

Minutes for Elizabeth Barrett School Council - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

School Library, 6:30 pm

1) Attendance

Sara Perrin (chairing)
Vannessa Vetterl
Susan Lowry
Tara Courte
Heather Nusl
Tasha Royer
Neil Comba

Susan Parker
Fiona Gilbert
Kiltie Wilkinson
Melinda Varga
Jennifer Walden
Lisa Preston (secretary)

a) Regrets: Shannon Stevenson

2) Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Sara Perrin, Seconded by Susan Lowry

3) Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2016 Meeting: Motion by Tara Courte, seconded by Sara Perrin

4) Special Presentation from EB Teachers, Heather Nusl and Tasha Royer re: Physical Literacy work in school

a) Rockyview received a grant for 25K, Banded Peak and Glenbow have been key collaborators. There is concern that PE and Daily Physical Activity (DPA) may not meet the needs for moderate to vigorous activity for every student as an individual. The grant is helping schools to focus on physical literacy: the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge, and understanding to value and take responsibility for physical activities in daily life.

b) An observation made was that children with developmental concerns of any type in Tasha's grade 2 class were also low on the physical literacy scale. The hope is that helping develop these physical skills can contribute to other developmental advances.

- c) Physical Literacy advances that have occurred in EB since the fall:
 - i) Creation of DPA bags for activities that are traded around the classrooms,
 - ii) Hopscotch and number line in hallways,
 - iii) Monthly physical literacy items in the EB newsletter,
 - iv) Partnership with other RVS to share resources,
 - v) Supporting teachers with planning and assessment documents as they transition from sport focus to skill focus
 - vi) Use of bulletin board in the gymnasium (i.e. "I can" statements in gym).
- d) Meeting participants took part in some examples of the physical literacy activities that have been developed.
- e) Parents can be involved with physical literacy by modeling physically active behaviors. As well, the school would welcome parent volunteers to lead a physical activity or club. (Example: need a volunteer to facilitate the cosmic kids program, which is a great program that is set up).

5) Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert

- a) Items of note from November and December:
 - i) RVS Board redid budget at the end of November, due to increase in students and corresponding funding increase. The majority of the increased funding went to hire an additional 28 teachers.
 - ii) Audited financial statements on RVS website. The auditors gave RVS a good report card regarding their processes and choices.

iii) The RVS Annual Education Results Report (AERR) has been posted on the RVS website. This report is from a division perspective, and includes PAT and diploma results.

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b) January Report

Trustee Report
January 2017

Happy New Year!

Looking forward to a busy next few months as the Board will consider important items and issues such as Electoral Ward Boundaries, Budget Priorities, School and Transportation Fees, 2017/18 Budget, Capital Planning, attendance boundary changes and more!

Given the unexpected rate of growth in Cochrane over the last couple of years, RVS Administration is recommending a change to the attendance area boundaries for Fireside School that would see the communities of Bow Ridge, Bow Meadows, and Jumping Pound continuing to attend Glenbow Elementary School for grades K-5 and Mitford School for grades 6-8 (their current designated schools). The current projection, if boundaries are not adjusted, is that Fireside School would be at capacity within 2 years of opening. By having this group of students continue at Glenbow and Mitford allows space to be available at Fireside School for growth. An additional benefit to this alternative is that Mitford School will not experience such a strong decline in enrolment. Administration has scheduled a meeting on January 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Glenbow School to discuss accommodation strategies with the communities of Bow Ridge, Bow Meadows, and Jumping Pound as well as the greater school communities of Glenbow, Mitford, and Fireside. It is expected that the Board will consider the recommendation and make a decision late in March or early April.

Recent change to Alberta Public Health Act that will now enable AHS to collect student enrolment and contact information from Alberta Education for the purposes of contacting the parent or guardian of a student, or contacting an independent student, regarding voluntary health programs.

Revised Transportation Policy - Policy 17

The Board passed first read of a revised Policy 17 - Student Transportation. Revisions focus on updating it to current practice and using consistent language throughout. No changes to service levels have been implemented at this time, but the Board is aware that balancing service levels with decreasing funding is becoming more and more difficult.

