



School Council

**Minutes of the ÉEVE School Council Meeting
January 14, 2025
1:00pm In-person and Zoom**

SC Executive:

Chelsey Conrad, Co-Chair – present
Kirsten Inglis, Co-Chair - present
Judi Hunter, School Board Trustee - present
Jennifer Tanguay, Secretary - present
Sharelle Stitt, Treasurer - present

School Administration Members:

Simon Pols, Principal - present
Jodi Clease, Assistant Principal - regrets

Attendees:

Shawna C, Bertha T, Katarina T, Tanya M

1. Call to Order

Chelsey called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

2. Welcome

Happy new year everyone, agenda full but not as robust as in the past but lots going on, great December with lots of positive feedback.

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

4. Administration Report



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School Council Meeting Admin Report January 14th, 2025

UFLI: UFLI began on Monday, January 13th for all students.

- **Focus of Programs:**
 - Explicit, step-by-step instruction
 - Strengthening sound-spelling relationships
 - Improving blending, segmenting, and phonics skills
 - Daily practice
- **Grade 3 & 4 Students:**
 - Recently completed Core Phonics Screening Tool
 - Results used to place students in small, targeted groups (Monday to Thursday)
 - Groups focus on specific needs
- **Grade 1 & 2 Students:**
 - Work on foundational skills in regular classrooms
 - Daily, targeted practice for reading, spelling, and phonics
- **Tools to Support at Home:**
 - <https://ufli.education.ufl.edu/foundations/toolbox/>
 - <https://ufli.education.ufl.edu/resources/parent/>

Assessments: Staff at EVES are currently administering several provincial and RVS required assessments. The deadline to complete these assessments is January 31st. These assessments include:

- **PAST (Phonological Awareness Skills Test):** (Kinder) The PAST assesses students' ability to recognize and manipulate sounds in spoken words, helping to identify foundational phonological awareness skills.

- **LeNS (Letter Naming Sound Test):** (Kinder, Grade One, Grade Two) The LeNS evaluates how quickly and accurately students can name letters and associate them with their corresponding sounds, a key skill for early literacy.
- **CC3 (Curriculum-Based Classroom Assessments):** (Grade One, Grade Two, Grade Three). The CC3 assessments measure students' progress and understanding of key concepts within the curriculum, helping teachers identify areas for further instruction.
- **GB+/F&P (French and English Reading Assessments):** (Grade Three) The GB+/F&P assessments evaluate students' reading level and comprehension in both French and English, guiding instruction and supporting literacy development
- **Numeracy Assessments:** Evaluates students' understanding of basic math concepts including number recognition, addition/subtraction, counting...
 - K-1 (1:1 component) and small group administration
 - Grade 2 and Grade 3: small group or whole class administration

Literacy Week: Get ready for an exciting week of reading, learning, and creativity! From January 27 to 31, 2025, Elbow Valley is thrilled to host a school-wide **Literacy Week** packed with fun and engaging activities for all students. Here's everything you need to know to prepare for this fantastic celebration of literacy:

- **Monday, January 27:**
 - **Poem in Your Pocket.** Students select a poem to memorize or carry in their pocket, sharing it throughout the day with peers and staff.
 - **Author Visit:** (Judy Everson) Judy is an Ojibway Cree author who will be visiting EVES to share her stories, her culture, and to talk about the writing process. Grade One/Kinders and Grade Two students will be part of this first presentation.
- **Wednesday, January 29:**
 - **Joke of the Day.** Students share school-appropriate jokes, promoting reading, comprehension, and humor in a fun, interactive environment.
 - **Author Visit:** (Judy Everson) Judy is an Ojibway Cree author who will be visiting EVES to share her stories, her culture, and to talk about the writing process. Grade Three and Grade Four students will be part of this second presentation.
- **Thursday, January 30:**
 - **"Wow, What a Great Book!" (Book Tasting):** Students bring a favorite book to share with classmates. **Please label books with your child's full name** for safe return.
- **Friday, January 31:**

- **Dress as Your Favorite Book Character:** Students celebrate literacy by dressing as a favorite book character. Bring the character to life and share the book with peers.
- **Reminder:** Blackout Book Bingo winners will be announced live on Monday, February 3rd!

French Immersion Night: FI Night will be held at EVES on Thursday, January 16th from 6:00 to 7:30. Information will be shared with families starting this week. This will include social media posts, Owl Outlook, and flyers.

