

Eastview Middle School Council
Wednesday, Sept 23, 2020

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 all 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 attendance: Shelley Odishaw, Kimberly Toovey, Candice Bowie, Colleen McLarty, Sheila Fowler-Green, Kevin Robertson, Cathy Peacocke, Jonathan Brown (virtually), Crystal Pell (virtually)

1. Approval of Minutes (from Feb. 2020) - motion to approve by Colleen, Candice seconded.
2. Approval of Agenda - Approval of Agenda by Candice and Kimberly seconded.
3. EVMS Enhancement Society elections

Chair- Kimberly nominated Shelley Odishaw and Jonathan seconded. Shelley Odishaw accepted position as the Chair.

Vice-chair- Kimberly nominated Candice Bowie and Colleen seconded. Candice Bowie accepted position as the Vice-Chair.

Treasurer- Shelley nominated Jonathan Brown and Kimberly seconded. Jonathan Brown accepted position as the treasurer.

Secretary- Candice nominated Kimberly Toovey and Colleen seconded. Kimberly Toovey accepted position as the secretary.

EVMS Enhancement Society executive 2020-2021:

Chair- Shelley Odishaw

Vice-chair- Candice Bowie

Treasurer- Jonathan Brown

Secretary- Kimberly Toovey

4. Treasurer's Report - Accounts: \$31, 311.64: Peace of mind/community account \$7,207.21. Casino account \$24,104.43 The GIC was not included in the report, but it is approximately \$20,000. Therefore, the accounts total is closer to \$51, 311.64. Pending cheque will be issued in the amount of \$840.00 for insurance once Jonathan receives the invoice from Marsh insurance. Insurance will be active Oct. 1st.

This would normally be our year to do a casino, however, due to COVID, we are unsure if this will be happening. We should know more later this year.

The Society did an audit prior to March 20, 2020, and everything checked out with regards to the accounts

5. Casino report

a. Spending of Proceeds- Kevin Robertson put forward the school's need for chrome books. At present, there are 463 chrome books and 564 students. This means sharing chrome books and more moving around. Chrome books are \$321.30/piece. \$1300/cart for storage.

Thoughts regarding buying a new bus. Decided it was not a good use of funds. (update from last year's minutes: the middle schools decided to keep their buses and, therefore, Eastview still has their old bus. Obviously, we are unable to use it at this time due to COVID)

Following the discussion, Kimberly made a motion for \$25,600 to be donated to the school for the chromebooks, if the AGLC approves. Candice Bowie seconded. A letter will be sent to AGLC and we will wait for the reply.

5. Other business:

a. Benevolent Fund \$4500

b. Breakfast program \$34 and vending machine money \$1000 (vending machines are not in use at this time due to COVID) Grant for the school. This money is used for the breakfast program, which looks a lot different this year. Kevin acknowledged that Tracy Beingessner, an EA at our school, has single-handedly spearheaded this breakfast program. She provides a bin of breakfast snacks that is brought to each core classroom. She even provides homemade baking that she does herself! Thank you for the great job, Tracy!

NOTE: The school is also accepting donations of individually wrapped breakfast snack items/or cash for the breakfast program.

c. Teacher appreciation- After a discussion of what to do for the teachers, Kimberly motioned that we donate \$100 to get drinks for all the teaching staff from Tim Horton's. This will take place at the end of each term.

d. Fundraising- the council will start to think about fundraising ideas and bring them forward at the next meeting for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

EVMS School Council Meeting

Call to order at 7:42 pm

1. Approval of Minutes. Candice motioned. Colleen seconded.
2. Approval of Agenda. Kimberly motioned. Colleen seconded. Agenda approved.

Candice motioned that the same executive from the EVMS Enhancement Society be the EVMS School Council Executive. Colleen seconded. Motion carried.

3. Trustee's report Cathy Peacocke: Cathy is the liason for Eastview. She started by recognizing staff in the district. She discussed the importance of staff wellness and mental health. She reported that there have been two positive cases of COVID within the RDPSD. One case at Vista Grande and one at Lindsey Thurber. The schools specifically contacted the families impacted prior to sending out a letter to all the families that attend the schools. Therefore, if you receive a letter, than your family is not directly affected at that time.

Cathy made special mention of Bill Christie, who was a Red Deer Public School board trustee, who passed away this past July. She fondly remembered his contribution to Red Deer's public education and stated that he always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. RDPSD will not be holding a bi-election at this time. They will just run as a six person board until the municipal election October 18, 2021.

Cathy also made special mention of Brianne Bancroft, who is a grade 7 teacher at Eastview that was nominated for the Edwin Parr Award, which is a first year teaching award. Great work, Brianne!

4. Principals's Report

Kevin began by stating that this has been a great start to the year. Students appear happy and excited to be back. It is so great to see them. The kids have been fantastic with wearing their masks. He is very proud of the work that teachers are doing. The student census is 564 with 40 at home learning. Class sizes are about 23/24 for grade 6s, 24/25 for grade 7s, and 27/28 for grade 8s. New staff are Kyrissa Pederson in grade 7 math/science. She is partnered with Amber Taylor and is fitting in well. Welcome, Kyrissa!

Priorities this year are 1) safety of staff and students-routines are going well so far 2) focus on relationships - time away has made that more clear this past year 3) here for learning

Kevin stated that the teachers did a great job of the “meet the teacher” online. The collaboration and team work has been awesome!

Update on athletics: they will be coming up with a proposal end of this week or next week as to how they plan to move forward. There will be cohorts of 50. 4 schools with 12 players and 3 schools with 15 players for city-wide volleyball. Looking at the end of October and running until the 4th/9th of December. Junior teams will play during lunch hour. Transportation will need to be worked out. Stay tuned. The gym has been getting a new floor and the renovation should be completed by the end of October! The running club should be getting started in mid-late October as well.

There was a discussion regarding P.R.I.D.E. and how students are expected to live up to that mantra. The result is that suspensions have been down significantly in numbers! There has been a remarkable turnaround since the introduction of the advisory program in fall 2018. It has had a positive impact on school culture. COVID has impacted the advisory program this year, but they are exploring ways to move forward.

School Education plan/Pillar report: Kevin went through the Pillar report card and he stated that it is fantastic! The full report will be available on the Eastview website by October 1st.

There are six core characteristics for learning for life: respectful, curious, responsible, collaborative, resilient, and healthy. Eastview is working on strategies to incorporate these core values for learning and life into our embedded EV P.R.I.D.E.

5. City-wide dates

- a. October 13, 2020- Vista Grande
- b. November 17, 2020- Lindsay Thurber
- c. January 19, 2021 - Alternative School Centre
- d. March 9, 2021 - Annie L. Gaetz
- e. May 11, 2021 - Fairview

We need to have a representative attend these city-wide meetings. Candice stated that she is happy to go. There will be an election this fall in October. The chair and vice-chair will be changing.

6. ASCA

a. School Council Engagement Task Force “School Re-entry and Re-entry Planning”. Questions not due until November.

b. The ASCA conference scheduled for April 24-26, 2020 was cancelled. Since there wasn't an AGM in April, there will be a virtual General Meeting October 17, 2020 where resolutions will be voted on. Shelley will be going as ASCA VP, but Krista Neidert will also likely be attending this. Shelley will confirm that Krista is willing to be ASCA rep for Eastview, because Krista is not here this evening. Resolutions <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice>. Parent council went over these resolutions during the council meeting last February and voted yes/no whether they agreed with them or felt they required further discussion at the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020 at 7 PM in the EMS school library.

Everyone is welcome to attend!