



# Eleanor Hall School Council Minutes

Date: February 23, 2023

Attendance
Marnie Hoetmer (Chair), Jolene Lawrence (Secretary), Nadine Marchand (Administrator), Maureen Schnirer (PHSD Trustee), Michelle Savoie (teacher), Jillian Rauscher (teacher), Jantea Vandervelde (director), Jenna Pudlowski (parent), Michelle Bottriell (parent), Janina Zarowny (parent)

1. Call to order, Welcome, & Introductions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:02 pm</li> </ul>

2. Approval of the Agenda	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jolene, Jantea</li> </ul>	

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Jan 26, 2022 Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jantea, Jolene</li> </ul>	

4. Old Business	Action
<p>a. Meals for Parent-Teacher Interviews on March 7 &amp; 9: if anyone would like to do a meal on March 9<sup>th</sup>, it is still available</p> <p>a. Spring Fundraiser: June 1 is the talent show so we can do some fundraising in association with that. Some ideas on how we can fundraise at this event is to raffle off gift baskets &amp; serve treats and drinks at the talent show. More ideas would be welcomed.</p> <p>b. Connection in Color Art Fundraising Program: approval was given to go ahead with this fundraiser and so we will get started on this right away.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jolene will contact Ion print solutions to send us the templates and get started.</li> </ul>



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5. Enhancement Update	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Account funds: \$19 134.35; Casino funds: \$5539.89 Total balance: \$24 674.24</li> <li>Future hot lunches schedule:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ March- taco in a bag</li> <li>▪ April -pizza</li> <li>▪ May -burgers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

6. Administration Report	Action
See attached report	

7. PHSD Trustee Update	Action
See attached report	

8. Date of Next Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom</li> </ul>	

9. Adjournment	Action
Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm	

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jolene Lawrence

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Trustee Report**

**Maureen Schnirer**

**Pembina Hills East Ward 1**

**February 23, 2023**

The Pembina Hills Board of Trustees had the opportunity to visit and tour the Swan Hills School and Fort Assiniboine School on Wednesday, February 8, starting the day in Swan Hills. Swan Hills School tour, Principal Sheila Gardiner provided an overview of the school's history, highlighting the school's literacy, numeracy and student well-being goals as well as some of the challenges the school is facing. Gardiner notes her pride in her staff and their flexibility, often going above and beyond to help in a variety of ways.

Principal Gardiner and Associate Principal Kara King provided a tour of the school where Board members and Superintendent Michael Borgfjord visited classrooms, chatted with students, saw some of the work being done in the school and some of the different programming options the Junior and Senior High students have.

The Board also met with a group of students to answer questions, hear any concerns and ask their own questions. And last, but not least, the Board enjoyed the musical stylings of the school's handbell group.

Fort Assiniboine School tour, Principal Lorna Hiemstra provided an overview of FAS, noting the literacy work and growth taking place in the school. She also highlighted the tremendous support and involvement the school receives from the surrounding community — from the School Council, volunteers, businesses and beyond — the school is proud of its strong connection with the community. Hiemstra also remarked on her pride in staff, some of the challenges of a rural school and the success of the CTF (Career and Technology Foundations; the foundation for senior high Career and Technology Studies 'CTS') programming available at the school. She also outlined some of the unique projects the school has — from fish hatching

and adopting a cow to the student-led hydroponics project where they have grown vegetables.

All school calendars for 2023/2024 were approved.

Ministers Youth Council Recruitment open from February 15 – March 24 for the 2023/2024 year. Upto 40 students from across Alberta. Please promote to your networks.

Alberta Government increasing additional supports for students with low incidence from 1. 8 million to \$5 million.

Alberta Government adding \$10 million for Grade 1 literacy and numeracy. School authorities have the flexibility to design programming that best meets local needs and calendars.

Nutrition program funding information was reported on and reviewed.

CONEX “Addictions Don’t Discriminate” Westlock Youth Centre, May 16-18 dates tbd. Target group, Grade 9 and up, adult community members.

ATA luncheon was attended during the Teachers Convention, great keynote speaker

Wellness Champions Meeting attended

## February 2023 Principal's Report School Council

- The candy grams we did for Valentine's Day this year were a great success. Thanks to Mrs. Savoie and the Grade 9s for doing this. It is a Grade 9 Farewell fundraiser.
- It was Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday. It is a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to show they are against bullying and to encourage treating others with kindness and respect.
- We had an assembly today to honour our Grade 2 Citizenship award winner Emily Edroff. Maureen was there to present the award to her. The students also watched an award-winning CGI short on Kindness/Inclusion inspired by a true story and the grade 3s performed "Gitsigakomin" which is a Blackfoot song written in Alberta by Connie Tailfeathers. It means I love you in Blackfoot and was written to honour parents, but also all loved ones. Jill-why she nominated Emily
- PowerSchool for Jr. High will be updated by March 2<sup>nd</sup> and K to 6 Progress reports will go home that day. Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Booking will be open on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. You may also call the office to book your appointment(s).
- Thanks to all of you who completed the Pembina Hills Survey. You have until March 20<sup>th</sup> to complete the Alberta Ed Survey.
- The Westlock Science Fair is on March 8<sup>th</sup> Michelle
- The Grade 8 Field Trip Michelle
- Rotary Music Festival Mallory
- We cancelled the ski trip for tomorrow due to the weather. We were able to get another date booked-March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully we won't have a warm spell before then.
- The Grade 4 Basketball tournament is here on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's always so exciting for those students! Thanks to Mr. Laughy, Mrs. Thue, Mr. Perreault, Candace our Success Coach and former student Kate Grimmeyer who have been coaching basketball!
- Thank you to the Enhancement Society parent volunteers for the hot lunches. We love having the opportunity to purchase something for lunch! It's such a nice change.