

Minutes for Elizabeth Barrett School Council Meeting
November 18, 2018
School Library: 6:30-7:30 pm

Meeting Called to Order at 6:45

Present

Kiltie Wilkinson
Susan Parker
Neil Comba
Sara Perrin

Lisa Preston
Keltie Mandolakas
Susan Lowry

Regrets

Lisa Harbinson
Fiona Gilbert

Suzanne Easton
Vanessa Vetterl

1) Approval of Agenda

a) Motion by Tara; Seconded by Sara

2) Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2015

a) Motion by Tara to accept minutes, with amendments as requested from Fiona via e-mail (below), seconded by Sara.

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3) Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert – as sent via email

School Council Report - November

Budget 2015

- GOA kept its funding promises when it announced the budget on Oct 27 - there were no surprises
- has committed to stable, predictable funding, and funding for growth, but no new money for new programs/initiatives
- also kept campaign promises to look at implementation of nutritional lunch programs (2017) and reduction of school fees (2016)
- not sure what either of these will look like for RVS, but we look forward to further discussion with the Province

ASBA AGM

- I attended the Alberta School Boards Associations AGM in Edmonton from Nov 15-17
- great opportunity connect with and to hear what is happening in other school jurisdictions across the Province
- Helen Clease (RVS Trustee from Bragg Creek) re-elected as President of the Association

Capital Projects

- official sod turning for 2017 schools in Cochrane and Airdrie took place on Oct 23
- all projects are proceeding as planned
- "Name that School" contest for the new school in Fireside will begin in January
- new folder on RVS website called "New Schools" which contains lots of important info for transitioning families

Modular Classroom Submission

- required to submit to GOA by end of Oct
- with the opening of the new schools, our ask is quite a bit less than past years, with just 8 requested for East Lake School in Chestermere
- 5 moduls to be removed from Mitford/CCA for the start of 2016/17 school year

Final "Sept 30" Enrolment Counts

- increase of 4.7% or 974 students
- total of 21567
- for RVS this number will continue to grow throughout the year

WE Day

- honoured to attend WE Day, a fabulous and inspiring event held at Saddledome on Oct 27
- 592 RVS Gr 6-12 students participated and they all had to "earn" a ticket to attend
- speakers included Silken Laumen, Henry Winkler, Spencer West, Marlee Maitlin and others
- the message of being socially conscious and responsible, engaging in daily acts of kindness, and developing meaningful relationships through community, really resonates with what we want to be and do in RVS.

4) Administrator Update – Susan Parker and Neil Comba

a) The School Annual Results Report (SARR) is being completed for the 2014-2015 school year. In the 2014-2015 school year, there were 4 goals that the report reviews. Data collected from RVS parent survey, and Alberta Education survey results are incorporated into the SARR, and this information helps guide school practice. In general, the surveys indicate that students, parents and staff are content. However, bus safety and respectful behavior on the bus is an anomaly that was commented on throughout the RVS responses. Focus groups were then held in 15 RVS schools to determine the reasons behind the bus safety/respect concerns. The feedback from these focus groups demonstrated that the actual concerns were less severe than the survey ratings reflected. The SARR and survey results will be posted on the school website in the future. Reporting also includes other initiatives and research projects that the school is involved in.

b) For the 2015-2016 school year EB now has 3 goals:

- i) Learners are successful;
- ii) Learners are supported; and
- iii) Learners are engaged.

Inquiry based learning; engaging with the environment at the Cochrane Ranche; and using strength based approaches are all strategies for engagement that allow educators to develop literacy and numeracy while working towards these goals. Physical literacy and Right to Play are also part of the school's work. Work continues with PLAY Cochrane.

c) Results of the formative Student Learning Assessment (SLA) that grade 3's completed in September have just become available to the school staff this week. The digital results of the SLA for each student will be forwarded to parents at a time that is not connected with term report cards. Alberta Education has extended the SLA pilot/field testing for another year. Some interesting insights have come out of the observations made during the completion of the SLA.

Reports from the Board

5) Co-Chair – Tara Courte

a) Rocky View Schools Joint Board Meeting is Thursday November 19, 2015, in Airdrie. Items on the agenda for this meeting include: student

sharing from Bert Church High, then dinner, and round tables on best practices on school councils, to bring in parent involvement. 5:30-7:30. Despite keen interest, we are unable to have representatives at this year's meeting, but have a goal for attending the next Joint Board Meeting in the spring.