French Culture Week: French Culture Week will take place from February 24th to February 28th. This year's focus will be on Acadian Traditions and History. Activities will include:

- Guests: Folklofolie
- Activities: Acadian Parade
- Food: Baking Ploye (Buckwheat Pancakes) / La Tire
- School Wide Art Activities: Weaving an Acadian Flag
- Dress Up Days: Canadian, Acadian Colors, Lumberjack, Jersey Day, House Team Colors

Discussion:

- UFLI: Grade 3's in particular need support (first year ELA for FI). School-wide program to help support them. Program intended for grade's 1 and 2, some 3, not 4 as building blocks should be in place. Grade 3/4 (250 students) moved between 12 classrooms seamlessly. Started on Friday with a meeting to discuss expectations, met with teachers, 2 days in and going well. Students placed in appropriate groups that range from basic to complex based on screening tool results – not an assessment, used to place students. Grade 1/2 not moving around between teachers, in their classrooms.
- Assessments: being done in French and English, first year for assessment in kindergarten. Results will be entered into ABEd database, cut scores will identify students needing intervention. Improvement in counting (Grade 1, 36 now up to 100) noted.
- Busy weeks ahead with lots coming up (Literacy and French Culture Week)
- Kids very excited, Bingo Cards a big hit

Questions:

- How did you pick UFLI? Research done last year, program selected, RV supports, falls in line with PAST and C3 assessments. Core Phonics Screening goes above and beyond required assessments. Program 5-6 months long, plan is to implement sooner next year. Multi-age grouping seen as positive; grade-levels not addressed.
- Impact on staff (time to administer assessments)? Supported by admin and learning support staff stepping in, looked at budget and accounted for this in the fall to bring in sub's – teachers should be in front of their students, which is valued here.

- Are these the new standardized test from the government? Some are, some are just to see where kids are at. Kindergarten new, F&P/GB+ are RV specific (not done in other divisions).
- Is there anything council can do to support? Previously approved spending, author cost is \$600, bookmarks and stickers with Owl mascot already purchased.

5. School Trustee Report

January 2025 Newsletter Trustee Hunter, Ward 5

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and had time to enjoy family and friends and rejuvenate.

ELECTION OCTOBER 2025

It will be four years in October since the last election. The Provincial government passed The Local Authorities Election Act, which will be in force for the upcoming elections. Related to Trustees candidates, the current Board of Trustees has made the following bylaws:

- a one-hundred-dollar deposit will be required with the candidate's application
- the application must have 20 resident signatures

Candidate applications open January 1, 2025.

I encourage any person who has a passion for young people, education, and community service to consider serving in this important role. I am happy to discuss trusteeship with any interested party. Further information will be posted on the Rocky View Schools website.

There continue to be 8 trustees serving on the Board. The Boundary for Ward 5 remains the same. However, in redefining boundaries, Ward 5 will be known as Ward 4.

Artificial Intelligence in Education

As we watch AI adoption and progress in the broader world, we see AI being used in classrooms. Our teachers recognize that AI can be a powerful tool to assist learning. Many high school teachers are exploring ways in which AI helps students improve their learning and demonstrate their outcomes. Companies are developing AI software that helps students progress as they are ready to learn the next concept.

With every technology, there are benefits and hazards. A not-for-profit organization, AI for Education, (<https://www.aiforeducation.io/>) offers free information and learning on the topic of AI. Its recent video called "Anthropomorphizing AI" provides an interesting view on some of the pitfalls. They caution that the public did not see the adverse effects of social media on children and feel that AI impacts could be worse, if we don't get ahead of it.

The video talks about the mental models our youngest learners create while using AI. Young learners give human characteristics to robot such as this is my friend, he/she thinks. These researchers say is not to be encouraged. Robots are machines and should be viewed as such.

Research shows that robots are very good at getting information from children because of this trust factor.

Adults are encouraged to use language that identifies AI as a tool created by people and not refer to robots as having human characteristics. Netflix has a movie, Subservience, that demonstrates anthropomorphism. The researchers suggest that no person under the age of 13 should be using AI without adult supervision.

AI adoption is happening very quickly. Governments are racing to keep up. Currently, guidelines are being created to ensure student data privacy, safety, ethical use and practice. Organizations such as the Canadian Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute (CAISI) are also engaged in this process.

We can expect to see the speed of innovation increase with the advancement in new quantum computing chips and mechanical qubits operating with light and gravity, not to mention the advancement in space technologies.

One of the budget consequences of technology adoption is cost. Board costs for cybersecurity, internet access, and software licensing are increasing.

Our Schools

Kudos to Springbank High School Robotics team, currently ranked first in Canada.

