



School Council

**Minutes of the ÉEVE School Council Meeting
April 8, 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 - present

Attendees:

Julia H, Kare W, Kim B, Katarina T, Robin S, Caley R, Tanya M

1. Call to Order

Kirstin called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

2. Welcome

Welcome everyone.

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

4. Administration Report



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Mr. Simon Pols
Principal

Ms. Jodie Clease
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School Council Meeting Admin Report April 8th, 2025

Thank You: On behalf of the entire staff at Elbow Valley, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness during this incredible week of appreciation. Your kindness and support mean so much to us! From the delicious cupcakes on Treat Tuesday, to the much-needed Morning Fuel of coffee, scones, and bagels, you have truly brightened our days. The beautiful bouquets from Thanks a Bunch Thursday and the heartfelt notes from Thankful Friday remind us how special our school community is. A special thank you to the parent council for organizing these thoughtful gestures and for providing a wonderful staff luncheon, as well as to the parent volunteers for ensuring we could take a well-deserved break to enjoy it. Your generosity and support make Elbow Valley a truly special place, and we are so grateful to be part of this community. Thank you!

Assessment Update: In January, students completed provincially mandated literacy and numeracy assessments. While most results are accurate, we've been made aware of reporting issues affecting the following tests:

- **PAST** (Kindergarten & Grade 1)
- **LeNS** (Kindergarten–Grade 2)
- **CC3** (Grades 1–3)
- Results for **RAN** and the **Alberta Numeracy Assessment** are accurate.

To ensure families receive correct information, teachers will manually review and update each student's results in PowerSchool. EVES staff completed this work on April 2nd; information on these assessments will be made available at the end of April.

Budget Update:

School Council Budget Update

	2025 / 2026	2024 / 2025
Projections	543	549 (555)
Overall	\$3 803 828	\$3 709 688
Inclusive Education	\$267 606	\$259 504
New Curriculum	\$4795	\$4795
Staffing Allocation	87% of total budget	87% of total budget
English As Additional Language	\$13 950	\$15 426
Funding for Indigenous Students	\$630	\$714
School Council	\$260	\$260
To be allocated	\$175 168	
Carryover	Not Determined Until October	

Staffing Update

- Mrs. Hume
- Mrs. Gibson
- Mme. Dahlstedt

School Fees (: Fees for EVES will be increasing from a maximum of \$128.00 to a maximum of \$138.00 in the Fall of 2025. These fee increases are because of increased transportation, venue, and vendor/supplier costs.

FEEVES Update:

Thank You: Thank-you to EVE School's support and to everyone that volunteered or helped spread the awareness for the casino event

- We raised \$83,000.00 (\$2,300.00 per shift) in the Casino volunteer event in December 2024
- We raised \$10,000.00 more than in 2023!

Upcoming Casino: Elbow River Casino opportunities have been confirmed for Q4 2026 - we will try to lock in a time not so close to Christmas

Participation: Efforts to increase FEEVESS board member participation

Funding request database

- In an effort to provide clarity, consistent documentation and streamlined communication, FEEVESS is working with Simon and his team to create a database that will house all funding requests and expenditures.
- We hope to have this process mapped out by the beginning of May
- This will give future board members and EVE school administration an organized database on all past and current requests and purchases

Financials and Funding Updates

- **Current Funds approx \$168,000.00**
- **Recent disbursement of funds**
 - New Chromebooks and tech Hubs - \$11,845.70
 - Yearly Eve skating trip fee's - \$919.80
- **Recently approved for disbursement of funds**
 - Musicfest funding request - approx \$4,000.00 (depending on funding guidelines TBD)
 - Grade 3 science equipment - approx \$3,000.00

FRIENDS OF ELBOW VALLEY FUNDRAISING SOCIETY



Objectives

- To promote, advance and provide opportunities for education and learning, sports, recreation, agricultural, social and cultural activities.
- To encourage and promote school, family, and community wellness
- To provide facilities, furniture, equipment and supplies of the school and surrounding community in furtherance of the aforementioned objects.

\$168K

Current Net Assets
Spring 2025

The amount of money that ONE



\$2300

person can earn during a
volunteer shift at a casino.

