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School Council Meeting Minutes

November & December 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.

AGENDA	NOTES
Welcome: Jacelyn Rohleder <i>Chair</i> & Darcy Searcy <i>Vice Chair</i>	6:30 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: <i>Council members: 4</i> <i>Teachers: 2</i> <i>Parents/attendees: 2</i> <i>Zoom: 8</i>
Council Mission:	To build a culture of respect, collaboration and communication between parents, staff and administration that supports and enhances student learning.
PBIS Focus:	November: We are INDEPENDENT December: We DO OUR BEST

School Report: Rachelle Prud'Homme <i>Principal</i>	<i>Please find full Principal's Report on the school's facebook page</i>
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& Alanna Berger
Vice Principal

Grade one Teacher Presentation

We worked with the grade one students and we created a video to share. We have highlighted "We are independent" and what it looks like in our classrooms with some examples. We have also included "We do our best" to include December as well. We have incorporated a lot of PBIS into what we teach the children. One of the great things about PBIS expectations is that they all can work together and compliment each other - Although there is a focus on "We are independent" it also highlights the students doing their best to fulfill those jobs, and same with those students we categorize as "We do our best" in order to do their learning.

GRADE ONE AND GRADE TWO "MEET THE TEAM" VIDEO to show what they are currently doing and focusing on PBIS in the classroom(s) for WE ARE INDEPENDENT and WE DO OUR BEST.

PBIS focus for each class

We are independent

1 Cyrzan - goal setting

1 Wigmore - independent routines

1/2 Brousseau - independent routines

1/2 Grist - owning our actions

We do our best

1 Harkonen - literacy centers

1 Carol - literacy centers

Principal Report

Featuring this month:

- Grade 1 teaching team presentation - Thank you grade 1 teachers!
- Parent feedback for PBIS
- Parent and school culture diversity team

Parents, if interested, please complete the online parent survey for your feedback on PBIS. This feedback will be very helpful.

Principal's Report:

We are starting a parent school culture & diversity team here in the school. You can still sign up, but we are having our first meeting next week. This team will be working with myself, Rachelle Prud'Homme, Principal, and Alanna Berger, Assistant Principal and a few staff members that may also join. This is a way for us to work with parents to get an idea of how to celebrate cultural diversity in the school more. A goal is to hopefully make a school-wide activity - like one Diversity Day a year. If you are interested in joining this team, please reach out the one of us to get involved.

November PBIS focus: We are independent. This month the video assembly featured grade 3 students - every month each grade team designs what that video assembly/virtual assembly looks like; it can also be a live assembly if they choose.

We had a Remembrance Day that was so memorable. The ceremony was beautiful - huge kudos to the Remembrance Day Committee, especially Mme Simon and Mme Smith.

Student Citizenship & Leadership is moving and grooving across the school, in many ways

in the classroom but also we have Student-Led Clubs - Student-Led Clubs have begun with grade 4-5 student leaders completing a Club Plan and Proposal for us to look over and we have a Club Board by the gym. November is Student Club Month, and then we will take a break because of Christmas concerts and Christmas in exciting anyway. February is another Student Club month. We have decided on a few short months for students to lead clubs, and we are starting with grade 4 and 5 leaders. There are some clubs for grade 2, grade 3s, and grades 4 and 5 right now, and 2 grade 1 clubs (not student led). We have decided to do these clubs one month at a time - this way it can be easier to end them when we need to. Students have leadership roles - there are other clubs in the school that are led by teachers (reading clubs, coloring club, coding club, etc). There is currently a hockey club, study club, crafting club and even a Taylor Swift club that has been started in the school. The focus right now is Student-Led Clubs, and they all need to have a staff or teacher sponsor.

Student council has started in the school.

Leader and learner awards are exciting and are starting to be very motivating for students. We feature them on our daily news, students can see them online.

Christmas Family Movie Night- The Grinch will be playing in the gym on December 5.

Christmas concerts - k, 1, 2 & 2/3.

Ski strips coming for grade 4-5 in January

Skating coming for k-5 in January (*volunteers need*)

Parents, please see PowerSchool to review your child's learning progress. Teachers are reporting online in PowerSchool throughout the month in subject areas.

