

**Ecole Edwards School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 26, 2018**

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

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

1. Todd Brand – RVS Board Trustee, presented the RVSD Trustee report, agenda and Board of Trustees and Advocacy Positions information attached below.

2. Peter shared an administration report  
Current Student Population: 742

**Classes**

KG FI (4 classes), KG Eng (2 classes) Grade 1FI (4 classes), Grade 1 Eng (2 classes), Grade 2FI (3 classes), Grade 2 Eng (2 classes), (Grade 3FI (3 classes), Grade 3 Eng (2 classes), Grade 3/4FI (1 blend), Grade 3/4 Eng (1 blend), Grade 4FI(3 classes), Grade 4 Eng (2 classes), Grade 5 FI (3 classes), and Grade 5 Eng (2 classes)

**Staffing Update**

Mme Mills will be staying in her current position in Grade 2 FI. Mme Danielson will return in August 2019. We are currently in the process of finding a replacement for Mrs. Harris in grade 1 in anticipation of her upcoming maternity leave.

**Literacy Blitz**

Grade 1 and 2 students are enjoying an ongoing literacy blitz for a month in both our English and French Immersion classes! This means more adult working with small groups on targeted instruction with specific strategies to support the specific needs of students.

**Report Cards**

Term 1 has been a new journey this year with teachers sharing student learning through published assignments on the Public Portal. The report card for term 1 will come home on Friday to provide a more succinct, but clear picture of student progress especially in regards to literacy and numeracy.

**Christmas Concerts**

KINDERGARTEN-December 10, 6:30-7:00 PM (Please watch for more info from your Kindergarten Teacher)

GRADE ONE-December 11, 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM “Christmas on Candy Cane Lane”

GRADE TWO-December 12, 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM “TOYS!! The Night They Come Alive”

GRADE FOUR-December 13, 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM “The Great Big Holiday Bake Off!”

**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 – Outdoor Pursuits

#### Public Portal Update

During term 2 and 3 classroom teachers will be posting every two weeks with a focus on literacy and numeracy. Each teacher will continue to publish a minimum of eight assignments per term with grade teams communicating with grade teams setting publishing maximums based upon a collaborative team decision. Unfortunately, the automatic notifications will not work for elementary schools, so parents must rely upon logging in every two weeks to review any new published assignments.

#### Upcoming Special Events

1. Grade 1 Cedar Station Visit Nov. 26
2. Grade 3 Studio Bell Field Trip Nov. 29
3. Grade 5 Active Living Day at Genesis Place Dec. 11

#### Student Safety is Paramount

While we recognize our school can be a busy place at the start and end of our day it is most important that everyone appreciate the importance of student safety and respect the guidelines that serve to protect our students.

There is a raised crosswalk that separates staff parking from the family parking area between Edwards and ÉAMS. For the safety of our students any parking or movement through staff parking is strictly prohibited. To allow otherwise would put students at risk of potential danger from vehicles in part because of their age and size of our students.

Classroom teachers will be reviewing with students where to walk safely to avoid traversing the staff parking area. The intention is to ensure students safety. Families are advised to respect the signage in this area.

#### Adopt-A-Family

Our grade 3 classes are again taking the lead on Adopt-A-Family. Communication will come from classroom teachers regarding how our community can support this great gift of giving for the holiday season.

#### Future Presentations

Are there presentations that School Council feels would be valuable for future meetings? Thoughts for next Year? A presentation on the Public Portal may be helpful next year.

#### **3. Grade reports for Kindergarten and Grade 5 were presented.**

Kindergarten: students are learning letters and letter sounds, the recently went on a field trip to the Science Centre and this upcoming month will be donating toys to the Salvation Army

Grade 5: options start next semester, physical literacy day in December and they will be making Christmas cards for the drop-in shelter in Calgary

**4.** Cookie Dough Fundraiser raised a total of \$14,797. There will be an additional amount given as credit for the delay in shipping and missed labels on boxes. Funds from this fundraiser will go towards Trickster, Gade 4 ski trip and French Culture Week. The silent auction raised an additional \$1,310. Current financial report attached below.

**5.** A parent coordinator is needed for the music teachers for the concert preparation. Parent volunteers are needed for decoration set up on December 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm, please bring craft supplies/tools such as glue gun, scissors, etc if able to. December 7<sup>th</sup> for concert set up starting at 2pm. December 14<sup>th</sup> for concert tear down starting in the morning at 9am. Please sign up through sign up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4eabaf2eaaf94-christmas1>

**6.** Student Care – money raised for student care has been used for fruit for students and some field trips as well.

Next meeting is January 28, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the Learning Commons

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Contact Parent Council if you can help out on any committee, [eeschoolcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:eeschoolcouncil@hotmail.com) or on our Facebook page.

## **RVSD Trustee Report**

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### **École Edwards School**

**School Council - November 26, 2018**

**Trustee - Todd Brand**

#### **1. RVS Board Meeting Items**

##### **a. Prince of Peace**

- i. The current building that houses Prince of Peace is not owned by RVS and our lease is coming to an end at the end of this school year.
- ii. The Board has initiated a school closure investigation for Prince of Peace. This means the school could be closing at the end of this year but that decision has not been made.
- iii. The Board is looking at all viable options for this school, its students and its staff.

