

Ecole Edwards School Council
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

The Parent School Council Team: Chairperson – Melanie Gaze, Treasurer – Denise Deere, Secretary – Christina Campbell

Meeting held via Zoom due to Covid-19 school closures and physical distancing requirements.

1. Jim Forrest gave the school trustee report, posted below.
2. School Council gave a financial update (posted below). Welcome back BBQ is tentatively scheduled for the tri-schools for August, pending covid-19 restrictions. School Council has set aside \$500 towards the BBQ. School Council voted on council positions. Christina nominated Melanie as President, seconded by Denise, approved by all. Melanie nominated Christina as secretary, approved by all.
3. School Report from Nancy Dutchik. Thank you to parents who participated in the RVS survey and google form. Planning ongoing for the upcoming year.
4. Pace Report from Bonnie Buckle. \$43,752 raised through the casino in December, PACE committed to paying for the Kids Rock program and the literacy kit for the school. \$13,625 spent to date and the remaining funds will be carried forward to September. Next casino will be in April, May or June in 2023.

Next meeting will be held in September 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Contact Parent Council if you can help out on any committee, eeschoolcouncil@hotmail.com or on our Facebook page.

École Edwards – Trustee Report

Wednesday, May 19th, 2020

2020/2021 Budget Meeting:

The Board is in the midst of its budget deliberations, which need to be completed by the end of May, and we are set to finalize the budget on Thursday, May 21st, 2020.

We are currently working through the 2020/2021 Budget and a few weeks back, we did send out some high-level guidelines to administrators to be able to begin to work through their budgets, but there is still room for things to be looked at again, further discussed, and possibly changed/adjusted. Board priorities, determined by the two stakeholder surveys include student success through student success through target funding to classrooms:

- School based supports for students with complex needs
- Wellness supports; and
- Literacy and numeracy skill development

At the May 14th, 2020 Board Meeting, Trustees also approve a schedule of school fees for 2020/2021.

In an effort to reduce financial pressure on families (for this year), schools have been directed to:

- Not increase existing course fees
- Refrain from implementing new school wide fees, including K-Gr. 4 school supplies
- Eliminate Christian and French Immersion program fees with the exception of Prince of Peace
- Abstain from introducing new or increased fees for programs like the Farm or Building Futures
- Not subsidize extracurricular, field trip or non-curricular travel with other school funds
- Eliminate any fees related to lunch supervision.

Transportation:

For the first time in many years, grant revenue from Alberta Education will increase by 5%. That increase must cover inflation pressures and accommodation of all new students approved to receive the service. There will be no additional funding for transportation regardless of the growth in the system, which will extend to 2021/22 as well.

The increase in funding has helped to keep the budget and costs closer together; however, volatile/unpredictable fuel costs, CCPI (Calgary Consumer Price Index) and operational costs still make it difficult to balance the student transportation budget.

- Transportation fees will be increasing for all riders from \$308.00 to \$375.00 for the first two students which is \$2.08 per day @ 180 instructional days to ride the bus. For the third and additional students, the cost has been set at \$187.50.
- Non-resident students accessing a school bus within the boundary of Rocky View Schools is going from \$625.00 to \$700.00.

- Non-resident students accessing a school bus outside the boundary of Rocky View Schools is now \$2,000.00, previously \$1,250.

Community Use Fee Fees

- Despite changes made to the fee schedule, the board is facing significant challenges with the sustainability of its rental program due to rising costs for utilities, supervision, caretaking, maintenance and/or vandalism – all of which are heavily subsidized by maintenance operating dollars.
- The fee increases will bring RVS' rates in alignment to those being charged by surrounding municipalities and neighbouring school boards.

Gym Approved User	Instructional Space			
	Instructional Day(s)	Non-Instructional Day(s)	Instructional Day(s)	Non-Instructional Day(s)
Registered Group Youth Oriented	\$40/hr (\$20)	\$110/hr	\$20/hr (\$10)	\$80/hr
Registered Group Adult Oriented	\$50/hr (\$35)	\$125/hr	\$35/hr (\$20)	\$90/hr
Private Group	\$75/hr (\$55)	\$150/hr	\$40/hr	\$100/hr

Learning Continuity and Support:

The learning continuity plan for at-home learning is proceeding. The workload given to students tried to balance the variety of factors that could impact learning, given the diversity of circumstances that exists within our communities.

On April 29, 2020, the board launched a parent survey to garner feedback on RVS' learning continuity plan with an aim to continue to support families who are at home working with their school-aged children. The survey, which garnered nearly 2,900 responses, are planned to be discussed at the Board Meeting, Thursday, May 21st, 2020. It is my understanding that information and broad-level feedback regarding individual schools will be shared with school administration.

