

Elizabeth Barrett School Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:30pm

Learning Commons

1) Call to order @ 6:34

2) Adoption of Agenda- Joy and 2nd Jen

3) Approval of Draft Meeting minutes from March 20, 2024 – Joy and 2nd Jen

4) Update from School Administration (Gerry)

- 2nd round of student led conferences in late March. Higher than usual for the 2nd time. Lots of lost and found claimed back from the lost and found.
- Today Grade 3 hosted assembly on Honesty. Did a great job. Really great watching the leadership from each grade when they are running the assembly.
- \$12 headphone from board school fees was requested
- Working through budgeting for next school year. Received budget template. 490 projected for students next year. 1 additional in FI and 1 additional English. Kindergarten reg likely around the 40 mark for each program (about 30 each right now). AM is the top requested.
- Live with bell tomorrow. Wind, kids etc sets off in the office with a “bell”. Working on some fine tuning around that. (Highschool front door will remain open). Positive feedback so far.
- “Rained in the office today”. A leak from blocked drainage things on roof.

5) Update from RVS Board (Fiona)

- School fees, transportations and community use fees goes forward to the board next week for the budget
- Schools allocated their budgets
- Funding budgets received from gov. 2.7% increase in instructional \$. 2.6% growth projected. Funding the growth but not the other increase in costs.
- Challenging decisions likely to be made to stretch the dollars
- Budget to board May 30th
- Capital plan: March 21 meeting looked at capital plan for next 3 years. March 2023 asked was found out about in Mar 2024. This year ask will then be found about in Mar 2025.

- Can review on website
- Cochrane: continued growth. Elementary and middle school. High school numbers are scary. Bow Valley especially- 120-140%. Cochrane High—
- Capital Plan 2026: request gov to fund high school for Cochrane. Earliest its ready is 2031. Site in Horse Creek area North of Heritage Hills. 30 acres for the high school. 160 acres town purchased for a sports area (30 for the school).
- Modulars for next year. Received 9 from gov. 3 tentatively for Fireside. 6 for Airdrie.
- Decision next week about Balancing Airdrie School Spaces.
- Another engagement about Ward boundaries in prep for the next prov election. Electoral ward boundaries: #'s are out of balance for each area. Cochrane is under-represented for its population. Currently 8 Wards. Cochrane is its own ward. Rural Cochrane is its own ward.
- A number of engagement sessions planned (See website)
- ? about consultation around Cochrane school boundaries. Nothing confirmed yet.
- School in Rivercrest to open in Sept 2027 so then may address boundaries then (K-8).
- Meeting with P Guthrie on Friday where this school will be discussed. P-3= Public Private Partnership- used to fund a lot of capitol projects lately. Essentially “renting” the school space. Max for capacity on building with P3’s presents some extra challenges (ie not allowed to add modulars).

6) EB Fundraising update

Numbers same as last time

7) School Business

- Volunteer Coordinator update/information
- Picture day- got just 2 parents out of 5 but it went okay. Still needing helpers with breakfast club etc but not a lot of takers.
- Hot lunch Coordinator update/ information

8) Old Business- Presented word pics to Gerry and Sara for Teacher Wellness Art.

- numeracy and literacy: Gerry feels more high school kids around to help with that lately. Perhaps there is another recruitment push in January?

8) New Business- Horse Creek site-letter put together to advocate for getting site ready to submit to TOC. Grades in EB now most likely to benefit from the new high school. To send letter: ? as a group or individuals. Fiona recommended sending from the parent council (representing 479 kids) might be most impactful. Sending ASAP as going to council beginning of MAY.

- May AGM: elections for parent council. Vice Chair still empty. Existing council members/ positions happy to stay in them for next year.

- Will be looking for people for fundraising committee.
- Kindergarten info night not yet scheduled: a good recruiting night.

9) Next Meeting: May 15, 2024 AGM: Joy to find 2023 AGM minutes.

10) Adjournment: 7:20