\$83K

The amount of money
raised at
LAST casino

Board Members

President: Ian Park

Vice President: Kevin Simpson

Treasurer: Jenn Briggs

Secretary: Marcel Goenland

Since 2020 FEEVES has donated more than

\$68,000

to Elbow Valley School to support professional learning, fund in-house residencies, purchase technology, literacy resources, and promote school spirit.

What is a school fundraising society?

A fundraising society for a school is a volunteer-run organization that raises money to support school initiatives, programs, and resources beyond what government funding provides.



Discussion:

- Huge thank you for Staff Appreciation Week, especially touching to see all the children walking in with flowers at drop-off, it was beautiful and sincerely appreciated. Flowers, lunch, supervision was all fantastic and went well.

Assessment Update:

- We had concerns information shared was not accurate which is correct, conversation with RVS who spoke with AB Education. Email sent by Lori Myer, holding back on sharing assessment information to parents and division will be reporting differently.
- Challenge was information had been sent out already after conferences, concerned with messaging sent to parents told everything going well, then data came home that doesn't coincide with that messaging.

- Several calls/meetings with parents talking about getting their children assessed, looking at different schools, pulling out of FI. Very concerned, drafted 2 letters but asked to hold back as resolution was found.
- Working very hard to gain trust and respect, apologize for confusion this has caused.
- Resolution: Teachers have until 19th to input data into PowerSchool, information will state at risk or not at risk (requires additional support or does not). Our teachers did this on PL day, took 2 hours to input data. Will be released end of April, after all data is in.
- Question last month about data analysis: not in position to analyze data until fall because assessments still to be done at end of year (June).
- Assessment was valid, way it was measured at the provincial level was not. We accessed the cut-scores, data entered and determined at risk, or not at risk.
- Example: First assessment marked out of 76, next out of 10. First mark transferred to next mark which was an error (ie. 2nd assessment 10/10 became 10/76 which highly skewed results). This happened province wide. Was caught by one of our teachers, who identified why graph didn't look right, and brought concerns forward.
- Question about Foster Score: based on PAT data, not these assessments.
- Important to remember these results are from January, tremendous growth since that time. Also, narrow assessments on a broad curriculum.
- Question about why not all classrooms received this information: 3 classes weren't sent, because we realized there was a problem with this. Email was sent to parents.
- Parents want to see the data, even though it's meant for teachers. Would like to know where their child sits in compared to others in the classroom. Need to keep in mind so many factors that affect achievement, in numeracy the timed assessment (30 seconds) has a dip compared to non-timed.
- Provincially, 75% achieving and 25% at risk (need support) at any given time.

Budget Update:

- For Next Year: Overall increase \$100K, 543 students (K=1/2 student), inclusive education (students requiring extra supports ie. CDA, classroom assistants, LS overages) increase \$10K, 87% budget goes towards staffing.
- Question about ESL funding: have quite a few families that identify as speaking a second language at home, goes towards classroom resources/libraries, cultural events, research supports reading same books at home as at school. Don't have to speak English to attend public school.
- Questions about enrolment: 100 new registrations so far, 32 are for FI K (2 classes, max is 24). Out of bounds not accepted at this time.
- Question about late entry FI: grade 1 in RVS, 7 available in CBE. Research shows same proficiency at graduation (late entry grade 7 vs. K).
- Question about indigenous funding: federal initiative, if not in school on reserve.
- \$175K TBD: breakdown due next Thursday (overages, salary top-up etc.)
- Carry over max \$50K.
- School fees will increase \$138 from \$128 (to cover overages).

Staffing Update:

- Mrs Hume and Mme Dahlstedt back and in LS role, Mme Gibson covering Mme Szilagyi's class.

