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School Council Meeting Minutes

September School Council meeting, held in person at the school and available via zoom.

Video can be found on the École Edwards Elementary School Council facebook page.

The 2024/2025 School Council Executives are Jacelyn Rohleder as Chair, Darcy Searcy as Vice Chair, Chantal Soucy as Secretary, and Amanda Gauthier as Treasurer.

Prior to the School Council meeting, there was a P.A.C.E (Parent Action Committee for Education) meeting at 6:00 PM

AGENDA	NOTES
Welcome: Jacelyn Rohleder, <i>Chair</i>	6:34 PM - meeting is called to order by Jacelyn. Introductions are made by all of the executives and the attendees (in-person and some via zoom) Attendees: 15 - 10 parents, Principal, Vice Principal, 1 teacher, 5 executives Melyssa Bowen - new School Trustee
Council Mission:	To build a culture of respect, collaboration, and communication between parents, staff and administration that supports and enhances student learning.
Vote in New Executives:	Vote @ 6:45 PM Chair - Jacelyn Rohleder Vice Chair - Darcy Searcy Secretary - Chantal Soucy Treasurer - Amanda Gauthier
PBIS Focus:	INTRODUCING ALL 4! We BELONG, We CARE, We DO OUR BEST, We ARE INDEPENDENT! This month is We BELONG

School Trustee:
Melyssa Bowen
School Trustee

6:50 PM - Thank you to all parent attendees.

RVS update:

At board meetings, The Bow Valley High School literacy program was discussed. We are in year 2 of the strategic plan. There is now an opportunity to use comparative data for growth, and as Trustees, we can also look at the information and use it in our 3rd year.

Division wide literacy and numeracy levels are about the same (or a little lower) from last year.

PBIS has gone from 10 schools to 17 schools in The Rocky View School Region.

Another focus is highlighting some of the work experience, and we are looking for/at new opportunities to bring people into the Rocky View Schools and there was an increase of almost 200 opportunities.

The Superintendent shared an administrative procedure 148 on June 20th regarding the use of mobile devices and social media. This has already had a positive impact as more students are reading or doing other activities rather than playing on mobile devices. *Please reach out to the school if there are any concerns regarding this policy.*

Update on IMR projects:

5-6 million a year for infrastructure maintenance - we have a priority list of projects & a list of modular units (on the go) to be completed throughout the year. There is also additional 4 million in funding from the government to recognize our growth in Rocky View Schools (grouped with Edmonton and CBE) but have yet to meet on how to use those dollars within this school year. Continued advocacy is needed to get that additional funding in the next year(s) as well; thank you for the support this year.

What about support for the schools that are shifting/adding grades?

We can use that additional funding for resources or support for schools adding grades (ie: middle schools adding grade 9 students)

What about the challenge of finding french immersion teachers for Rocky View Schools?

There is a shortage of teachers within many school districts Canada-wide, not just in Alberta, even schools out in Quebec - but, although we are experiencing that kind of challenge, we are trying our best to recruit those teachers to Rocky View Schools.

Preliminary numbers shared at public meetings of students within the school will be a little lower than the 750 that was projected.

Voted in new RVS executives:

Ward 6 Trustee: Fiona Gilbert
Board Chair: Fiona Gilbert
Vice Chair: Judi Hunter
School Trustee: Melyssa Bowen

Q3 update (*more in the next meeting*):

Targeting Reserves (excluding transportation): .7-.9%; min gov 1%

Transportation reserves: 2.5%

There are now more students eligible for transport within Rocky View Schools (as there will be more students at these different schools, there needs to be more transportation in place for those students/families).

There has been an approved Turffield vendor found and used at a new high-school out in the Langdon area; this is more usable for kids compared to sod/other options.

Presentation from our consultant doing the board boundary review about the feedback regarding the 3 proposed options - 7, 8, or 9 trustees, along with the reconstruction of boundaries for trustees.

Orientation of bi-law session via zoom on Monday, September 23.
Joint meeting scheduled for October 24.

The government will be investing \$2.1 billion + \$5.6 billion (\$8 billion) in capital/school infrastructure within Alberta

The brief on Rocky View Schools website will cover all of this

School Report:
Principal Rachelle
Prud'Homme
& Vice Principal Alanna
Berger

Principal's Report:

Please read the Principal Report to get all information in detail.

