

Eleanor Hall School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023



ATTENDANCE:

Marnie Hoetmer (EHS Council Chair), Donna Moore (EHS Council Vice President), Jolene Lawrence (EHS Council Secretary), Nadine Marchand (Administrator), Maureen Schnirer (PHSD Trustee), Tom Moore (director), Michelle Savoie (teacher), Lorraine McCoy (director), Valerie Zadunayski (parent), Jantea Vandervelde (director), Philip Petkau (director), Mallory McNelly (teacher), Michelle Bottriel (parent), Jillian Rauscher (teacher)

CALL TO ORDER:

- 7:04 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Tom Moore

APPROVAL OF THE FEB 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:

- Jantea Vandervelde

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

- See attached report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Connection in Color Fundraiser:** the student's art will be dropped off at Ion Print Solutions on Monday April 24th. From May 5th to 14th parents will be able to order products from the online store that will display their child(ren)'s artwork. The products ordered will arrive at the school the week of May 24th. Please let friends and family know that this is happening so we will be ready to go when the online store opens. The catalog of the products available for purchase was attached to the April newsletter.

2. **Planning for the June 1st Talent Show:** the only role of the School Council in this event would be to supply snacks for the Talent Show. Ike Fest will be taken care of by Eleanor Hall School staff, including raffle baskets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Outdoor Classroom Update:** The Outdoor Classroom committee has been given permission by the PHSD to consider renovating the skate shack as a part of the Outdoor Classroom project. The committee is excited about this opportunity and are dreaming of how the skate shack can be renovated into something valuable for the students and teachers to use year-round. The wish-list from the teachers included storage for outdoor classroom supplies right in the facility, shelving to dry art on, an effective windbreak, and a structure that will allow students to be outside even when it's raining. The Outdoor classroom committee will consider these requests in their planning.

ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY UPDATE:

1. **Current Funds:** General Account \$11,000; Casino Account \$16, 930.84
2. **Hot Lunch Update:** next hot lunch is a Pizza lunch on May 9th and will likely be for Grade 9 grad.

PHSD TRUSTEE REPORT:

- See attached report

NEXT MEETING DATE:

- TBA

ADJOURNMENT:

- 8:18 pm

School Council Meeting April, 2023 Principal's Report

- Some of our students competed in our Division's Science Fair on March 8th.
Congratulations to:

Heidi Edroff **1st Place** Grade 4 Biology, "Stinky Food"

Robert Bottriel **3rd Place** Grade 4 Physical, "Can Solar Panels Generate More Power?"

Nola McNelly and Riley McQuade **2nd Place** Grade 6 Chemical, "How to Make a Penny Shine"

Amelia Hala-Tumato **2nd Place** Grade 6 Physical, "How Much Salt to Make an Egg Float?"

- Congratulations also to our Elementary School Choir who competed in Barrhead's Rotary Music Festival and won Gold as well as a special prize!!

We will be holding a school assembly when the Science Fair awards come in to honour both!

- We greatly appreciated the delicious suppers we had during our Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thanks so much!
- We hosted our Kindergarten and CPrep open houses on the 12th. So far we have 18 Kindergarten students registered and are expecting a few more. We did not have very many CPrep families attend. If you happen to know of any families with CPrep aged children who may want to attend, please have them contact the school.
- Friday, April 21st is a school based Professional Development Day. Part of our day will be spent working on our goals and strategies for our school's Education Plan. Our plan will align with the School Division's priorities. We will be sharing our focus areas/goals and looking for feedback during our School Council's Annual General Meeting in May.
- On the 27th School Administrators from across the Division will be at our school in the morning for about one hour practicing our Learning Walk throughs. I am excited for them to see all the amazing teaching and learning that goes on at our school.
- My staffing meeting with our Superintendent of Human Resources is on Tuesday. Our School Division has moved away from site-based management. They tell us the fte for certificated teachers, and the number of hours for support staff and then I decide where to place people. Last year I had some money that I could play with and that's what I funded two grade 3 classes out of. We were given less money this year.
- We hosted a Paint Night here last Thursday. One of our EAs, Anita Sloat led it. Proceeds are going to fund the Grade 9 Farewell.
- Michelle will be talking about Grade 9 Farewell and her Science Program.