Banded Peak held a wonderful outside Christmas Market in December. Grade 7 and 8 started businesses. Students then sold the products they created at the market.

One of the goals of the Board's strategic plan is to develop future-ready students. To this end, Bearspaw School hosted Lunch and Learn sessions where students ate their lunches while listening to parents in the community talk about their jobs.

Springbank High School hosted a successful Showcase of Learning in December.

Road Changes

As a result of the Bingham Crossing development, Alberta Infrastructure will be making some changes on Range Road 33. One of the impacts is the change in access to Calaway Park. Calaway is extending Range Road 245 to create a new access point to the park. This will change access to Springbank Middle School. Updates will be provided as information is known.

Discussion:

- Not re-running in election, enjoyed role but time for new perspective.
- Online resource for parents: <https://www.internetmatters.org> provides info on variety of topics, ie. Vinted online marketplace (full of scamming), risk of deep fakes (picture and 20 seconds of your voice, they can make you say anything), how to determine if websites/something is real, which is becoming difficult even for experts.
- Online AI resource: <https://www.aiforeducation.io> provides information on risks of anthropomorphizing AI, ethical considerations, introductory course for parents.

- Netflix movie "Subservience" highlights danger of AI, befriending robot.
- AI conference last year highlighted that everyone needs AI training, ethics of, needs to be on our radar.
- Study: cost escalations for school boards, technology cost has increased (ie. Subscription for Microsoft no longer free). What subscriptions do we need/want, what is free, may need to give some things up. Need to conceptualize education, increased pressure on school budgets.
- Cybersecurity attack on PowerSchool, ransom paid, no financial data taken but kids info out there, taken for data mining to generate AI programming.
- SHS robotics team: excellent teacher, Bobby Matthews, (has come to EVE and SMS), energy and excitement, kids being pre-approved for engineering programs.
- Road Changes Update: meeting with county/Calaway Park/school board tomorrow to discuss what new intersection/entrance to SMS will look like. Change to bridge going over RR33. Province told Calaway Park to build new road across RR245, province want 4-way stop, engineer said will fail, need round-about. May need petition/parent involvement to push for round-about.
- Accelerated program funding for new HS in Airdrie, K-9 in Chestermere.
- Springbank Park For All Seasons: soccer turf was to be put in east side by ball diamonds, new player coming in that has new vision for \$65 million project on that site. Community centre will be on that property, 70 acres purchased by community association and added to county for recreation, \$2 million spent, \$8 million set aside. Association not happy with design approved by county, new idea being presented by new player.
- FI after-school program: Feb 7 & 14 (6 registered so far, room for 20)
- March: 3 Fridays for Lego
- May: looking at 2 FI days

6. Co-Chair's Report

December busy time leading up to the holidays, loved Spirit Week. Not much coming up until April. Let us know if you need any support with Literacy Week.

Staff Appreciation Week annual tradition, will be April 1-4, looking at securing donations and support from the community. School Dance will be April 17. Will discuss both with admin to align expectations.

Bylaw creation discussed last month; Kirsten's background very helpful with this. Executive has met once since ASCA session, document half-way done, plan to meet again after Literacy Week. No timeline but want document ready by May/June in preparation for next year.

7. Treasurer Report

School Council Expenses September 2024 to June 2025													
Category	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Amount		
SC sponsored presenter		1,575.00									1,575.00		
Family Dance											0.00		Feb-24
French Culture Week											0.00	La Tire	1,155.00
Friendly Helpers			1,738.21								1,738.21	Folklofolie	1,890.00
House Teams											0.00	Art Project	499.55
Literacy Week											0.00	Rocks & Rings	987.00
Read-a-thon											0.00	Bannock	51.65
Skating SPFAS (Bus)				1,008.00							1,008.00	French Culture	4,583.20
Sports Day											0.00		
Staff Appreciation											0.00		
Terry Fox Run											0.00		
Welcome Back BBQ	1,440.03		-714.07								725.96		
Easter Egg Hunt											0.00		
Sports Equipment		2,004.72									2,004.72		
TOTAL	1,440.03	3,579.72	1,024.14	1,008.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,051.89		
School Council Revenue September 2024 to June 2025													
Opening Balance											10,185.01		
Category	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Amount		
Healthy Hunger	209.04	1,947.11	1,723.04	1,949.21							5,828.40		
Mabel's Labels		170.05									170.05		
Dance Door/Concession/Auction											0.00		
Apple Fundraiser		486.40									486.40		
TOTAL	209.04	2,603.56	1,723.04	1,949.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,669.86		
Net Income/Deficit	-1,230.99	-976.16	698.90	941.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,617.97		

Revenue in December: Healthy Hunger \$1,900

Expenses: Bussing for skating \$1,008

Net Balance: \$9,600

Discussion:

- Next month will see Literacy Week expenses coming out
- Staff Appreciation Week and School Dance coming up

8. Yearbook Coordinator Report (Robin)

Photos coming to Simon from staff, need to get file to Robin. Question on taking pictures when volunteering, is that allowed? Yes, send photos in. Will cross-check and confirm release forms are signed. If student(s) identified in photo, will reach out and confirm with parents (usually social media concerns reason releases aren't signed).