7:15 PM - School Presentation:

"Family Express"

Family express is an email sent out once a month, the first friday, from teachers.

"Learners & Leaders"

These are protocols of safety emails sent out for parents.

Student expectations at recess:

"positive behavior approach"; we want our students to learn through any mistakes
If there's a disagreement, do rock, paper, scissors!

Parent expectations:

*** *Pick-up & drop-off Safety* ***

- No u-turns in the parking-lots, cross-walks, or other areas
- Please do not use staff parking lot for any pick-up or drop-off of students
There have been a few close calls with kids in the cross walk and staff parking lot because parents are not practicing road safety during pick-up or drop-off
These are everyone's children, so please be safe!

7:16 PM - Principal Rachelle Prud'Homme:

There is a new website! You can find the school /student handbook (same as the beginning of student agenda). *All updates and everything for the school is most recent on the website.*

Please find and follow the school council facebook page.

There will be bi-weekly emails sent out to parents with learning updates from your child's teacher. *Please make sure your child's teacher has your most recent contact information*

7:23 PM - Vice Principal Alanna Berger:

We had our first assembly of the year this past week, PBIS Monthly Focus and all 4 expectations - We Belong, We Care, We Are Independent, We Do Our Best

School Learning Profile

- 3% of students have severe or significant medical, emotional or physical needs
- 7% of students have mild or moderate delays, disabilities or learnings needs
- 5% of students self-identify as First Nation, Inuit, or Métis.
- 10% of students are learning english as a second language
- 6% of students require some sort of support for mental, medical or physical health

Government & Rocky View assessments (tests):

Some of these assessments are provincial, some of these assessments are from within Rocky View. These assessments are meant to focus on the learners and how we can better support them.

These were started a couple years ago to address learning gaps/what to work on in the classroom with our students.

These are required assessments, and are done one-to-one with the students to see where the teacher needs to work.

Some of these are due by September 27.

PowerSchool: "see & compare growth"

These are like online report cards. They are updated frequently by teachers, so please take a look and keep up to date on your child's progress.

Breakfast Program:

There is no more food delivery to the classrooms. For any student who missed breakfast, slept in, or for another reason was not able to eat before coming to school, you are now invited to come to the kitchen to pick a food item between 9-9:15 AM.

Cellphones & smart watches are not allowed in class

If you need to contact your child, please call the office

November/February/May we send home a letter of celebration OR a letter of concern regarding your child's attendance

Terry Fox Run on Friday September 20 (might be rescheduled)

Truth & Reconciliation Week next week, September 23 -27

Staff update:

Farewell to Mrs. Grieg, our learning support teacher!

We are currently still trying to find a new teacher to fill this position.

Thank you to all the returning staff members for this next school year!

"School Education Plan" (school goals):

Principal Rachelle Prud'Homme

These are the same goals for the next 3 years.

- 1) Students are performing math and reading at or higher than grade level.
- 2) Students have a sense of purpose in life, understand their own and other cultures, and are goal orientated, building leadership goals.
- 3) Students are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe, and experience success in learning environments that are inclusive of every learner.

*every year in January/February there is a government survey, and it is like our school report card. The survey is done with our Grade 4 parents and students, but that does reflect ALL students within our school - *the school is trying to change this.*

Measurements - all measurements can be found within the principal report

"Lets celebrate" & "areas of growth"

our mission and vision

Our Mission: "At École Edwards, we develop and empower learners and leaders."

Our Vision: "Together we belong, learn, and succeed."

Leaders & Learners

Schoolwide PBIS expectations - 4 year education plan

Strategic plan 2022-2026 "at a glance"

90% PBIS

62% student attendance - 10% more this year

69% students value school work/learning

49% students have a positive outlook on homework

80% students 1-3 literacy

75% students 1-3 numeracy

School Diversity Profile:

Mmde Danielson - our half time numeracy & literacy teacher (french); there is a staff position open to assist Mmde Danielson.

English PBIS system: percentages don't reflect literacy in the school (french & english)

School goals will be presented at the next council meeting starting in October by one of our teachers.

Areas for Growth (parents & students):

Prompt safety & respect

PBIS expectations & how to teach it.

We want to increase the communication streamline for all teachers - please communicate openly with your child's teacher; our staff members will be doing the same with parents and caregivers.