FÉEVES Update:

- Simon has attended past 2 meetings, to provide cross-coverage, which needs to continue in some capacity.
- School website has been updated.
- Casino: \$83K (10 more than previous) which amounts to \$2,300/volunteer shift
- Next casino will be Q4 2026
- Goals: increase board membership
- Funds allocation: admin requests funding, board votes.
- FOSMSS board has position for SC chair, needed at FÉEVES. Suggest piggybacking meeting times as done at SMS.
- Parents are members at large.
- Creating database to track requests/expenditures.
- Net balance \$168K, there is a timeframe of 3 to 5 years (short and long-term) for spending. For reference, this amount is approximately 1/3 the cost for a new playground (\$450K).
- Objective is to benefit all students in the long term.
- Like SC newsletter, will mimic.

5. School Trustee Report

TRUSTEE REPORT – JUDI HUNTER – APR 2025

Judi Hunter – Ward 5 Trustee

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN REED – ROCKYVIEW SCHOOLS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Ryan is a product of Rockyview schools where he received his K-12 education. Subsequently, Reed earned a Bachelor of Education/Bachelor of Management from the University of Lethbridge in Lethbridge, a Master of Educational Leadership from the University of Alberta in Edmonton and is currently completing his Chartered Professional Human Resources (CPHR) Certification from the Captus Institute in Toronto. Ryan will assume the Superintendent position September 1 as Greg Luterbach retires.

The Alberta government has enacted Bill 27, the **Education Amendment Act**, which starts with the preamble:

Whereas the role of education is to develop engaged thinkers who think critically and creatively, and ethical citizens who demonstrate respect, teamwork and democratic ideals

and who work with an entrepreneurial spirit to face challenges with resiliency, adaptability, risk-taking and bold decision-making;

Whereas the Government of Alberta recognizes public schools, separate schools, Francophone schools, private schools, charter schools, early childhood services programs and home education programs as being valued and integral in providing choice in education to students and parents;

The bill makes the following changes:

- Every child has the right to an education during emergencies.
- Ensure parental notification for pronoun use.
- Provided parental opt-in for sex education.
- Requires ministry approval of third-party teaching materials.
- Forbids transgender women from competing in women's sports leagues.

Link to more information: www.alberta.ca/supporting-alberta-students-and-families

The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act ("the Act") received royal assent on May 30, 2024, and was proclaimed in force on October 31, 2024. The Act amended the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA). Party affiliation for trustees is not part of the legislation. The Act sets out manual counting of ballots which is a more costly option than machine counting.

Trustee Compensation Ad Hoc Committee

An ad hoc committee to review trustee compensation at RVS and other comparable school boards across the province has been struck. The committee will also review and compare practices related to board policy frameworks and board development

Calendar Update

The calendar of meeting dates for the Board for the 2025/26 school year was approved and will be posted on the RVS website.

Capital Projects in Progress or Completed

Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon had its official opening March 7. It has a capacity of 1004 students.

Bow Valley High School expansion is expected to be completed for the 2026/2027 school year. This project adds 300 student spaces and upgrades career and technology facilities.

Approved Capital Projects

Full construction funding for an Airdrie K-9 P3 School in the community of South Windsong.

Full construction funding for an Airdrie High School in the community of South Windsong.

Full construction funding for a P3 school in Chestermere K-9 in the community of Dawson's.

Full construction funding for an Airdrie K-9 in the community of Bayview.

Full construction funding for a Cochrane K-8 in the community of Rivercrest.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank parents for their advocacy in securing approval for these schools.

Congratulations to the Grades 3 and 4 students at Banded Peak School, who are learning to cross-country ski.

Grade 6 students from Windsong Heights School shared their social studies mock Alberta parliament at the March 6 Board meeting. The students enjoyed their opportunity to role play the various positions in the legislative assembly and they moved a bill through the legislative process. Their understanding of respectful debate, differing points of view and role responsibilities in government was impressive.

Official Opening of Horseshoe Crossing School in Langdon

The opening of the first high school in Langdon is a wonderful addition to the community of Langdon, offering the students in that area a local learning facility and community hub.

Officials from the provincial government, Rockyview County, and Rocky View Schools celebrated this community milestone together with the students of Horseshoe Crossing who were happy to offer tours of their beautiful new facility.

