

Elizabeth Rummel School Council & Foundation

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

In-Person - 6:30 pm

Chair - Trevor

Vice-chair - Vacant

Secretary - Kristen

Fundraising Coordinator - Amy & Jaimie

Pizza/Volunteer Coordinator - Laurin

Grant Coordinator- Vacant

Social Media - Vacant

Treasurer - Joanna

Present in Person	Present Virtually	Absent
Trevor Rogers Joanna Burrell Kristen Hosford Jaimie Beaton Brian Wityshyn Nicole Skwara Amy Osbaldeston Robin Dennise	Michelle Nugent Dale Craig Lana Hettinga	Laurin Duncan

	Action
1.	<p>Meeting called to order at 18:32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introductions- Welcome new members b. Approval of this Agenda- Approved c. Approval of past minutes- Approved
2.	<p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Education Planning Protocol Parental Pulse: Online Survey Completed by Parent Council b. Ms. Kat Success Coach at ERS with Right from the Start Alberta Health Services Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCB) Program. Blend of AHS/ Alberta Education funding, wellness not only for students, but also families, schools, teachers & community. Visits classrooms to promote mental health using tools such as Zones of Regulations & Superflex. Available to help students with social concerns primarily focusing on communication skills. Happy for possible parent workshop in the future. Encourages questions and family involvement with concerns. If concerns are

out of her scope she is well connected with community resources and would work to network into the next steps.

3.

Past Business

1. Dance Party:
 - a. Maximum event time 1.5 hours total
 - b. Pick a date and confirm availability. Plan for Friday Dec 8th 6:30-8pm. Beach themed with short film 20-30 minutes viewing, movie snacks, followed by music and dancing
 - c. Trevor will put together communication regarding a change to the movie night structure and parental expectations
 - d. "Movie" Options Movie License all set to go for streaming. Unable to download ahead of time.

2. Colibri Bags:

Successful. 93 orders placed. Products expected to arrive by the end of November then families will be contacted for distribution. \$683 funds raised. Straightforward and streamlined fundraiser, would recommend in future.

3. Movie night license: good to go

4. Childcare for meetings:
 - a. EAs? No interest at present from EAs. Potential to recruit older siblings or community childcare providers, CCH students may be looking for volunteer hours.

5. Ms. Kat Workshop:

Nicole will send out a poll to parents to gauge interest in a parent learning evening using Google Forms to determine the most sought after topics.

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New Business

1. Save-On Gift Cards

Email has been distributed to school families. Large order through PEKA already submitted. Note to reach out to them earlier next year to be able to put order in for Save-On's November deadline.

2. Warm Clothing Supply

ERS currently has a lending library of warm winter clothing. Clothing may also be given away to families at teacher's discretion. Grace & Nicole will go through the current inventory. Expected needs of winter boots, waterproof mitts, snowpants (many jackets currently still in good condition). Council will review if additional warm clothing is required following the call for donations. Potential purchasing leads at Abominable Sports Canmore & Ultimate Sports Banff.

Of note for council & school staff, Jacket Frost forms need to be completed by the end of September; as such some of our families missed the deadline this year.

3. Classroom Photos

Lifetouch historically has donated them. There has been a change in management and our contact person, so Grace has contacted them to see if they will become available. This year they only came for students who ordered printed packages. In past they were given to all students. Nicole will follow up.

5.

Information / Discussion

1. Playground Chatter

Some parents have voiced feelings of being pressured to purchase and/or participate in school fundraising events. Plan to conglomerate all remaining planned fundraising events in a document at the next meeting. This document will include a note thanking families for their participation but also clarifying that there is no expectation to participate unless it works for their family. Also with a list of fundraisers, families can plan and choose what they may wish to take part in. Next year we can build off this with an email at the beginning of the school year listing all expected parent council fundraising events and preamble.

2. Principal Report

- ❖ Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) has kicked off with great activity and excitement for staff and students with day trips to the OLC site.
- ❖ Remembrance Day Assembly was held successfully.
- ❖ Winter concerts will be happening Dec 13 at Lawrence Grassi featuring grade 2s & 3s with collaboration of LGMS grade 4s & 5s. Hopefully this will aid with future transition to middle school. Kindys back to Banff Springs for their winter concert.
- ❖ Music room instruments and room refreshing requested
- ❖ Picnic tables have arrived and crash mats have been ordered.
- ❖ Purchase requests in the library (especially upstairs area) for art, couches, reading chairs.
- ❖ Prof Learning Days were focused on literacy & positive behaviour
- ❖ Council Grant (\$500): sent to Jackie. She will apply on behalf of parent council.

3. Treasurer Report

Account balances as of Oct 31st, 2023:

Casino account has \$2.43

Fundraising account now has:

- \$10,852.08 cash
- \$45,000 in 1 year GIC at 4% interest at 1 year term (Oct 19, 2024)
- \$10,000 in 1 year GIC at 2.5% redeemable at 1 year, 1.25% if redeemed early
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Expenses include pizza day, apple fundraiser, and school purchases as follows:

- \$800 books
- \$500 online books memberships (Raz-kids)
- \$400 art supplies
- \$170 kindy packages
- \$2,800 library chairs, wall decals, and book bags

4. Fundraising Report

No updates besides discussed above

5. Volunteer Coordinator Report

No updates

6. Grants Coordinator Report

No updates

7. Social Media Report and Requests

No updates

8. Chair/Vice Chair Report,

Council of Councils for CRPS will take place Nov 30, 2023 in Canmore with the board of trustees.

Council is asked to bring 2 stars & 1 wish.

STARS:

- Investment piece of account funds
- Pizza fundraiser (positivity through food, community building involvement of parent volunteers, increasing exposure to classrooms, ensuring there were no financial barriers as the only kids who chose not to participate did not care for pizza, supports local business)

WISH: Music program to be refreshed

Trevor & Joanna to attend. There will be another Council of councils meeting in Spring 2024.

6.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 20:05

Next meeting December 12, 2023

Action Items

Brian

- **check on Dec 8th Gym availability for Dance Party**

Trevor

- **movie night communication structure & parental expectations**
- **Attend Council of Councils with Joanna**

Nicole

- **send out Google Forms for parent learning evening with Ms. Kat**
- **follow up on classroom pictures**
- **With Grace take inventory of winter loaner clothing**

Joanna

- **Attend Council of Councils with Trevor**
- **Obtain float for movie night**