

Minutes for Elizabeth Barrett School Council

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Zoom Video Conference

1) Attendance

Elisa Korver
Fiona Gilbert
Gerry Gaudet
Chantelle .R.
Jakki .M.
Deb .C.
Renata .L. (Secretary)
Heather .D. (Co-Chair)

Regrets: Michelle .B. (Co-Chair)

2) Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

3) Adoption of agenda – Renata .L. motioned to approve, Chantelle .R. seconded, motion carried.

4) Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2021 – Renata .L. motioned to approve, Heather .D. seconded, motion carried.

5) Administration Update – Gerry Gaudet and Elisa Korver

- Recent Covid-19 Cases
 - There were 2 connected cases with 2 classrooms affected and some staff.
 - Health inspector visited and was complimentary of EB's policies and protocols regarding health and safety. A big thank you to the caretaking staff for all their hard work in keeping the building clean.
 - Those in quarantine switched to online learning.
- Reminder for kids riding bus to please scan their cards for contact tracing purposes
- School Fees :
 - Reconfiguring from K-5 to K-4 school
 - Swim lessons, field trips, camps, etc. not being charged this year
 - School Fees chart
- Parents of Grade 4 students should be receiving a random access code in the mail from the provincial government regarding an online survey

- Laurie Myer (the new Superintendent of Learning) visited EB and was impressed by the Breakfast Program re : preparation, dedication of the team, etc. with over 200 kids/day accessing this program
- EB families should have received an email regarding an invitation to a Community Engagement Session on March 31st regarding the Tri-School Field Project (construction of a multi-use track facility). This is a public consult and anyone in the Cochrane community who is interested is encouraged to attend.
- **Zoom Link:** <https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/94236128254>
- **Invitation:** <https://youtu.be/28vbblH3gA8>
- **Website:** [Tri-School Field Project](#)

6) School Board Update – Fiona Gilbert (submitted separately)

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7) Old Business

Updates from EBSC Representatives:

- Co-chair (Heather .D.) - ASCA emailed a School Council E-Bulletin for Proposed Advocacy Resolution (ASCA Advocacy Policies P20-04A, P20-04B and P20-04C, resulting from statements made within Proposed Advocacy Resolution P21-07.)

8) New Business

- Joint Board School Council Meeting on Thursday, March 25th – Heather .D. to attend on behalf of EBSC

9) Schedule of Meetings for 2020/2021 (Note: All at 6:30pm and via Zoom until further notice)

- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021 (AGM)

10) Adjournment at 7:00pm, Heather .D. moved to adjourn, Renata .L. seconded, motion carried