

Eastview Middle School Council

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 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 7:01 pm

In virtual attendance: Shelley Odishaw, Kimberly Toovey, Candice Bowie, Kevin Robertson, Cathy Peacocke, Stacey Alexander, Brianne, Krista Niedert, Julia Ibanescu,

1. Approval of Minutes (from Oct 2020) - motion to approve by Candice, Krista seconded.
2. Approval of Agenda - Approval of Agenda by Krista and Candice seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report - Accounts: Peace of mind/community account \$7,207.21. Casino account \$23,264.43 GIC account \$20, 678.30. \$25,691.40 was promised to be donated towards purchasing new chrome books for the school.
4. Casino report - at this time we are expecting to have our casino held in the first quarter of 2021. However, this may change with future COVID restrictions.
5. Other business
  - a. Teacher appreciation- this will look different this year due to COVID restrictions. Kevin will be gathering the teacher's coffee order by Nov. 30th. Kimberly volunteered to take the order and deliver it to the school on Dec. 4th.
  - b. Christmas Hamper- fifteen families will be provided with Christmas Dinner and a gift for everyone in the household. Donations for this will be through the students core teacher teams. Motion for \$500 to be donated from the Peace of mind account towards the Christmas Hamper by Kimberly and Candice seconded.
  - c. Fundraising- We discussed that doing a fundraiser immediately before Christmas could be an issue for some people financially. There was a fundraising idea brought up that involved families donating their gently used items (clothes, household items, toys, etc) to the school. Arrangements are made for a truck to be at the school to collect the items and money is received based on the amount of donations. There was a discussion about a few other COVID friendly fundraising ideas. We will revisit some of these ideas at the next meeting in January. When and if we decide to fundraise after the holidays, we will decide what the money will be raised for. Likely the breakfast program or the benevolent fund, etc.

b. Breakfast program- this program is being utilized more than ever this year! Generally the school spends approximately \$2000 on this program. This year it will be closer to \$5000. Tracy Beingessner and Crystal Pell were able to get a \$2500 grant to help support this important program. NOTE: EV families are encouraged to donate money or individually wrapped breakfast snacks if they are able to support the program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

### EVMS School Council Meeting

Call to order at 7:42 2pm

1. Approval of Minutes. Candice motioned. Krista seconded.

2. Approval of Agenda. Kevin wants to make an amendment to the agenda on a go forward basis that there will be a teacher's report prior to the principal's report. Kimberly motioned. Colleen seconded. Agenda and amendment approved.

3. Trustee's report - Cathy Peacocke

a. RDPSD student enrollment is down. In regards to the budget, we saved money in the spring, however, extra costs this fall may mean we end up oweing the federal government money.

b. There are plans for a retreat in February to review service for future planning.

c. City-wide meets next on Jan. 19th. It will be a school administration meeting.

There will also be an elections package available next February for anyone interested in running to be on the RDPSD board.

d. There will be no PATs this year. This is related to the impact that COVID has had on student attendance.

The RDPSD board is very grateful for the extra hard work the teachers have been doing this year with the current pandemic.

4. Teacher's Report- Stacey Alexander

Although the extra work due to COVID has been tiring, the teachers are observing that everyone (teachers and students) are happy and doing well!

5. Principals's Report - Kevin Robertson

a. In lieu of a Remembrance Day assembly, there was a video for the students and staff to watch. The video was created by Erin Black and Bruce Buruma from the RDPSD communications department. It very well done and very much appreciated!

b. Volleyball had a great start, but unfortunately is paused due to COVID restrictions. All clubs are also on hold at this time.

c. Language art teachers are testing reading levels. They use the results of testing to plan appropriately for interventions if needed.

d. Kevin visited all the classrooms to discuss access to lockers to store winter gear, reinforce mask usage, and to communicate to students how proud he is of how well they have done in this year that has been full of challenges!

e. Review of the EVMS School Results report with school council. The school takes this report and uses it to target interventions and affect change. School census was 590 students last year. This year we have 568 (45 at home). Last year there were 31 teaching staff and we have 30 this year. There was some missing data for the report because there were no PATs or surveys completed last spring. However, there were great results with academics and Eastview has been consistently above the provincial average. The school continues to emphasize literacy and numeracy by exploring best practices such as Raz reading, comprehension, literacy and numeracy boot camps, and reading period. This year, Sheila Fowler Green has come on staff and is working with students and teachers targeting fundamental skills (multiplication tables). EV received the highest score for citizenship in the past five years. There was high achievement in regards to EV being viewed as having a safe and caring education environment. Suspensions have been reduced by 50% and there have been improved connections within the school. PRIDE mantra has helped this significantly. This year the school has been missing connections with advisory classrooms. They plan to try to do something with this in the new year.

In regards to equity, Eastview has scored high in the number of teachers, parents and students that feel there is an equitable, safe, and respectful environment at the school and there continues to be improvement in this area. FNMI coordinator, Carly Gillis continues to do a great job with programs to support FNMI.

The full report, with analysis and actions for academics, citizenship and equity, will be available on the EVMS website as of Nov. 20th. New district goals are on student success and completion. There have been learning gaps due to COVID. They will be targeting universal interventions to close those gaps.

6. City-wide report- meeting was held on Nov. 17th at Lindsey Thurber.

- a. Superintendent Erickson gave a COVID update.
- b. Trustee Buchanan gave a board update.
- c. ASCA VP Odishaw gave an ASCA council update.

Next meeting is Jan. 17th at the Alternative School Centre.

6. ASCA

a. School Council Engagement Task Force "School Re-entry and Re-entry Planning". Questions were given to the school council and discussed. The topic was the new Weighted Moving Average Funding Model that was recently brought in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7 PM. This will likely be a virtual meeting as well.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

