

Elizabeth Barrett School Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @6:30pm

Learning Commons

Attendees: Collette, Erica, Gerry, Joy, Chantelle, Anntoinette and Fiona

1) Call to order @ 6:30pm

2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Erica moves to accept and Joy seconds

3) **Approval of Draft Meeting minutes** from March 19, 2025:

Chantelle moves to accept and Colette seconds

4) Update from School Administration (Gerry):

- grade 3 concert went really well, music teachers do an amazing job
- over the last month working with common numeracy and literacy goals
- has been PD focus both at dedicated PD and some release time during school
- goal is consistent school wide practices, big influx of resources to support (Erica spoke to the resources being used are really good for quick effective tools)
- it will be the framework in place going forward (currently 10 in RVS) – they has been a marked improvement to consistency and buy in
- there is temporary extra support (ELA in FI classes), Mrs Schraml transitioning to a coaching role, Mrs Edwards is back as learning support
- results from January assessments is slow coming out to parents to ensure data presented is accurate, it will be in Powerschool after Spring Break (from Central Office)
- results show 'at risk' or 'not at risk/requires additional support' (top 75% not at risk, bottom 25% are not – full province data set, not by school)
- discussion to the validity of the 75/25 provincial number and the potential misunderstanding that could come from the data
- grade 4's doing OUR SCHOOL survey – how kids are feeling about and are connected to their schools

5) Update from RVS Board (Fiona):

- budgets and capital plans being ironed out
- approx. 2.5 % increase in budget (enrollment growth) but also a close to that growth
- maintained budget (no cuts but no extra funding)
- board to approve budget at the last meeting in May (shuffles not cuts – use resources as best as you can)
- tomorrow is approval of school fees, community use fees and transportation fees (early bird discount in the talks) at the board meeting
- change in walk zone staying the same (no changes implemented when it was talked about)

- Capital plans priorities approved in March and now 2 Cochrane schools are in the top 3, this will be the ask in Budget 2026 (Town has committed to having the high school site shovel ready by the end of construction season)
- growth is slowing but need is still there and advocacy plans will continue
- Bill 51 will change the names of private school to independent school, change to Trustee removal (no longer a power of the board), real property (government owns it and the school division will lease it) and around a student's right to education during a state of emergency (government is moving ahead with lots of changes)
- Erica asked about portables, requests will be addressed shortly (by the end of April)

6) EB Fundraising update

7) School Business

- Volunteer Coordinator update/information-
 - crickets, tough to get people in to volunteer
 - class picture day had 1 parent that signed and had 2 that showed up
 - in the Fan Out
 - will change the items for breakfast club, now come for 8:30am setup, hand out and clean up
 - discussed how to entice people in with rewards (deemed too tricky to track)
 - low volunteer rate is consistent across all schools (we are actually doing OK in comparison)
- Hot lunch Coordinator update/ information
 - rolling along, 7 Fridays left
 - Colette has an idea of someone to shadow/take over (at least for 2nd half)
 - volunteer positions are filled

8) New Business- none

9) Next Meeting AGM May 21, 2025

- date to go out in Fanout starting this week and then a separate email in AGM (combine with a volunteer ask)
- all council positions staying (room to add a vice chair position)
- Chantelle and Colette returning

10) Adjournment 7:30pm