

Ecole Edwards School Council
Meeting Minutes
Nov. 22, 2017

The Parent School School Team: Chairperson – Melanie Gaze, Vice Chairperson – Corinna Vincent, Treasurer – Denise Deere, Secretary – Christie Jensen, PACE chairperson – Rebecca Nielsen, Fun Lunch – Jen Patterson & Nicole Dufort, Student Care – Nicole Walker.

Call to Order by Chairperson Melanie Gaze at 6:30pm

1. Peter shared an administration report

- population is 738
- KG FI (4 classes), KG Eng (2 classes) Grade 1FI (4 classes), Grade 1 Eng (2 classes), Grade 2FI (3 classes), Grade 2 Eng (1 class), Grade 2/3 FI Blend (1 class), Grade 2/3 Eng Blend (1 class), Grade 3FI (3 classes), Grade 3 Eng (2 classes), Grade 3/4FI (1 blended), Grade 4FI (3 classes), Grade 4 Eng (2 classes), Grade 5 FI (3 classes), and Grade 5 Eng (2 classes)
- Makerspace: Our new makerspace being developed is located in the former downstairs music room. Makerspaces provide hands-on, creative ways for students to design, experiment, and invent as they engage in science, engineering, and tinkering. This developing focus will necessarily include professional learning for staff and the incorporation of community partners and financial investment through the school for students to be able to pursue their creative interests, passions, and innovation potential. Many thanks to families that have also been donating materials for student creations.
- Annual School Results Report was presented. Ecole Edwards is doing well compared to other Rockyview schools and to the province. Of course there are areas to work on, great feedback tool as it comes from parents, teachers, students, and administration. Full survey will be on the website under publications by December.
- Gym Themes:
 - Sept - Locomotor skills (Learning Gym skills - safe movement)
 - Oct - Games (goal oriented)
 - Nov - Games (goal oriented)
 - Dec - Dance
 - Jan - Gymnastics (rhythmic/mat work)
 - Feb - Snowshoeing, Inuit games,
 - March - Gymnastics (large equipment)
 - April - Games - Parachute & Jump Rope for Heart; Rocks and Rings-curling
 - May - Games - net and wall
 - June - Individual activities: Track and Field
- Christmas concert coming up – Kindergarten on Monday Dec. 11th at 6:30pm. Gr. 1 Tuesday Dec. 12 1:30pm and 6:30. Gr. 2 and 2/3 Wednesday Dec. 13 at 1:30 & 6:30pm. Gr. 3/4 and 4 on Thursday Dec. 14 at 1:30 and 6:30pm. There will be a live streaming option. HELP NEEDED for set up on Friday December 8th after school.
- Having an Adopt-a-Family assembly on Dec. 4 led by the Grade 5's to get into the spirit of giving.
- Class excursions – Gr. 1 Brousseau delivered bags for the Food Bank, Kindergarten's went to Telus Spark, Gr. 5's are heading to Genesis Place for Active Living on Nov. 24, and Junior Choir will be performing at Bethany on Dec. 7.
- Staff Professional Learning for November: 8 Staff did Mind Up training, had Makerspace learning, learned about Power Teacher Pro a program used to share student progress on the Public Portal –

so teachers can put up assessment data and Joe Stouffer gave a presentation on focusing on identifying patterns in assessment data, to guide next steps in supporting the planning for reading instruction.

- Literacy Update: In order to have French sight word testing weekly again we need 4-5 volunteers. In the mean time words will be on the website.
 - Our School Psychologist, Michelle Deen, will be holding a parent evening to share information to support students experiencing stress and anxiety on January 25.
 - Public Portal, 361 families haven't signed in. This needs to happen as next year all demo info, all school paperwork will be through the portal. Teachers are working to learn how to put up assessment on the students and in the next year or two, the portal will be your one login for all school related newsletters, teacher blogs, etc. Please sign in.
2. Presentation – Our teachers presented BOKS – Building Our Kids Success – a physical literacy program that our school is going to try to start in the new year. Its goal is 60 minutes of intensity active 3 days a week. A letter will come home with students. There will need to be parent volunteers to run this in the gym before school for an hour of fun gym programs. It is a great way for children to get more active. The challenge is that our school is 60% bused children.
 3. A couple grade four students shared how they are active in school. They love the added recess and love gym. There are also math games and music has incorporated more movement into its programming to keep kids moving. Active play is important when young to help with the gross motor coordination like strength and balance, cross motor like climbing stairs, fine motor, social/emotional and cognitive development. These set you up for a lifetime of success and are really important in the younger years. New snow shoes, BOKS, trips to Genesis will be a fun way of getting more active this year.
 4. Sherri Wigmore, Gr. 1, shared that they have become Snow Angels. Canadian Tire has provided shovels and when it snows the kids are bundling up and going to shovel the neighbourhood. They are so excited.
 5. Christine O'Reilly, Gr. 5, shared about the Mobile Escape Bus (escape rooms) it came to the school and will be coming again, it is so cool for the kids to problem solve. Robots in Motion is a program to engage students in technology as are there many jobs in Can/USA that aren't being filled by its citizens in the coding field. It will be coming to our school once a week every couple months. Options start in term 2 and Christine teaches Technology as an option.
 6. Cookie Dough fundraiser is going well, with a good amount coming to us, approx. \$4800. November 9th is the pickup.
 7. Thank you to all parents who helped deliver a fine meal to the teachers on the showcase nights. The staff was over-the-moon delighted!
 8. Cookie Dough fundraiser went really well and we raised \$9213. The silent auction raised \$1820! Thank you parents for supporting school council. We endeavor to enhance the learning experience for our students! Fun lunch is going well, next one coming up is December 13 and its Extreme Pita.
 9. Canadian Parents for French is hosting the Emoji movie in french Friday Nov. 24 at AE Bowers.
 10. Todd Brand – Rocky View Schools trustee update – there will be school improvements happening to George McDougall's career and technology wing, Elbow Valley, Indus and Westbrook schools. The Capital plan is decided yearly and Airdrie might not have a site ready for a school but the next school will be Kings Heights. Langdon is on list first then Airdrie and Chestermere for new schools. Bill 28 is in readings, it is a bunch of School Act Amendments. The words 2.4km will be taken out of the act. Not sure what that will mean. They are trying to make changes to the way the school calendar is decided to make it more consistent and easier. We will have Todd for two years as our representative, then it will switch to Jim Forrest for 2 years and then Melyssa Bowen.

Next meeting is Jan. 24th at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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