- All of our students will be participating in Pitch-In in May which is one of the Service Projects our students are involved in. Every class is assigned an area either on the school grounds or in the village to clean up.
- The first week in May is Education Week. The staff will be providing pancake breakfast for the students and any family and community members who would like to attend on the 4th.
- We will be hosting Ike Fest and the talent show on June 1st. The talent show will be at 2:30 in the Gym. Maureen will be handing out long service awards to five of our staff at the beginning. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is our largest school fundraiser. We will be raffling off baskets once again, and selling ice cream along with our BBQ items.

Trustee Report

Maureen Schnirer

Pembina Hills East Ward 1

April 20, 2023

The Pembina Hills Board of Trustees had the opportunity to visit and tour the Vista Virtual campus in Calgary on Wednesday, April 12. Trustees heard from VVS administration on some of the recent celebrations and challenges at the school such as centralizing to one campus in Calgary and taking on their own distribution system.

The Board discussed Public Education advocacy plans for the upcoming provincial election. Parents, the public and staff will soon begin to see content on the division and school websites, newsletters etc. promoting Public Education, including sample education-themed questions that the public can use to ask their local party candidate.

- How will education funding continue to meet the every changing needs of students?
- What is on your party's platform regarding student transportation?
- How will your party provide support to staff to implement the proposed curriculum
- How does your party propose to offer ongoing support for the mental health of staff and students?

Alberta Government funding was discussed at the finance committee meeting. How the division can incorporate funding changes into the budget, this may result in looking for efficiencies.

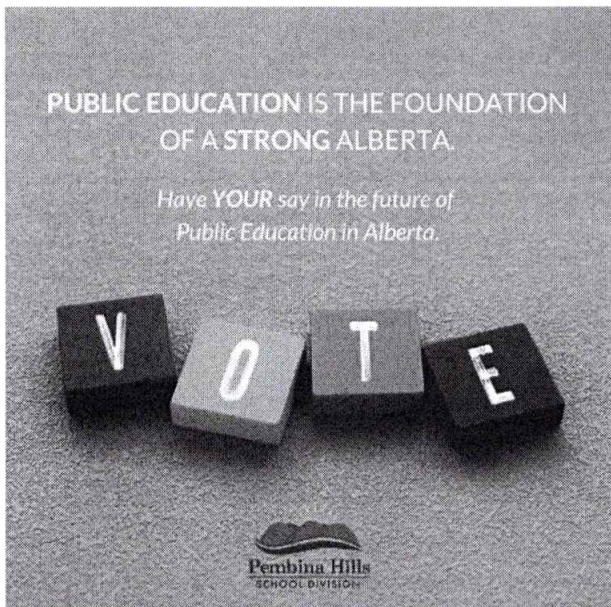
CONEX "Addictions Don't Discriminate" Westlock Youth Centre, May 16-18 dates 10am – 7pm May 16-17, May 18 10am – 3pm. Target group, Grade 9 and up and adult community members.

Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton focused on social cohesion

Nine Things all Children Need by Dr. Michael Ungar Rural Conference Edmonton

1. Structure
2. Consequences
3. Parent-child connections
4. Lots and lots of strong relationships
5. A powerful identity
6. A sense of control
7. A sense of belonging/spirituality/life purpose
8. Rights and responsibilities
9. Safety and support

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Have you heard?

The provincial election is
on May 29, 2023.

Ask your local party candidate:

- How will education funding continue to meet the ever-changing needs of students?
- What is on your party's platform regarding student transportation?
- How will your party provide support to staff to implement the proposed curriculum?
- How does your party propose to offer ongoing support for the mental health of staff and students?

Visit public-schools.ab.ca/2023-election-readiness/ for more information on supporting Public Education in Alberta.