School Goals and Continuous Improvement

2024-2025 education plan focus' on 3 updated goals (based on feedback from one of the Rocky View superintendents) - the updated School Goals will be uploaded on the website.

- 1) How might we engage students in their literacy and numeracy success?
School Goal: *To increase students skills in reading, writing, and math by 10 percent.*
- 2) How might we build student leadership across the school community?
School Goal: *85% of our students have a sense of purpose in life, understand their own and other cultures, and are goal orientated, building leadership goals.*
- 3) How might we create inclusive, engaging, and healthy learning opportunities for all students?
School Goal: *85% of students are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe, and experience success in learning environments that are inclusive of every learner.*

Christmas Concerts

Kindergarten Monday, December 9 at 6 (doors open at 5:30) *food bank donations*

	<p><i>gratefully accepted</i></p> <p>Grade 1 & 1/2 Tuesday, December 10 at 1 and 6 (doors open at 5:30 for evening performance) <i>admission is a 2\$ donation</i></p> <p>Grade 2 & 2/3 Thursday, December 12 at 1 and 6 (doors open at 5:30 for evening performance) <i>admission is a 2\$ donation</i></p> <p>Volunteers needed - any parents that come to help and volunteer to set-up, they will get preferred seating (front couple rows) - please watch out for the email</p> <p>SCHOOL REMINDERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dec 2: Professional Learning Day - no school - Dec 5: Christmas Family Movie Night - Dec 9: Kindergarten Concert - Dec 10: Grade 1 & 1/2 Concert - Dec 12: Grade 2 & 2/3 Concert - Dec 20: Spirit Day - PJ Day - Dec 20: Last day before Winter Break - Dec 23 to Jan 3: Winter Break - Jan 6: Back to school - Jan 9: Winsport for Grade 4 - Jan 14: Winsport for Grade 5 <p>We are trying to plan another Staff Christmas Lunch this year, and we need a lot of parent volunteers to pull it off. This is a nice way for the staff to be able to sit together and enjoy their lunch for 40 minutes. We will be sending out an email about it soon - date TBA.</p>
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<p>RVS Updates Melyssa Bowen School Trustee</p>	<p>There are a couple of meetings to give updates on.</p> <p>October 31 - The Indigenous Learning Department shared a tool that they are using to help give staff members a better understanding of different areas of indigenous knowledge.</p> <p>We have made our request for modulars to the government - 27 modular classrooms/ 2 modulars/portables have been requested for Ecole Edwards. This is needed for the upcoming changes for the school with the addition of the grade 6 classes next year and this will help with space in the school for the students - we were supposed to hear from the government in February, but we will hear from them in March. If we get approved, we might not get it for September - but might get in in the upcoming springtime. If we hear from the government by March, we might be able to get the modulars through the summer months, but it is not guaranteed</p> <p>Conversation on the additional spending dollars heard about from the government over the summer months: \$4 million dollars that they have let us know about, but really it is \$3.7 million because we didn't grow as much as we expected to. At our last meeting, it was shared that we had grown by about 2.2%, much of that here in Airdrie. But because we</p>
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didn't grow as much as we expected, that takes away from the \$4 million.

We did have indigenous grants and EAL grants for the additional students that we have, given directly to the schools.

For the \$3.7 million, we had our Senior Administration come to us with recommendations through to our Budget Committee who then looked at those and made a recommendation to the board.

When it did come to the board, the additional spending did include \$500,000 for furniture, technology and resources for schools that will experience change within the county.

"Student Transition Support", which is for students who come to the school throughout the year and may have complex needs or need some sort of transition support, will be given an additional \$100,000 and "Literacy Intervention Support", \$672,000.

We made some changes to our support for staff/employees, and that was decided at \$1.3 million for improvements.

Furniture, textbooks, \$185,000 for furniture, \$70,000 for textbooks/novels/etc., \$10,000 for learning resources, \$25,000 for french immersion resources, \$180,000 for chromebooks for the schools, and \$20,000 for CTS and CTF equipment.