9. Volunteer Coordinator Report (Kirsten)

- PJ Drive: around 300 donated to Children's Cottage Society (down from last year, may consider new initiative next year).
- Learning Commons: signup genius updated (days/times).
- Staff Appreciation Week and School Dance: meeting end of February, email via classroom reps and to those who've already signed up. Donation letter drafted for use by parents. Will set committees, meet with admin to discuss particulars.
- Literacy Week: on Wednesday or Thursday, can we have a special fun lunch for cookie/doughnut treat, proceeds specifically for learning commons, something facilitator determines is needed? Will discuss further with Simon and Sonja.

10. Fun Lunch Coordinator Report (Kim)

Confirmed Revenue for December

Date	Vendor	# Orders	Sales	Food Cost from Restaurant	Net Profit	% Profit
03-Dec-24	Subway	266	1,970.35	1,624.24	346.11	18%
06-Dec-24	Mucho Burrito	189	1,293.00	1,071.25	221.75	17%
13-Dec-24	Edo	229	2,271.85	1,887.25	369.60	16%
20-Dec-24	Boston Pizza	322	2,907.50	2,395.25	512.25	18%
December 2024						
Summary		1006			1,449.71	

Projected Revenue for January

Date	Vendor	# Orders	Sales	Food Cost from Restaurant	Net Profit	% Profit
07-Jan-25	Subway	138	996.00	820.34	175.66	18%
10-Jan-25	Little Ceasars	260	1,820.00	1,400.00	420.00	23%
17-Jan-25	Edo	226	2,284.55	1,894.90	374.65	16%
24-Jan-25	Boston Pizza	278	2,446.10	2,015.25	430.85	18%
31-Jan-25	Mucho Burrito	150	1,061.75	882.25	179.50	17%
January 2025						
Summary		1052				

Feedback:

- Several parents requesting quesadillas from Mucho Burrito. Past discussion around value of this item, but kids are wanting this item, can it be included as an option going forward?
- This past Friday (Little Caesar's) – can pizza be kept in plastic bags and delivered to classrooms still in the bags, and can delivery time be pushed back by 15 minutes to help keep pizza's warm?

11. Canadian Parents for French Report (TBD)

See discussion under School Trustee Report.

12. FÉEVES

No report given.

13. Open Floor

- School Dance: need to investigate silent auction, raffle, whether we can incorporate this into the dance without FÉEVES involvement. In the past, giving a ticket for the raffle and not selling tickets for it negates AGLC concerns. Questions about dollar amount, can we fundraise, can we have a concession. Need to determine the purpose of the dance, why are we doing it – council's purpose is not to fundraise. What is the purpose of the silent auction, rules around it. Concession likely ok if we are only charging to offset cost of snacks. Consider doing away with the silent auction, can have prizes as an incentive to attend, use donations in a different way.
- Kirsten following up with Judi about CPF fundraiser.
- Need a CPF rep, will put out call in Owl Outlook along with info about CPF, can include information about CPF during FI info night.
- Feb 3 new student registration opens.
- Casino update: no info yet, usually takes a couple months to get numbers, all positions filled which is great.
- School website: add tab under 'Get Involved' for FÉEVES, post presentation/info.
- Jonathan Haidt: author who wrote book on social media, smartphones.
- Update on Paddle (proposal presented in the fall): everything ready to go, just need insurance which RV won't look at until after January. Will be an in-school activity.
- Upcoming activities? Rock n Rings coming up, unable to book during French Culture week, will happen after.
- Can we look at booking something outdoors in May? Open to ideas, maybe Fitset Ninja, has been a couple years since they were here.

- Bookfair coming up in March during parent-teacher interviews.

14. Future SC Meetings

February 11, 2025 at 1:00pm

March 11, 2025 at 7:00pm

April 8, 2025 at 1:00pm

May 13, 2025 at 1:00pm

AGM June 10, 2025 at 1:00pm

15. Adjournment

Chelsey adjourned the meeting at 2:11pm.