Thank you to all who contributed to the survey. Your feedback is valuable and appreciated. I look forward to further discussions with you in the future

- Alberta Education has instituted a help line and email for parents of students, particularly those with disabilities, during COVID-19 and at home learning. Do go to your school first but you can also go to a provincial help-line.
 - o The line is 780-422-6548 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, followed by the 10-digit phone number) or via email at: studentsupport@gov.ab.ca.
- As Report Cards near, to address questions about grades and assessment from parents, students and staff, RVS has produced two Q&A assessment documents – one for high school and one for K-8/9 that you may find interesting and informative.

Re-entry Plan Engagement:

The re-entry plan will prioritize the safety and well-being of our teachers, staff and students. In addition to the feedback gathered from the education system, the plan will honour collective

bargaining agreements, and will be informed by Alberta's Relaunch Strategy and advice provided by Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

No decisions have been made on school operations for the 2020-21 school year starting in September.

The province is working with school authorities and education system partners on developing a comprehensive re-entry plan that considers three scenarios, which could exist by September.

They are:

- Normal school operations are able to resume.
- Schools are partially re-opened, with some level of restrictions.
- Teacher directed at-home learning continues.

The government/Alberta Education does appear to be considering many different factors and possible ways forward and as previously mentioned has requested feedback from all 61 School Boards/Divisions throughout the province. The document includes 15 potential discussion points, and addresses such things as:

- What might school operations look like for school year?
- What about provincial achievement testing?
- How manage personal protective equipment, sanitation and hygiene requirements.
- Student Transportation

Joint Board/School Council Meeting: (Prior, Postponed Date March 26th, 2020)

And finally, the Board of Trustees invites you and members of your school council executive to join us for a digital Joint Board School Council meeting on Thursday May 28, 2020 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. An RSVP to Jennie Thompson at jthompson@rockyview.ab.ca would be appreciated. Discussion topics include:

- RVS 2020/2021 Budget
- COVID and return to school dialogue
- Good News and Cool Happenings in RVS

The meeting will be hosted via Zoom at <https://rockyview.zoom.us/my/rvsboard>. You will be sent an email if you haven't been sent an email already with the details.

Questions?

As always, if you would like to further discuss any of the above items or require additional information, please feel free to contact me directly by either email or telephone.

Regards and best wishes as we continue to move forward and through these difficult times.
Respectfully submitted,

J. Forrest
Ward 3 Airdrie School Trustee

École Edwards Elementary School Fundraising

DATE	Event	Revenue	Expense	Balance
	Carry Forward	\$ 10,141.05		\$ 10,141.05
2019-11-14	Cookie Dough Fundraiser	\$ 18,726.25		\$ 28,867.30
2019-10-08	Online Fundraising	\$ 66.00		\$ 28,933.30
2019-11-19	NSF Cookie Dough		\$ (54.00)	\$ 28,879.30
2019-11-11	In-Dey-Go Invoice		\$ (11,808.00)	\$ 17,071.30
2019-12-04	Cookie Dough Fundraiser	\$ 561.00		\$ 17,632.30
2020-01-09	Cookie Dough Fundraiser	\$ 716.00		\$ 18,348.30
2020-01-09	Silent Auction	\$ 2,087.00		\$ 20,435.30
	Calgary Reads		\$ (1,741.72)	\$ 18,693.58
	Winsport (Grade 4 Skiing)		\$ (3,332.00)	\$ 15,361.58
2020-02-07	First Student - Buses for Skating		\$ (566.40)	\$ 14,795.18
				\$ -
				\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 32,297.30	\$ (17,502.12)	\$ 14,795.18
Fun Lunch				
	Name	Revenue	Expense	
Nov 29, 2019	Healthy Hunger - Mary Browns	\$ 189.50		\$ 189.50
Dec 20, 2019	Healthy Hunger - Papa Johns	\$ 223.52		\$ 413.02
Jan 20, 2019	Healthy Hunger - Extreme Pita	\$ 146.50		\$ 559.52
Mar 20, 2020	Healthy Hunger - Edo Japan	\$ 123.50		\$ 683.02
May 8, 2020	Healthy Hunger - Pizza Hut	\$ 220.50		\$ 903.52
May 8, 2020	Healthy Hunger - Chopped Leaf	\$ 164.00		\$ 1,067.52
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	TOTAL	\$ 847.02	\$ -	\$ 847.02
Commitments				
	POD updates		\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
	Welcome Back BBQ		\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
			TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 33,144.32
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (17,502.12)
			TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$ (5,500.00)
			TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 10,142.20