CTF is a middle school level class for career and technology program/Career and Technology Foundations. CTS is a highschool level class for Career and Technology Studies.

It was also expressed that there is potential to hire more staff next year with this additional \$4 million that is given to help with the teacher shortage currently, but we are experiencing some pressure due to the space shortage we are trying to fix.

Just under \$1 million is currently in the contingency fund.

At the November 14th meeting, we were able to celebrate students who achieved 100% on their diploma exams! We had 7 students that we were celebrating. We celebrate students for all types of success and we want to make sure we are celebrating those academic achievements.

At that meeting we also approved the Annual Education Results Report for the 2023/2024 school year - this is like a full picture of how Rocky View County has done over the year. This includes results from assessments, PATs, diploma exams that highlight those academic achievements, and data that is collected through the school surveys that are delivered to grade 4-12 students. A Lot of the student stories that were shared about what goes on in the classrooms are also included in this report. We also have a section where we look at our goals and where we line up with those goals and how we work through those goals for that year along with our potential goals for the next year and how we set ourselves up to achieve those goals in the coming school year.

Results would have shown positive growth in both literacy and numeracy skills. Math 30 diploma exam results have improved. Once our Q4 update comes (financial piece) it will be uploaded to the Rocky View website for anyone who is interested in looking at it.

We also discussed the motion for class size reporting - supported by 3 trustees out of the 8 so it did not pass. In 2019, the government stopped keeping track of class sizes overall, so many divisions decided to let that go. *Keeping track of student numbers/ class sizes could help with our advocacy for student space.*

We are going to discuss different pieces for improvement, including changes for Kindergarten. One of the requests is for the government to change Kindergarten to full days instead of half days. Other provinces do have full time Kindergarten, so this could be a positive change within Alberta as some parents do not put their children into Kindergarten here because of those half days, and that can be a really big challenge for those kids when they get to grade one. We really want to encourage people to be a part of our Kindergarten classes in the public school system.

Another piece that we debated about was the government coming forward with some changes on October 31. One would mean the change of the "opting out" system that we currently have for "opting in", as school boards we would have supported that we continue to operate the way that we do, just worried about the challenge it might be to get forms for approval.

Treasurer Report:
Amanda Gauthier
Treasurer

Student Care (*student care is all donations by parents, so if any kids have accidents, need a change of clothes, some food/snacks/lunch, help with paying for a field trip, etc*)

Opening balance in September - \$962.90
- OCT 23: Food for student care - \$162.12
- OCT 31: Clothing for student care- \$270.50
\$432.62 - expense
\$530.28 - remaining balance

Treasurer Report

- OCT 31: Refund from 2020 Calgary Reads (2019) - + \$1,800
(*due to COVID in 2019, student visits/ trips for Calgary Reads were cancelled, and the school was issued a refund. Instead of the funds being credited to school council, it was credited to the grade one field trip account*)
- NOV 4: Cookie Dough Fundraiser - + \$2,258.00
- NOV 8: Quest Theatre - - \$\$821.51
- NOV 13: Quest Theatre - - \$\$903.66

\$9,146.06 - balance

Fun Lunch/Healthy Hunger

- OCT 4: Papa Murphy - + \$179.50

\$ 11, 649.46 - total revenue
\$2,323.90 - total expenses
\$ 9,325.56 - total funds available