Discussion:

- New Superintendent Ryan Reid, Associate Superintendent Jeff Smith
- AB government Bill 27 "Education Amendment Act":
 - o Every child has right to education during an emergency
 - o Ensure parental communication around pronoun use (notification not consent)
 - o Opt-in for sex ed.
 - o Ministry approval for third-party teaching materials (sex ed.)
 - o Forbids transgender women from competing in female sport leagues
- Municipal affairs statute amendment act: party-affiliation with municipal elections excluding trustees as they represent all children.
- Trustee compensation to be reviewed after 4-year term by committee
- School calendar on website
- Banded Peak School: outdoor ed cross-country skiing
- Airdrie Windsong School: Grade 6 mock parliament, very well done
- Langdon Horseshoe Crossing HS official opening, never had HS before, same size as us, MLA fought hard along with parents
- RVS has 8 projects in the cue

- SMS gym is inadequate, on list but lobbying needed (school board, councillors, minister of ed.) to make expansion priority on capital plan
- Question: Can Springbank community fund this?
- Question: Will Airdrie ever break away from RVS to become its own board?
- North Point (private school) master development plan has been submitted (Hwy 8/101 St SW)
- Cottage Childcare closing Aug 31, can't use building, this will affect 100 families in our community. Cottage has been doing maintenance on building, added 40-60 new spaces over past 2 years. Needs new roof, foundation not stable enough to support new roof. Heritage Site designation makes things tricky. Parents have been notified. Cottage is seeking out new building.
- Question: before/after care in school? Need space, many logistics to consider. House on corner of school property? RVS owns but mandate wouldn't support this.
- Opt-in vs out will affect Grade 4? Different outcomes, dramatically lower participation when opting-in vs out. Perception is different.

6. Co-Chair's Report

A lot of fun upcoming events:

Family Dance:

- SchoolCash Online will be only method for purchasing tickets, limit is 600 tickets (6/family) to address concerns around capacity, and ensuring it is only attended by immediate family of students.
- Concession: sold out in the past (except water, easy to use at other events)
- Prizes: Electric Scooter (\$250); 5 baskets (\$650)
- Decorations/Favors: \$150
- DJ: \$600
- Projecting ticket sales will cover cost of DJ, Concession/SC everything else
- 255 tickets sold to date
- Signup Genius for takedown volunteers, will attach to email being sent out today

Bylaws:

- Template from ASCA used to create SC bylaws
- Legal name: Elbow Valley Elementary School (EVES)
- Definition of School Community; Mission/Vision reviewed (editing needed)
- Communication Plan: those present felt this needs further developing
- Governance: highlighted that as per legislation (Section 7), a teacher rep is required. Simon will look into this further (can it be AP?)
- Decision-making: reviewed what needs to be voted on (finances)

- Quorum: minimum to establish is Principal + 2 members present (any parent is a member)
- Positions: lengthy discussion on terms (4 vs. 5 years vs. none)
- Vice-Chair or Co-Chair: both an option, wording needs work as not clear
- Coordinator's role descriptions provided by those currently in that role
- School Lunch Coordinator: discussion on 'school eating guidelines', ensure wording reflects school policy verbiage
- Special General Meeting: reviewed what this could be used for (not to discuss specific staff or student)
- Committees: could be used more efficiently in the future, free up meeting time
- Draft will be posted on school website along with link to student handbook

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		
French Culture Week					1,365.00	2,347.78	1,050.00				4,762.78	La Tire	1,050.00
Friendly Helpers			1,738.21								1,738.21	Folklofolie	1,890.00
House Teams											0.00	Rocks & Rings	1,365.00
Literacy Week				103.92	563.05	229.11					896.08	Baking Activity	143.29
Read-a-thon											0.00	Parade/Books/Other	314.49
Skating SPFAS (Bus)				1,008.00							1,008.00	French Culture	4,762.78
Sports Day											0.00		
Staff Appreciation								1,946.79			1,946.79	Lunch	489.56
Terry Fox Run											0.00	Flowers	106.42
Welcome Back BBQ	1,440.03		-714.07								725.96	Teacher bags	1,350.81
Easter Egg Hunt							251.87				251.87	Staff Appreciation	1,946.79
Sports Equipment		2,004.72									2,004.72		
TOTAL	1,440.03	3,579.72	1,024.14	1,111.92	1,928.05	2,576.89	1,301.87	1,946.79	0.00	0.00	14,909.41		
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	1,496.46	1,384.32	2,433.93	486.75			11,629.86		
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	1,496.46	1,384.32	2,433.93	486.75	0.00	0.00	22,471.32		
Net Income/Deficit	-1,230.99	-976.16	698.90	837.29	-431.59	1,192.57	1,132.06	1,460.04	0.00	0.00	7,561.91		

