



# École Edwards School Council Meeting Minutes January 27, 2016

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## Council Executive Members Present:

- Sharmen Dawson, Co-chair
- Meryl Gale, Treasurer

## Council Administrative Members Present:

- Sharon Cronin., Principle
  - Lindsay Adams, Vice Principle Principal
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## MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**- Sharmen Dawson- Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

2. **School Council Executive Report**-Sharmen Dawson

- School Council needs to fill all positions Chair/Co chair, secretary and treasurer please see Shamen or email School Council schoolcouncil-edwards@rockview.ab.ca
- Fundraising Totals Summarized
- Pink shirt day- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> boys and girls club selling t-shirts
- Meet and greet with new principle on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening

3. **Special Presentation- Sharon Cronin**

- Thank you to teacher liaisons who come to meetings
- Welcome to Melissa Pond who is a practicum teacher: She is taking on active research project on how to communicate through multimedia with our parent community. It is best to communicate with parents in the classroom.
- 3 questions for discussions:
  1. Prioritization of message: What would you like to know?
  2. Identify Barriers of communication about classroom learning and potential solutions
  3. How can the method of communication be made more engaging?
- Feedback will be shared in school council

**Rockyview Reads- Lindsay Adams:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year program has been running at Edwards.
- 100 Kids come from middle school and high school to read with kids 2 times a week.

- Looking for parents or community members to come and volunteer with kids and read with student for 30 mins once per week. French is not necessary if you are interested in volunteering. note This program is reading to the children not helping them build their literacy skills.

#### 4. School Report- Sharon Cronin

- This week has been French culture week. 400 students from AE Bowers will be attending assemblies on Thursday. This will be the first transition piece of bringing both schools together (transition plan). Student learning showcases happening next week Feb 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> School is preparing for transition of principle in month of February.

#### 5. Trustee Report- Todd Brand

- 3 school boards in Airdrie are close to coming into Joint Use agreement. School in Hillcrest has been moved by RVS to #1 priority. RVS updated all of their policies and replaced it with a new and updated policy manual. This new policy provides much needed clarification for our division and is intended to lead to more effective decision making procedures. Links to policies and procedure on RVS website
- Board Budget Priorities:
  - Tight budget for school this year:
  - Priorities this year for budget:
  - Direct classroom instruction
  - Literacy and numeracy and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills
  - School based Service for Inclusive learning environments
  - Specialize and wrap around services for students and complex and emotional needs

Windsong and Herons Crossing Attendance Area consultations:

Public consultations to discuss changes will take place on following dates:

Herons crossing School-Wednesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and West Airdrie-Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ A.E. Bowers School.

New schools and new attendance boundaries can be found on RVS website. Transition plans and activities are in place in all schools for upcoming school's revisions.

Rockyview schools has an ongoing commitment to providing a safe and caring environments for all students including those who identify as LGBTQ. New guidelines published by the Alberta government will not cause significant changes to current RVS policies and procedures.

## **6. Canadian Parents for French:**

Jackie Astrom-events coordinator. French Culture family evening tomorrow night. Performance for parents and members of the community.

March 16: Dr Katherine Mueller-talking about strategies for parents to help literacy development. Free for parents.

May 12: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual French Story night

More information can be found on Facebook page.

Canadian Parents for French membership 25 dollars per year or 60 dollars for 3 years. Fill out online form.

**Meeting Adjourned**