We also want to increase support for diverse learning needs within our school. And we are working on enhancing outdoor activities for our students

*We are celebrating diversity and learning within our school.
and there is a "Parent Diversity Team"*

8:00 PM - School Reminders:

Jacelyn Rohleder

Sept 25: Terry Fox Run - please wear yellow/gold in honor of Childhood Cancer
(moved from Friday, Sept 20 due to weather)

Sept 23-27: Truth & Reconciliation Week

"What is my commitment to truth & reconciliation?" addressing residential schools
Virtual assembly with a Cree drummer - Chantal

Sept 27: Orange Shirt Day & indigenous tattoos for the children

Sept 30: Truth & Reconciliation Day - NO SCHOOL

Oct 9 & 10: Parent - Teacher Conferences; please bring students. We are asking for donations for teacher dinners during the conferences; please look out for the email that will be sent out.

Treasurer Report:
Amanda Gauthier
Treasurer

8:02 PM - 2023 School Casino Fundraiser Update
Paula (Amanda Gauthier)

Next casino fundraiser will be in 2027

\$40,650.45 is in the school bank account, but there are also 2 outstanding cheques.
\$45,736 is available, but with all earmarked projects planned within the school, about \$14,000 would be available afterwards.

*Next casino in 2027 will be in either January, February, or March;
no date has been chosen yet.*

All funds that were raised in the 2023 casino fundraiser has to be used by the year 2025.

8:03 PM - Student Care update on funds
Darcy Searcy

This is an umbrella under school council. For any parents who do not know, this is a school resource for students and their families to provide support to obtain things within the school (like paying for field trips or providing a change of clothes), or to assist if a student needs some sort of other support. This is strictly donation based

September 23 - \$1881.35 (\$962.90 still left in the account)

Donations come through "School Cash".

8:05 PM - Treasurer Report
Darcy Searcy & Jacelyn Rohleder

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Open House BBQ expense - \$443.88

Boohoo Tea expense - \$154.85

Leaving the school account at \$3611.36
(commitments = 2,111.36)

More details in the October Treasurer Report.

School approved new yoga mats as well as approved new hockey sticks last year for the gymnasium.

Agenda Items:

8:08 PM - New Items

Introductions for Committees:

Fun Lunch - thank you Andrea Milanese
second wednesday; login to healthy hunger - order before Friday
Fundraiser Lead - thank you Erika Pelley
Student Care - thank you Chelsea Krupick & thank you Lisa and Chelsea for your hard work last year

Dates for upcoming school council meetings:

October 17, November 21, January 16, March 20, April 10, May 22

The open House BBQ was a huge success. We ran out of Hot Dogs! Thank you for all the parents and new families who came out!

There was a Boohoo Coffee & Tea event for Kindergarten parents that was great. Thank you for all the parents who attended!

The school calendar will be added to the school website.

Spring dance -

8:15 PM - Bi-law Update

8:17 PM - Upcoming events:

Parent - Teacher Conferences on October 9-10

Fun Lunch (second wednesday of each month)

September 11 - Papa Murphy's Pizza

October 9 - Taco Time, ORDER DUE BY OCT 4

more fun lunches will be planned for the rest of the school year

Currently, \$0.50 per order is used for school council fundraising, but we need to vote on if we need to increase that amount to \$1 for this school year.

Vote @ 8:20 PM - AGREED

Healthy Hunger money to go to the breakfast program - prices to go up .50

Considering the price increase:

There was not a vote last year to increase

There are other resources now within the school

Healthy Hunger is a fundraiser for the school, but only a small portion is donated to the school

A portion of payments does go back to the school and the students

Tammy votes fun lunch increase from \$0.50 - \$1.00

Lean second votes

All in Favour - motion carried @ 8:26 PM

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Cookie Dough Fundraiser - beginning of October

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Email to be sent out</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Over \$4,000 raised last year -> money raised used for some gym activities and put into the breakfast program</p> <p>More fundraisers will be planned for the school and a survey will be sent out to parents regarding fundraisers in the school.</p>
Open Floor:	8:28 PM - Open to any questions
Adjournment:	<p>8:40 PM - thank you & see you next time!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> École Edwards School Website École Edwards School Council Remind App </p>

**Next School Council meeting
October 17, 2024**