



School Council

**Minutes of the ÉEVE School Council Meeting
April 9, 2024
1:30pm In-person and Zoom**

SC Executive:

Caley Remington, Chair - present
Chelsey Conrad, Co-Chair - present
Judi Hunter, School Board Trustee - present
Jennifer Tanguay, Secretary - present
Sharelle Stitt, Treasurer - present

School Administration Members:

Mary Magee, Acting Principal - present
Alanna Berger, Assistant Principal - present

Attendees:

Christie White, Janelle Wimperis, Kirsten Inglis, Robin Somji, Katarina Trutina, Kare Wallace

1. Call to Order

Caley called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Caley motioned to accept the agenda and minutes as circulated; no objections; motion carried.

3. Teacher Presentation - Christie White

PBIS - positive behaviour intervention and support. Watched video, Mrs. Threndyle's Kindergarten class presented jingle, reviewed PBIS matrix developed for ÉEVE: Goal - Elbow Valley is a safe community because we are Respectful, Responsible and Brave. Character Traits with respective Expected Behaviours - Respectful: We use kind words, We use kind actions, We value personal space. Responsible - We own our choices, We are ready and prepared, We take care of our spaces. Brave - We try new and tricky things, We learn from our mistakes, We stand up for ourselves and others.

Reward with beads, announcements. House team system - 5 traits/year, previous principal (Brendan Trinca) shifted core traits to PBIS, start/end each year with theme of community, 2 months/trait.

Discussion: Mary - worldwide movement, attended conference in D.C. COVID resulted in missed learning of soft skills, executive functioning, need more coaching. Robin - incorporate into yearbook. Judi - Banded Peak took this to another level, traits targeted with behaviour seen in class. Christie - focus on expected vs. unexpected behaviour.

4. School Trustee Report

April 2024 Newsletter, Trustee Judi Hunter, Ward 5

Rocky View Schools (RVS) appreciates the provincial government's recognition of the division's urgent need for additional student spaces and the significant role investment in educational environments plays in student success.

The government announced funding for five highly anticipated RVS schools in Budget 2024:

- Full construction funding for an Airdrie Kindergarten – Grade 8 school (South Windsong)
- Full construction funding for an Airdrie Kindergarten – Grade 8 school (Bayview)
- Full construction funding for a Cochrane Kindergarten – Grade 8 school (Rivercrest)
- Design funding for an Airdrie high school (Southwinds)
- Design funding for a Chestermere Kindergarten – Grade 9 school (Dawson's Landing)

Budget Education Highlights

- More than \$1.2 billion over the next three years to address record enrolment growth and support the hiring of additional teachers and classroom support staff.
- More than \$1.5 billion to support specialized learning needs through learning support funding grants to serve the growing diverse needs of students for the increasing complexity of learning needs including language, social, and emotional supports.
- \$492.7 million in transportation funding to school jurisdictions and \$23 million to accredited independent schools and private Early Childhood Services operators to support the safe transportation of more than 335,000 students across the province, while saving families money and increasing access to transportation services; and
- \$50 million to promote parental choice in education by creating more pathways into post-secondary education and field experiences, which will lead to greater participation in the labour market. This bolsters our commitment to school-of-choice programs, including collegiate schools and dual credit opportunities.

Disability Supports:

Budget 2024 provides a 3.87% increase to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) budget which meets Alberta's projected population growth of 3.7%. Inflation is projected to be 2.5% in 2024. There was a 6 million dollar allocation for Program Unit Funding (PUF) which is provided to school authorities for Early Childhood Services (ECS) children with severe disabilities/delays who require additional support beyond that offered in a regular ECS program.

Alberta Government will invest \$55 million toward a new Multidisciplinary Science Hub at the University of Calgary. Alberta's post-secondary institutions offer world-class education, and this investment will help more students access science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) facilities and training at the University of Calgary. As the

economy continues to grow and diversify, demand for the skills and expertise of STEM graduates is projected to increase.

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=8989335EDBF60-B863-395E-E4AB08477F82C566>

Congratulations to Bearspaw School on introducing a new archery option and club to the students. Two teachers were certified to instruct the class on how to safely use the equipment. While archery is new to most of our RVS schools, it is a program offered worldwide and is open to students of all abilities. Students can compete a local, provincial, and national levels.

An alumni of Springbank Community High School, Professor Sean Hum is the recipient of the prestigious University of Toronto Northrop Frye Award. Professor Hum was raised in Bragg Creek.

<https://news.engineering.utoronto.ca/professor-sean-hum-receives-the-university-of-toronto-northrop-frye-award/>

Springbank High School robotics teams competed in the Provincial Robotics competition. Teams placed 5 and 7, but won second place in the innovation category.

March 27, Grade 11 and 12 French immersion students participated in the French Forum in Cochrane.

Trustees were treated to a wonderful presentation by Chestermere teacher Mr. Autet describing the 10 years he has worked with students providing welding instruction. His students compete in the Welding Rodeo at the Provincial Skills Competition. Students graduate with successful welding job offers. Mr. Autet is an advocate for the trades and students who are not heading to post secondary.