<p>Agenda Items: Jacelyn Rohleder <i>Chair</i></p> <p>&</p> <p>Darcy Searcy <i>Vice Chair</i></p>	<p>Votes</p> <p>Grade 4 & 5 Ski Trip - motion to give \$3,000 for the trip to help parents in January (\$it used to be \$1,000). <i>(Without help from council/ these funds, each parent would have to pay \$43-45. If council helps with just bussing, it would be \$40 per student. If council helps with that and more, it could be about \$34 per student, possibly less)</i></p> <p>\$1,500 for grade 4 and \$1,500 for grade 5. Vote yes - motion carried</p> <p>Bussing for field trip bussing (kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, grade 3) motion to spend more money —(it used to be \$500). We are voting on it now so that the teachers have time in January to plan any field trips that they have in mind. We were hoping to do \$1,000 per grade, in total \$4,000 for all above mentioned grades (kindergarten, gr.1, gr.2, gr.3 gr.4). We are boosting it because of the refund we received from Calgary Reads. Vote yes - motion carried</p> <p>Yearbook Council - 2 parent volunteers needed. <i>(if you are interested, please reach out to school staff or email school council)</i> Making a yearbook takes a lot of time, and we do need more help. Council is adding 2 new positions to create the yearbook. This can be done by 1 person, but it is a lot of work to complete this. We would really appreciate anyone who is willing to do this for the school and we would love to work with you. We hope to have the volunteers by the end of december as we would like to get the yearbook started in January so that we can get the yearbooks out to the students hopefully by the end of the year - but deadline can be carried out to July so the students can get them in September in the following year.</p> <p>Survey for changing the council meetings from 6:30 to 6 o'clock. Approved - January meeting time now moved to 6 o'clock.</p> <p>Christmas Family Movie Night - The Grinch will be showing in the gym. Please come dressed in Christmas pjs. We will have a small concession for the event with simple treats. Please come with a pillow and blanket as we are all sitting on the floor to watch the movie. Tickets are sold online, not at the door, so please buy before you come.</p> <p>Dare to Care parent night was rescheduled to February – This is an in-person bully-awareness program that students are currently learning about in the classrooms. This was purchased with school council funds - there are additional funds that the student council has incase we need to purchase something special, ie: last year we brought in a guest speaker on internet safety. This is an evening for parents. There are a series of modules/videos for parents to watch, but it has to be in person. We will be offering childcare and light dinner for the evening. Please RSVP to the event as we need to plan for childcare and for food provided. This is a good time to meet each other and discuss with other parents. This is a good opportunity to learn what bullying is or what is conflict between one another. This also helps parents know what is being taught in the classrooms is also being done at home.</p>
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	<p>The By-Law review meeting is set for 5:30 January 16 as the meeting time for the School Council has now changed. You are welcome to come to the By-Law Meeting prior to the school council meeting.</p> <p>Fundraiser Plan for the 2024/2025 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Hunger - 2 each month • Christmas Family Movie night - December 5 • Raffle baskets for Student-Led Conferences - March 5 & 6 • School Dance - April (date TBA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update for the Indeygo cookie dough fundraiser - we had 47 extra tubs (we have to order a case, and we cant split a case, so we had extras. We were able to sell 43 tubs (thank you to staff and the parentset who bought the extra tubs, that really helps us a lot). We have 4 tubs left, and those tubs will hopefully be donated for the Breakfast Program in the school. An additional \$1,075 was raised from the extra tubs being bought/donated. • COBS fundraiser - about 5% from each sale will come back to the school. If you go to a COBS store and say your child goes to Ecole Edwards, a portion of the your sale there will be donated to the school, this fundraiser will be going on for the entire school year. • NEW VENDOR for January Healthy Hunger Fundraiser: McDonalds (<u>No fries, apple slices instead - please tell your kids so they know</u>) order due Jan 3 Subway fun lunch order due Jan 17 <p>We are looking at making a school account for Bottle Recycling for the school and for the classes individually.</p>
<p>Open Floor:</p>	<p>Open to any questions <i>(the video posted on the school's facebook page of the council meeting includes questions asked)</i></p>
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p><i>Next Meeting at 6 o'clock on January 16. By-Law meeting at 5:30 PM.</i></p> <p>There is a volunteer contact list - if you would like to be emailed about certain activities held throughout the year that need parent volunteers.</p> <p>Thank you so much for the Bannock making for Metis week, Ms. Fong and all the volunteers for spending 3 days making bannock, as well as going to classes, doing story telling, talking and teaching about Metis culture and heritage. The kids loved it and it was a lot of work to put together and do for the school. This was something to celebrate and learn about Metis people during Metis Week. She did do this last year in June for Indigenous Month, but we decided we should have a Metis Week this year. Thank you Mme. Fong.</p> <p><i>7:58 PM meeting adjourned.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"> Ecole Edwards Elementary School Website Ecole Edwards School Council Facebook Page Remind App </p>

**Next School Council meeting
January 16, 2025**