

Eastview Middle School Council

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven territory to the South of the Red Deer River. We acknowledge and give thanks to the many First Nations, METis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

EVMS Enhancement Society

Call to order at 7:02 pm

In virtual attendance: Shelley Odishaw, Kimberly Toovey, Candice Bowie, Jonathan Brown, Kevin Robertson, Cathay Peacocke, Carly Gillis

1. Approval of Minutes (from Nov. 2020)-motion to approve by Candice, Kimberly seconded
2. Approval of Agenda- Approval of Agenda by Jonathan and Candice
3. Treasurer's report- Accounts: Peace of Mind/community account \$4280.24. Casino account-\$0. GIC account \$20 678.30.
Cheques were written for Christmas Hamper program (\$500.00) and for the purchase of chrome books for the school (\$25, 691.40)
4. Casino report- We heard from the AGLC and a 3rd quarter casino is not going to happen.
5. Fundraising- we discussed that fundraising at this time is difficult due to COVID restrictions, and also may put additional financial stress on families to donate money. We will continue to revisit this discussion in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

EVMS School Council Meeting

Call to order at 7:12 PM

1. Approval of Minutes (from Nov. 2020)- motion to approve by Candice, Kimberly seconded
2. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve by Candice, Kimberly seconded
3. Trustee's report/ Q and A- City-wide has been postponed until they can meet in person. They will be planning for programs and services.
Board met with our two MLAs just before Christmas.
School council did not have any further questions for the trustee at this time.
4. Teacher's report- Carly Gillis
Online learning went very smoothly. Engagement was good and attendance was great. The teachers thank the parents for their help and support of their kids' learning. When a student was not in attendance, powerschool would send out a message to the parents and within 5-10 minutes that student was logged in online! Teacher's were impressed

with the quality of work that was done. It was a very smooth transition back to in-person learning. Kids were already back on schedule, which was very nice. COVID has presented a lot of challenges for the teachers, however, it has also brought them together and working as a team. They worked collectively to prepare for online learning and were able to use each other's strengths to help bring it all together.

The teachers are all very appreciative of the new chromebooks! It has made the classrooms work more effectively and more safely with COVID precautions. The chromebooks will not have as much wear and tear on them with less handling as well.

5. Principal's report- Kevin Robertson

Once again, he would like to celebrate the great EVMS staff for all of their collaboration and great work with online learning. He is very proud of the staff and impressed by the amazing job that they have done. He would also like to give a special shout out to Mr. Clevette for the outstanding job he has done as the Tech Lead for the school. He has been incredible in this role and has put a lot of hard work into creating the EVMS virtual awards shows, as well as his continued commitment to creating the EV news. If you haven't been following the EV news on Facebook, you need to check it out!

Changes for Term 2 have included a schedule where it is all Day Ones for the first half of term, and all Day Twos for the last half of term. This was done for a couple of reasons:

- a) Reduced the amount of kids the option teachers were exposed to by HALF.
- b) Reduced the amount of different students that kids were exposed to by 40%.

So far, they have been hearing positive things from the students. They get into a groove doing the same classes everyday (especially in shop class and art, etc where they are working on various projects)

Accountability Pillar surveys- looking towards a February launch

PRIDE values- Leadership classes are starting to help out with some upcoming Spirit Days. The first one is Friday, Jan. 22-students are to wear the school colors of blue and gold to school. Near the end of the year, there will be video discussions of the PRIDE values for students. The school is also looking at celebrating more students with upcoming awards. This will be in addition to the PRIDE award that is given out for each classroom every Term.

With regards to the chromebooks- once again, the staff is so appreciative and this has proven to be a very helpful addition to the school. Mr. Robertson met with Crystal Pell and they found ways to reallocate funds (from the bus budget and furniture budget) to go ahead and purchase an additional 2 more carts of chromebooks for the school. The goal is to try to get closer to the ratio of 1 chromebook per student. They have achieved this now with the grade 7 and 8 classrooms. The grade 6s have access to a lot more chromebooks as well. Thank you to the School Council for their donation to help support this.

Clubs and sports are still on hold as RDPD continues to follow the government's public health guidelines.

Lastly, the staff would like to thank the Student Council for the coffee delivery that happened at the end of Term 1 in December. This was part of their Teacher Appreciation and they were all happy to receive their Tim's beverages.

6. City-wide report- Postponed until they can meet in person. Upcoming dates were tentatively set at: Feb, 2021- Alternative School Centre
March 9, 2021- Annie L. Gaetz
May 11, 2021- Fairview

7. ASCA

1. School council discussed and answered the SCETF (School Council Engagement Task Force) questions with regards to “Professional Conduct and Competence of Teachers”. School council’s feedback is compiled and submitted to ASCA and assists in their consideration on education issues in Alberta.

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Meetings scheduled for:

March 24, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

+/- June 16, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.