Revenue in March: Healthy Hunger \$2,400

Expenses: \$1,900 for Staff Appreciation Week

Net Balance: \$7,500

Discussion:

- Looking ahead, need to allocate funds for Sports Day
- Friendly Helpers year-end party: Ask last month (\$300) did not reflect actual cost (\$1,000), now that Alien In-Line booked. This is in line with how much was spent last year (\$900).

Chelsey motioned to increase approval for Friendly Helpers year-end party from \$300 to \$1,000; seconded by Jennifer; no objections; all in favor; motion approved.

8. Yearbook Coordinator Report (Robin)

181 sold to date (went live April 1)

9. Volunteer Coordinator Report (Katarina)

See discussion on Family Dance in Co-Chair's Report. Newsletter feedback very positive, will continue.

10. Fun Lunch Coordinator Report (Kim)

YTD Sept-Mar	2024-25	2023-24
# Orders	8,259	6,461
Sales	64,486	46,801
Net Profit	12,055	11,072
% Profit	19%	24%

**Confirmed Revenue for
March**

Date	Vendor	# Orders	Sales	Food Cost from Restaurant	Net Profit	% Profit
04-Mar-25	Subway	206	1,503.85	1,242.12	261.73	17%
07-Mar-25	Little Ceasars	268	1,872.00	1,440.00	432.00	23%
14-Mar-25	Edo	219	2,174.10	1,813.35	345.75	16%
17-Mar-22	Out of Chaos	274	792.50	634.00	158.50	20%
21-Mar-22	Boston Pizza	343	3,047.45	2,504.85	542.60	18%
28-Mar-25	McDonalds	307	2,340.75	1,854.00	486.75	21%

March 2025**Summary****1617 11,730.65****2,227.33****Projected Revenue for April**

Date	Vendor	# Orders	Sales	Food Cost from Restaurant	Net Profit	% Profit
01-Apr-25	Subway	248	1,825.65	1,509.00	316.65	17%
04-Apr-25	Boston Pizza	299	2,717.40	2,236.50	480.90	18%
11-Apr-25	Edo	232	2,316.60	1,926.65	374.95	16%
17-Apr-25	Little Ceasars	273	1,898.00	1,460.00	438.00	23%
28-Apr-25	Mucho Burrito	143	1,021.25	843.05	178.20	17%

April 2025**Summary****1195 9,778.90****1,788.70****Topics to be Circulated via School Council Chat for Comment:**

- Feedback on Cookies?
- Additional Treat Days this year? Options: Cookies again, Tim Hortons donut day
- Restaurant suggestions for next year

Discussion:

- First treat day a success, 274 cookies sold (\$158 profit)
- Requesting feedback: cookies, another treat day, new vendors for next year

11. Canadian Parents for French Report (Julia)

Met with Stephanie and signed-over today as Springbank rep. Documents reviewed, bylaws from 2003, need 10 signing partners to form a committee (all 3 schools). Want to meet a couple times before end of the year. Looking for grants from Parks Canada and Pursuit to facilitate trips: elementary to Banff, middle school to Montreal, high school to France. Slush fund \$5K hasn't been used in 3 years, want to use by end of year. Grade 8 luncheon at HS, 2 classes they want to keep in FI (majority are staying). New HS French teacher plus 1 existing that is increasing responsibility in that area.

12. FÉEVES

See discussion in Admin Report.

13. Open Floor

Chelsey will not be returning next year, co-chair position will need to be filled.

14. Future SC Meetings

May 13, 2025 at 1:00pm

AGM June 10, 2025 at 1:00pm

15. Adjournment

Chelsey adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.