to be future ready• Creating a safe, inclusive, caring, and diverse school culture
<p>62% of students absent from school less than 10 per cent of the year.</p>		<p>You Can Help By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily practice in reading, writing and math skills• Regular communication with teachers about questions and concerns, partnering about solutions for success• Staying involved and up to date about student learning progress
<p>69% of students value learning, have positive homework and study behaviours.</p>		<p>Next Year You Can Look Forward To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A stronger focus on supporting numeracy knowledge and skills• Continued additional supports for success in literacy and diverse learning needs• Increased efforts to build students learning skills and leadership for future preparedness
<p>80% of Grade 1 – 3 students with early literacy skills not at risk according to the Alberta literacy assessment (CC3).</p>		<p><small>Information is based on our 2023/24 school education plan. View our full plan online.</small></p>
<p>75% of Grade 1 – 3 students with early numeracy skills not at risk on the Alberta numeracy assessment.</p>		

Reach out to your child's teacher about your child's specific results.



Sept 2023/2024 started with funds in the account of \$6463.08			
Fundrasier Plan			
Cookie & Muffin Dough Foundraiser	November		
Online Christmas Cookie Dec kits	December		
School Dance	April		
Spring Flower Fundraiser	May		
Healthy Hunger	Once a month 2nd Wed (Sept - June)		
Budget 2024-2025			
	2022/2023 Profit	2023/2024 Profit	
Items			
Cookie & Muffin Dough Foundraiser	\$3,434.50	\$4,390.50	
Online Christmas Raffle	\$2,075.00	N/A	
Online Christmas Cookie Decorating kits	\$380.00	\$380.00	
School Dance	\$2,534.63	\$2,450.53	
Spring Flower Fundraiser	N/A	\$552.16	
Healthy Hunger	\$1,524.09	\$1,487.50	As of May
Total funds Raised	\$9,948.22	\$9,260.69	
Items	2022/2023 Expense Amount	2023/2024 Expense Amount	Budget Amount Needed for next year
Breakfast Program	N/A	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dare to Care Program	N/A	\$400.00	\$400.00 *
Grade 4 & 5 Winsport Skiing	\$2,000.00	\$1,338.12	\$2,000.00
Grade K - Tshirts for Field Trips	N/A	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Grade 1 Field Trip - Jubilations	N/A	\$483.81	\$500.00
Grade 2 Field Trip - Heritage Park	N/A	\$500.00	\$500.00 **
Grade 3 Field Trip - Zoo	N/A	\$500.00	\$500.00 **
Quest Theatre	\$241.91	PACE covered the cost	\$1,000.00
Staff Appreciation - Woot Woot wagon	\$287.14	\$711.97	\$400.00 ***
Welcome Back BBQ (Sept)	N/A	\$228.90	\$300.00
Kindergaten BooHoo Coffee & Tea	N/A	\$110.71	\$150.00
P.E Program - Alien In-line Stating	\$2,000.00	\$1,904.76	\$2,000.00
P.E Program - Rocks to Rings	N/A	\$1,105.41	\$2,000.00
P.E Program - Fitset Ninja	N/A	PACE covered the cost	\$2,000.00
P.E Program - Dance Residency	N/A	N/A	\$2,000.00
Fun Day (June)	Had GC's that we used	\$500.00	\$500.00 ****
Misc. - Recess Equipment	\$1,000.00	N/A	\$2,000.00
Misc. - Special Guest & Activities (Indigenous Guests)	\$100.00	N/A	
Misc - Incubator	N/A	\$200.00	
Misc - Floor hockey sticks	N/A	\$500.00	
Misc - Yoga Mats	N/A	\$1,000.00	
Total	\$5,629.05	\$13,483.68	\$20,250.00
*total amount was \$900.00 but we used that Government Grant of \$500.00 leaving Council with a \$400.00 expense.			
**Grade 2 & Grade 3's still need to go on their field trips, expense amount for 2023/2024 may change (\$500/grade)			
***2 Woot Woot Wagons - 2nd wagon will happen at the end of May which may change the expense amount for 2023/2024			
****Need to purchase the popsicles, expense amount might change once purchased for last day of school			