- b) Speaker for Parents: Tara has e-mailed Dr. Wayne Hammond, but he has not responded to Tara's inquiry at this time. Susan Parker will help connect with Dr. Hammond. Between meetings, Susan Lowry suggested Kristy McConnell, a RVS Psychologist, based on a recommendation from Mme. Jade Azzaria-Byrne. Pursuing Kristy McConnell will require consultation with the RVS administration team in regards to protocols for moving forward.
- 6) Treasurer Report – Susan Lowry (see following financial statements)
- a) Financial statements follow

Elizabeth Barrett School Council
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Financial Reports

INCOME STATEMENT (to November 15, 2015)			
INCOME	Healthy Lunch Sales		\$11,907.50
	Sponsors		\$0.00
			<u>\$11,907.50</u>
EXPENSE	Lunch Vendors	\$3,702.80	
	Events	\$0.00	
	Admin	\$0.00	
	Gift	\$0.00	
		<u>\$3,702.80</u>	
NET INCOME (LOSS)			<u>\$8,204.70</u>

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (to November 15, 2015)			
Previous Bank Balance forward			\$9,413.57
Paid into School Cash Account			\$11,907.50
ATB bank balance transfer			<u>\$4,142.40</u>
Paid from School Cash Account			\$3,702.80
Outstanding payments			<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance in SCO Account			<u>\$21,760.67</u>

BALANCE SHEET (at November 15, 2015)			
ASSET	Cash - SchoolCashOnline	<u>\$21,760.67</u>	\$21,760.67
LIABILITY	Outstanding Accounts	<u>\$12,500.00</u>	\$12,500.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS			\$9,260.67

Cash Receipts Journal - School Cash Online Report

Opening Balance 9413.57

Date	Description	Lunch Sales	Sponsors	Vendors	Donors	Admission	Gifts	Prior Year Clearing	NET Funds
2015-09-30	SCO Report entries - Sales, ATB 2014-15 balance transfer	\$3,131.25		\$0.00	\$0.00			\$4,142.40	\$7,273.65
2015-10-31	SCO Report entries- Sales, 5 Vendors	\$5,476.50		\$3,090.91					\$2,385.59
2015-11-30	SCO Report entries- Sales, 1 Vendor- only to Nov 15, 2015	\$3,299.75		\$611.89					\$2,687.86
2015-12-31	SCO Report entries - Sales, 5 Vendors	\$0.00		\$0.00					\$0.00
2016-01-31	SCO Report entries - Sales, 4 Vendors	\$0.00		\$0.00					\$0.00
2016-02-28	SCO Report entries - Sales, 3 Vendors	\$0.00		\$0.00					\$0.00
2016-03-31	SCO Report entries - Sales, 3 Vendors	\$0.00		\$0.00					\$0.00
2016-04-03	SCO Report entries - Sales, 3 Vendors	\$0.00		\$0.00					\$0.00
2016-05-31	SCO Report entries - Sales, 3 Vendors	\$0.00		\$0.00					\$0.00
2016-06-22	SCO Report to June xnd - Sales, 3 Vendors & Right2Play supplies	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
	ACCOUNTS TOTALS	\$11,907.50	\$0.00	\$3,702.80	\$0.00				\$12,347.10

Closing Balance 21760.67

b) We have money to give to the school for Trickster Theatre. In April 2015, a motion was made to donate \$5000 to the school for Trickster Theatre, but the transfer has not yet been completed. A second motion was made in September, 2015 to donate a further \$7500 to the school, towards Trickster. We have enough funds to donate both amounts to the school.

c) Discussion around the costs required for Trickster (\$7500). The additional \$5000 could be allocated to other programs, such as Streams of Dreams, or other environmental initiatives in the school.

d) **Motion to amend the motion of September 2015:**

The 2014-15 funds held in the Special Foods Day account, in the amount of \$7500, will be gifted to the Elizabeth Barrett School for both the Trickster Theatre program (\$2500) and other environmental initiatives (\$5000). Motion made by: Lisa. Seconded by: Susan Lowry. Motion Carried.

e) NOTE: for January meeting a motion will be made re: donation to Grandparent program.

7) Healthy Lunch Program – Shannon Stephenson – no report

8) Volunteer/Social Committee –Keltie Mandolakas & Lisa Harbinson (in absentia)

- a) Volunteer-made Christmas Gift Bags are for sale at the EB office, and at Great Things In Store. In addition, a table has been donated to us at the Cochrane Farmers Market on December 12, from 9:00-4:00. Volunteers (Grade 4 students and their parents) are needed to work at the table. There is no active EcoBear group in the school this year (where proceeds of gift bags have been directed in the past). Recycling is now being done in the school by the leadership group (led by Mrs. Powers).

9) Old Business

- a) Financial Gift to School – addressed in Treasurer report
- b) Public presentation in new year (possibly February). Susan Parker to approach Dr. Wayne Hammond. More details in Co-chair report.
- c) Goals for EBSC for 2015-2016:
 - i) Bring in a speaker for parents during the New Year.
 - ii) Update the EB website with historical minutes and upcoming meeting dates and times.

10)New Business

- a) Minutes – to be posted on school website, as the minutes are approved. Lisa to forward draft and approved minutes to Stephanie Larocque. Some minutes from prior meetings also need to be added to the website.

11)Motion to adjourn at 8:03, (motion by Sara)

12)Next Meeting: 6:30, January 20, 2016