5. Administration Report

Caley - Welcome Mary Magee, acting principal, wishing Denise well.

Admin Report – School Council April 9, 2024

March:

1:45 PBIS Presentation - Christi White, Trena Threndyle, and ECS students

1. Mary Magee, retired RVS Principal, stepped in to support as Acting Principal, March 18th - May 10th during Ms. Weaver's medical leave

2. French Culture Week

-Tire was a huge success, we used a new vendor (local) they were great. More authentic experience. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out.

3. Gr. 4 in-school Glenbow Museum field trip

-Glenbow in-school presentation was great - well received by the kids and a highquality experience.

4. PL (Professional Learning) Day March 11 –

-we had Elder Saa'kokoto come and work with our staZ. He discussed Storytelling as an entry point into Indigenous learning. After that, Saa'kokoto was able to support each grade team with some specific questions. He is an amazing support to teachers.

5. 3-Way Conferences went very well

-very well attended

-seems that parents really appreciated the opportunity to speak to parents individually rather than doing student-led conferences.

6. School Education Plan (SEP)

- we are doing well with our goals. Things are moving forward. We are seeing marked improvement in our literacy scores telling us our interventions are working.

- continuing to work on infusing Indigenous ways of knowing.
 - continuing to focus on numeracy, and best practices for students.
 - 7. Calendar for next year
 - May Council meeting we will share what our team has worked on.
 - anything pertinent that you would like to see on the calendar?
 - 8. Music Fest – May 8
 - well under way
 - currently sold out/we are considering opening the balcony if we need it.
 - this will depend on staZing and cost
 - 9. Solar Eclipse
 - kept the kids in for recess
 - many kids were picked up by parents to go and watch
 - watched the NASA feed
 - 10. Battle of the Books practise continues
 - competition
 - kids are doing lots of work lunch and listens
 - large group of kids
 - 11. Rocks & Rings
 - this was lots of fun
 - pre-booked for next year
 - 12. Grade 1 fused glass project
 - clay for kids
 - beautiful work
 - thank you to parent volunteers!
 - 13. Grade 1 rainbow art project
 - weaving as part of the grade one art curriculum, thank you to parent volunteers!
 - 14. Grade 4 teepee project – in collaboration with RVS Indigenous Learning Team
 - beautifully done
 - great understanding of the why
 - created their own stories for their teepees
 - thank you to parent volunteers!
 - 15. Thank you to School Council – MD Motivator, Easter Eggs, Dance, etc. School dance was a great success! Thank you to all organizers and other volunteers!
- Coming up:
1. Grade 3 Felting April 10th -11th
 2. Grade 1 Eggs to arrive April 14th
 3. Grade 3s to Telus Spark Science Centre April 16th
- Student Release Protocol – Slide show information

Discussion: Robin - timing of first parent-teacher interviews too late (mid-Nov). Alanna - 8 weeks after school starts, timed with report cards, RVSD decision. Jennifer - BBQ great, but hard for some parents to meet teacher outside, could there be an open-house coinciding with the BBQ, to meet teachers in the classroom as opposed to finding them outside - some new parents didn't know who to look for. Mary - thank you Katarina, dance committee, perfect theme for a cold night, went smoothly. Alanna - student release protocol for unexpected events presented to staff today, students released to designated individual or legal guardian only, ID required, important to have that list updated and current, will send out to parent community.

6. Co-Chair Report

Chelsey: Katarina, amazing job on the dance, official numbers to be released next meeting. Next initiative for council is Staff Appreciation Week April 29-May 3. Committee formed, need quorum to vote. Each day something will happen to show appreciation to all staff. 1st day PL day, providing lunch.

Caley: MD Motivator well-received, Zach was impressed with how well-behaved students were. After meeting with Denise, Kindergarten and Grade 1 weren't included due to lack of space in the gym, and not age-appropriate. Can we do something for Denise? Discussion - received flowers from the school, can send something to her, suggestion to make video of well-wishes from students.

7. Treasurer Report

Dance revenue \$3,855, need expenses still
Healthy Hunger revenue in March: \$2,300

Expenses - French Culture week: \$4,500; Parent-teacher interview dinner: \$546

Net for March: \$8,600 minus dance expenses

8. Fun Lunch Report (Kim)

No report given.

9. Yearbook Committee Report (Robin)

A bit behind, time to catch up.

10. Canadian Parents for French Report (Janelle)

April 9 & 16 after-school activity for FI planned.

11. Volunteer Coordinator Report (Kirsten)

Sign-up geniuses for library have been sent out. Book Fair raised \$10,000.

12. Community Outreach (Katarina)

No report given.

13. FÉEVES

No report given.

14. Open Floor

Robin - any word on Changemaker items? Caley - not heard back yet on if they're willing to sell anything to school council.

15. Future SC Meetings

AGM May 7, 2024 at 7:00pm.

16. Adjournment

Caley adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.