

## Elizabeth Barrett School Parent Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Attendees:

Joy, Collette, Chantelle, Gerry, Rhonda, Bonnie, Lisa Arsensault, Antoinette, Erika, Fiona, Angie, Sarah

1) Call to order @ 6:32

2) Adoption of Agenda: Chantelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Erica

3) Approval of Draft Meeting minutes from April 17, 2024 Rhonda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy

4) Update from School Administration (Gerry):

- As off today 472 (7 less than last June), reconfigured, 2 grade 1 & 2 and a combined ½ class.
- Several new staff members: MMD Kaminski (Airdrie), Ms Preston Gr 2, M Dobson ½, Gr3,

Mrs Melindy gr 3, Miss Kobi gr 4, Mrs Schramel learning support, Mrs Steel learning assistant, Miss Chanel New admin assist. Retirement Mme Louise FI: last day tomorrow. Replacement Mme Dawson starting in October- former FI teacher and will be learning support.

- Welcome back BBQ. Teachers felt mostly positive. Didn't see as much class traffic as expected. Food was good quantity- leftovers went to CHC and sold then donated to Terry Fox. Some ideas: drop in style vrs in class presentation times. Share information regarding what will be presented rather than just meet and greet. Bottle drop was successful for fundraising. Families enjoyed the "community" trip.
- Orange shirt day on Friday. Truth and Rec this week organized by committee in school. Try to embed activities throughout the year.
- Oct 11 PL day: Staff will be doing Truth & Rec at confluence in Calgary for session.
- Next PC meeting: RVS school planning.

5) Update from RVS Board (Fiona)

- Described summary of role at PC council meetings.
- Smooth start-up thus far.
- RVS continues to grow. Has hit the media. Lowest projection in several years 2.5% increase in RVS (750ish kids). Schools remain full. 93% full. 95% in Cochrane for school capacity.
- Will be getting more modules; 12 for the division. Money allocated to move 12 others. Discussion about where these will go; Cochrane: 3 to Fireside School, 2 to CCA.

- Tomorrow groundbreaking to Bow Valley High School: Minister of Transport and Education to attend
- Lobbying govt to get some of the funds budgeted to come to RVS.
- Looking forward: fall budget update. Numbers from Sept 30 used.
- Increase to base instructional grants so will be allocating that money.
- Electoral ward boundaries survey feedback. On RVS Engage
- Calendar survey: 25/26- 26/27. Will be shared next week at board meeting.

#### 6) EB Fundraising update

- Bottle drop. Haven't heard the dollar amount yet.
- Apples underway. Oct 22 pick-up.
- Art Card launch mid-Oct. Delivery in November

#### 7) School Business

- Volunteer Coordinator update/information-

Forms have been sent out. Half of what came back last year. Picture day filled today with volunteers. Library helping started, ice baggies 10/40 filled. Breakfast club: not as much help as previous. Anybody from 0815-9ish that will help in addition to later morning shift. Criminal record check needed if interacting with kids. Universal. Helping Hands, High School kids,

Parent appreciation night/ dinner. 4&5 of December. Timed with book fairs.

- Hot lunch Coordinator update/ information: Oct 18 start-up. School case. 4<sup>th</sup> vendor/ another pizza: Papa Johns. Every 2nd week is pizza, subway, pasta (BP's). Offering bread sticks and 2<sup>nd</sup> slice. Panago. Papa Johns will deliver for \$4. Will organize by classroom. Will be in the Fan-out. Starting with Subway. All prices stayed the same.

#### 8) Old Business- Storage room got cleaned out and shredded.

#### 8) New Business-

- still short a Vice-Chair. Someone is interested. Will table until next meeting. Double check timeline of when minutes need to be uploaded in order to access grants.
- Gerry asked about best way parents are receiving information: Fan-out, FB page, 2 FB groups (Chantelle) PC & Fundraising and a parent group page; Chantelle also shares to the parent FB group, Chantelle also shares from the school page. Read-a-thon, Apple recipes had good social media participation.
- Friday Fan-out working well.

- Chantelle: Zoom hybrid options not viable for Parent Council/ Fundraising meetings due to not enough consistent attendees.
- PC: we need to double check emails used for Parent Council.
- Need to discuss/ decide “What are we spending the money on”?

9) Next Meetings: Oct 16, Nov 20, Jan 15, Feb 26, Mar 19, April 16, May 21 (AGM).

10) Adjournment: 7:31