

Minutes for Elizabeth Barrett School Council

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

School Learning Commons:

1) Attendance

Vanessa .V.,
Jennifer .R.,
Tara .H.,
Heather .D.,
Jenn .D.,
Victor .F.,
James .M.,
Katie .M.,
Amanda .S.,
Kristen .S.,
Jason .S.,
Veronica Hooper,
Susan Parker,
Fiona Gilbert,
Lisa Preston (Co-Chair)
Susan Flynn Lowry (Co-Chair),
Renata Lambden (Secretary),

Regrets: Kristi .W.,
Michelle Balmer
Hugh .M.

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm

2) Approval of Agenda motion moved by Susan Lowry - motion carried.

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 2018 moved by Susan Lowry,
seconded by Vanessa .V. – motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 2018 moved by Susan Lowry,
seconded by Lisa Preston – motion carried.

4) School Annual Results Report - EB school Administration – Susan
Parker/Veronica Hooper

- Will be working on it on Monday, November 12, 2018 (Professional Learning Day) and submitting on Friday, November 16, 2018.

5) Board Update - Fiona Gilbert

- Fiona Gilbert, our RVS trustee, asked for feedback on a draft of the 4-year plan that RVS is developing for 2019-2023. The draft plan works around the acronym **iCAN**, which represents that **i**nnovators (our students) will **C**onnect with their passions and interests; **A**chieve their potential; **N**etwork with peers, parents, and partners. We discussed how these statements resonated with parents at the meeting and offered feedback that will be considered as the 4-year plan continues to develop. For more information, check out the website:
<http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/four-year-plan/2023-by-design>

6) Special Presentation by Jeff Couillard and Kelly Waters-Radcliffe on Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution

- Jeff Couillard and Kelly Waters-Radcliffe gave us some great tips for dealing with conflict and problems with our kids. Key messages included: identifying what we KNOW about THIS problem from THEIR perspective; remembering that feeling safe, significant and situated allows our children (and others) to make meaningful connections with us; and using Observing, Making Meaning and Responding to help avoid some of the behaviour cycles we can get stuck in.

7) Old Business

- A. Joint Board/School Council meeting in Airdrie on Thursday, November 15th - Susan Lowry to attend on our behalf.
- B. Volunteer Coordinator - Heather .D. (submitted report prior to meeting)

Criminal Record Checks

The names on the forms have been sent to clerical staff to have checked over for those who require renewals of Criminal Record Checks. Have contacted staff about updated list, but have not heard back as of yet.

Recycling Volunteers

We have a handful of volunteers this year, but they have been doing great to sign up. Reminder email to sign up on volunteer signup.org has been sent for October.

Library Volunteers

Calendar to be made by volunteer coordinator has been abandoned as a parent was complained about being signed up for. Scholastic Book Fair was successful and volunteers stepped up to help. Reminder email has been sent out to the library volunteers and very few responses, some weeks, until January, continue to not be filled.

Staff Appreciation Dinner

We had a great turnout of volunteers and food for the Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Ice Baggies

Volunteers are doing a great job of signing up and all spots are filled until January.

Retake Picture Day

Retake picture day is October 25th and we have 3 volunteers signed up to help.

On the horizon: Reminder emails for Library, Recycle and Ice Baggies (as needed) to be send out at the beginning of the month. Figure out something to increase the volunteers in the library.

- C. Hot Lunch Coordinator - Kristi .W. (NO UPDATE)

8) New Business

- Cochrane High School is again organizing the Pumpkin Lantern Festival at the Cochrane Ranche on Friday October 26. Volunteer via <https://www.facebook.com/chspumpkinfest/>. Free to enter, prizes available.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

- The learning commons needs more volunteers! The job includes re-shelving books, assisting with getting new books ready to be signed out and repairing books that are damaged. Each shift is 1-2 hours long and can be at a date and time that fits your schedule. www.volunteersignup.org/4B4DY
- A few more volunteers are needed to assist with hot lunches at EB on Fridays in November and December. If you have already signed up, thank you! If you can donate about 45 minutes to an hour of your time around the lunch hour please sign up at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/TLY4B>
- Learning Commons or Hot Lunches not your style? There are some recycling slots that are open too! www.volunteersignup.org/J38EJ

9) Announcements:

- Pumpkin carving at EB on October 22, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Makers Room for \$10/family. Promotes French learning and activities outside of the typical, everyday school setting.

10) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 6:30pm (Learning Commons).** Elizabeth Barrett is in the process of revising its mission, vision and logo. We will be contributing our ideas as a part of this meeting. Come help influence how the outside world sees EB for years to come!

11) Adjournment at 8:21pm, motioned by Lisa .P., seconded by Susan .F.