

Elizabeth Barrett School Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 6:30pm

1) Call to order: 6:33

2) Adoption of Agenda- Erica, Chantelle

3) Approval of Draft Meeting minutes from September 25, 2024:

Chantelle, Jen

4) Update from School Administration (Gerry)

School Education Plan 24/25

- 475 kids. Reviewed diversity profile.
- Student feedback per survey- Positive feedback: “breakfast club, feel safe, ice baggies, teachers are good at teaching, good place to make friends, support spaces. What can be improved: “phys-ed equipment, leadership opportunities, mentoring other students”
- Parent feedback- “teachers are invested, positive atmosphere, students are happy, student community engagement, breakfast program, opportunities for parents to be involved”. Improvement opportunity- “bus reliability and behavior, supports for additional needs, cleaning supplies, power school is challenging to access”
- Data positives: numeracy interventions, reading improvements (FI inc, Eng inc 10%), school attendance improvement 71.3% (up 15%),
- Goals: Writing must be focus, PBIS improve from 20%, continue to improve our attendance. Short Fridays tend to have increased absence rates.
- Fiona- numeracy can be tied to literacy. Gerry- Challenges just in test writing timing (ie grade 1 is first school experience and testing is September.
- Citizenship=high, Education & parental involvement= Very High
- Parental Involvement= significant improvement (from Grade 4 parents)
- Student Learning Engagement 73% (below province).
- 1st Goal- Divisional Goals= advancing numeracy and literacy. EB increase by 3%. 3 tests had improved results compared to last year.
- Strategies- Class reviews, leverage literacy teacher allocations (Eng Mrs. Wilton, FI Mme. Amanda), Target numeracy by implementing numeracy games kits, committee is working on examining data/ collaboration/ sharing best practices, PL development
- 2nd Goal- Building future ready students. EB increase staff knowledge of Truth and Understanding
- Strategies- PL learning, school wide learning of 7 grandfather teachings, intentional increase of visibility of Indigenous Ways of Knowing

- 3rd Goal- PBIS-goal to improve from 20-60%. Increased membership of PBIS committee. Dedicate time at each staff meeting to discuss PBIS (i.e. playground behavior/ bus riding safety & expectations).
- Parent Goals- read and play math games, volunteer, be involved. Engage in conversation about the grandfather teachings (i.e. assembly's), bus expectations.
- Mrs. Martin or Mrs. Royer for Indigenous teachings/ learnings/ ideas.

5) Update from RVS Board (Fiona)

- Board Strategic Plan (4 goals). All schools report results. AERR provincial document to reports on results/ goals/ plans from each school board. Submit by end of November.
- Launched consultation for Chestermere. Cochrane: "stay tuned" re enrollment and utilization.
- Erica asked about Greystone 5000-person development. Currently zoned for Glenbow. Space at Mitford but not at Bow Valley. Rivercrest has school designated.
- October- request to gov't for modulars. Anticipating more available in province.
- School calendar- draft 3 seems to be favorite. Will be in debate tomorrow. School start after labor day and no November break.
- Ward Boundary review- debate tomorrow in preparation for
- School transportation policy- policy vrs protocol (housekeeping). No changes to bussing. New regulations maybe from govt.
- Career opportunities for those with kids; Joy: thought visuals on the bus were great.

6) EB Fundraising update

- \$780 for bottle drive.
- Apples- 171 ordered. Increased from last year. Approx. \$1100. Apples will be delivered at Manachaban. Joy and kids will hand out at Manachaban.
- Art cards are out. Joy had sent out emails to teachers. Will be going home end of next week. Back on November 5. Will draft something to go in the fan-out.
- Hot lunch seems okay. First week this Friday.

7) School Business

- Volunteer Coordinator update/information
 1. Ice baggies are good for a while
 2. Library helper is filling- 4 in October are filled
 3. 1 person from community would like to help with breakfast club.
 4. Numeracy and Literacy tutoring: Mrs Wilton is planning on doing things differently. High school students will each be assigned to a class. 7 or 8 parents also interested. Chantelle directed them to reach out to their class teachers. Enquired about training program.

5. Breakfast club helper- a few spots filled but still need more. Chantelle will re-post and “plead”.
6. Picture re-takes- need to confirm dates to get volunteers-? Oct 28.
- Hot lunch Coordinator update/ information: Email report from Collette, “Hot Lunch starts this Friday with Subway to start things off. We don't have many volunteers signed up yet but the signup link was added to the Friday Fan out last week and I will check with Shelly to see if we can include it again this week. I was also given about 30 email addresses from Chantelle for those who had indicated they were interested in helping out. I sent out an email to everyone on that list last week with the volunteer instructions and sign up link. Hopefully we will see some more people signing up, I will be keeping an eye on things to see how it goes.

8) Old Business-Vice Chair position still available, Parent council emails- Joy has, uploading of minutes from 2023-2024 school year/ drive access- Joy will look for it, what are we spending money on that is in the account (\$500 grant)- needs to go toward to parent engagement. Fiona has the funding manual (November).

8) New Business

9) Next Meeting: November 20

10) Adjournment 7:37