Starting the 2017/18 school year, Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) will be administered to students during an administration "window" specified by Alberta Education, rather than a pre-set, single date and time for each exam. School divisions will have the flexibility to establish PAT schedules for their respective schools, based on local needs and within the administration window – including at the individual school level.

Alberta Government has launched a campaign to get input from Albertans on Budget 2017 and in this challenging fiscal time, I encourage you to provide comments and suggestions to the province on priorities that are important to you and your family. Minister of Finance Joe Ceci will host meetings with community leaders and the public while visiting towns and cities around the province. Calgary meeting is Jan 20th and Town Hall style phone conversations take place Jan 30 and 31. Feedback can also be given on at <https://www.alberta.ca/budget-consultations.aspx> or email MLA Cam Westhead at banff.cochrane@assembly.ab.ca

6) Administrator Update – Susan Parker and/or Neil Comba

- a) Continuing growth in EB, there is always change in the student population: A few students have left for the francophone school, but more students have arrived!
- b) Still in conversation w/ Glenbow re: transition plans for 2017-2018.
- c) Grade 5 planning for next year is in progress.
- d) Trickster Update: EB newsletter has a link to an article from the Calgary Herald, which looks at the impact that action theatre has on students, including results from a study that included action theatre versus traditional classroom learning. The Cochrane Eagle will have a story on trickster Thursday Jan. 19. As awareness of the work with Trickster grows, some businesses have asked if they can be part of the historical focus of EB's action theatre work this year.
- e) Student Led Conferences will be held Feb 9 and 10.

7) Reports

- a) Co-Chairs - none
- b) Treasurer – There is currently ~17K left after bills are paid in the EBSC school cash online account, even after commitments that have yet to be paid to the school are considered. Some discussion was had regarding clarification of money that has been committed to projects on the statement/balance sheet.

(1) See attached school cash online statement and balance sheet (at end of agenda)

- c) Healthy Lunch Program --

d) Volunteer/Social Committee –February Staff Appreciation dinner is coming up. Sara Perrin to contact Keltie Mandolakas to check on planning.

e) Secretary – none

f) Glenbow Transition – no report at this time

8) Old Business

a) Martin Parnell Update

- i) Martin Parnell is willing to speak in the spring if we are still interested. April was suggested as a month to consider for the event. Other speakers were also discussed, as it was uncertain if timing, advertising or market saturation were factors in the low registration for the November event. Potential alternate speakers/topics included: Multisport Program, or the topic of Risky Play, which Tasha Royer and Heather Nusl suggested as an excellent presentation from the physical literacy summit they participated in.
- ii) A separate meeting was proposed to discuss/plan the physical literacy presentation. The school can host the event, date TBA.

b) Items tabled from October 2016:

- i) Task lists for different positions on EBSC – tabled
- ii) Council of Cochrane School Councils - tabled
- iii) EBSC Class Representative System (Role clarification) This month Vanessa will compile a quick update to be sent to the parents in the few days following the meeting.

Elizabeth Barrett School Council
 July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Financial Reports

INCOME STATEMENT (to December 31, 2016)		
INCOME		
	Healthy Lunch Sales	\$12,355.00
	Sponsors	\$0.00
		<u>\$12,355.00</u>
EXPENSE		
	Lunch Vendors	\$7,615.34
	Events	\$84.99
	Admin	\$0.00
	Gift	\$0.00
		<u>\$7,700.33</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)		<u>\$4,654.67</u>

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (to December 31, 2016)		
Previous Bank Balance forward		\$18,471.02
Paid into School Cash Account	\$12,355.00	
Paid from School Cash Account		\$7,700.33
Payments relating to prior periods		<u>\$4,064.00</u>
Ending Balance in SCO Account		<u>\$19,061.69</u>

BALANCE SHEET (at December 31, 2016)		
ASSET		\$19,061.69
	Cash - SchoolCashOnline	<u>\$19,061.69</u>
LIABILITY		\$1,104.40
	Outstanding Accounts- due to School	<u>\$1,104.40</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		\$17,957.29

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