##### **b. Board Advocacy Positions**

##### **c. East Airdrie & Chestermere Area Attendance Boundary Consultations**

##### **d. Board Support for Alberta School Councils Association Annual Conference Attendance**

- i. The Board has dedicated \$8000 for school council members to offset costs for council members who would like to attend the ASCA annual conference in Edmonton on April 26-28, 2019.
- ii. Application information is available online

#### **2. Other Items**

##### **a. Four Year Planning Process**

- i. Thank you to all School Councils for providing input into our upcoming Four Year Plan.
- ii. The process for developing the 4YP continues.

#### **3. Questions/Concerns**

#### **4. Follow Up Items**



## Board of Trustees Advocacy Positions

2018/2019



As publicly elected officials to Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Board of Trustees, we are advocates for public education and are entrusted with the role of ensuring that appropriate supports are in place to meet the individual needs of students, whether they be teaching and learning resources, staffing, or facilities. Our service to the public requires that we identify, address, and seek resolution to educational issues, as well as work with the government to continually improve Alberta's K-12 system.

Our Board understands that enrolment growth and the increasing diversity of our classrooms and communities pose many opportunities and challenges for policy makers and educators alike. To nurture community ownership and enhance the value of public education, we are firm proponents that current investments reflect a balance between local needs and government priorities, thereby ensuring future growth and prosperity across Alberta.

Encouraged by the direction of government and its collaborative approach in working with all Albertans, we ask you to join our Board in advocating for our top three priorities:

### Equitable Access to Funding

*Identified as one of the lowest per student funded jurisdictions in the province, our Board believes that the Ministry should engage school authorities in a collaborative process to evaluate and redesign Alberta Education's funding formula to ensure equitable access to funding.*

Alberta Education's renewed funding framework was introduced in 1998, with the promise that school boards would have greater flexibility to allocate existing funds. At the time and over the past 20 years, a number of funding envelopes have been rolled into one basic grant, with few increases, and without analysis of spiralling costs in certain areas. Many other supplemental grants are based on outdated jurisdictional profiles and/or three-year averages, that do not reflect current enrolment levels. From the viewpoint that today's landscape and classrooms look very different than they did when the framework was built in the mid-90s, Alberta Education needs to work with boards in building a new model that reflects current educational practices, supports actual student enrolment levels and recognizes the real cost of operations.



## New Schools for Growing Jurisdictions

*As one of the fastest growing and fifth largest school boards in the province, our Board calls for capital approvals that are transparent, predictable and in alignment with a provincial four-year strategic program that clearly articulates the priorities in which school projects will be approved.*

With an annual enrolment growth of approximately 1000 students, RVS needs two new schools opening each and every year to ensure the jurisdiction has the space for students to learn. While appreciative to have received approval for new schools over the last decade, the reality is that student growth is rapidly outpacing the construction of new space. As the sole funder and decision-maker of capital projects, the Alberta Government should employ a transparent school and modernization approval process. This process would see predictable capital funds flow in accordance with a set of capital planning priorities for new schools and modernization projects to address growth. These priorities would be the main driver in the creation of a provincial four-year strategic program for new infrastructure. This plan would be updated annually to align with school boards' current capital plans and would allow for emergent issues to be addressed, while giving school boards a tool to use to develop student accommodation strategies.

## Provincial Review on Inclusion

*With an increasingly diverse student population, our Board advocates for a provincial review of funding and supports afforded for the implementation of inclusive education.*

Since Alberta moved to an inclusive education system in 2010, as called for in *Setting the Direction Framework: Government of Alberta Response*, the complexity of today's classrooms has dramatically changed. Disability rates for children have risen. Mental health issues in children and youth, too, have increased, as have the number of students and families who do not speak English. Although supportive of inclusion, our Board believes the additional pressure placed on today's inclusive classroom has made program planning and instruction more complex; in fact without corresponding increases in supports and services, students with complex needs are at-risk of falling through the cracks. Given that Alberta Education has not formally reviewed the success of its inclusive education system to-date, nor have funding increases strategically kept pace with the increased demands placed on teachers, the ministry should launch a formal review process in consultation with school authorities to ensure adequate funding and supports are in place for these vulnerable students.

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ÉCOLE EDWARDS SCHOOL COUNCIL FINANCIAL  
REPORT 2018/19 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT AS AT  
Nov 26/18

Funds remaining from 2016/17: \$11,021.80

**Fundraising Events: PROFIT**

Fun Lunch Fundraiser \$707.90

Cookie Dough Fundraiser \$14,797.80

Silent Auction \$1310.00

**TOTAL \$16,815.70**

**Funds paid out to date:**

Evergreen \$1,198.00

Active Living Days \$2,214.48

Calgary Reads Membership \$ 500.00

Trickster Theatre \$11,550.00

**TOTAL \$15,462.48**

**GRAND TOTAL \$12,375.02**