

Eleanor Hall School Council



Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024 @ 7pm on Zoom

Attendance:

Nadine Marchand (Administrator), Jacqueline Williams (Outdoor classroom committee rep; parent), Jenna Pudlowski (EHS Council Vice Chair), Michelle Bottruell (EHS Council/Enhancement Secretary), Mallory McNelly (Teacher), Jolene Lawrence (EHS Council Chair), Michelle Savoie (Teacher)

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98851917369?pwd=Q1B6K08zL1d2OFpjRXh1cXp6THhIZz09>

Call to Order

- Jolene Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

1. Acknowledgement — *Nadine Marchand*

2. Welcome & Introductions — *Jolene*

3. Review & Adoption of the Agenda – *Jolene*

- Jackie Williams moves to adopt the agenda, Michelle Bottruell seconds. Agenda adopted.

4. Approval of the Minutes – *Jolene*

a. Jan 18, 2024

- Jolene Lawrence approved the January 18th School Council minutes and Jenna Pudlowski seconds. Approved.

5. Committee Reports

a. Outdoor Classroom Committee update — *Jackie*

- Drawings are almost complete and should be done by the end of next week. Westlock Community Foundations Grants are open - Jackie has drafted a letter

of intent ([attached](#)) to send to the grant coordinator, who will review and give us a 'yes' or 'no' if we can apply.

b. Enhancement Society update – *Michelle Bottriell or Donna Moore*

- Next pizza lunch will be on March 7th, forms should be going out on Tuesday February 20th
- Connection in color fundraiser - Jolene will give Michelle the information to get the ball rolling on that
- Jenna - first aid/car kits fundraiser - still waiting on brochures
- A parent has approached Jolene about having an Easter Concert/Spring Tea. Is this something we can plan? Could we do a bake sale/coffee/tea? Needs to be student council/parent run, and Mallory would be in charge of the performance. Will need to be something small (no stage will be set up) Teachers have expressed they do not like the bake sale when kids have access to it. This is because it is tricky to plan how the kids can purchase it and they end up getting sugar rushes. - Jolene will look more into this "spring tea" idea and chat with the parents interested in helping.

6. Principal's Report — *Nadine Marchand*

- [February Principals Report](#)
- Facebook link: <http://www.facebook.com/EleanorHallSchool/>

a. Mallory McNelly Report

- Choir update - will be attending the Barrhead Rotary Music Festival on March 11th at the tentative time of 10:30am - Pembina Hills pays for the registration fees. Currently have 35 kids ranging from grades 1-7 with more in the higher grades putting us in the higher age group. We have been working once a week on the song "All The Pretty Little Horses"
- Would like to plan something to showcase the instrument work the kids have been working on - maybe something in the spring to invite the community to. April would be a good month.
- Grade 5's are working on recorders, Grade 6's are working on Ukuleles, and Grade 4's are working on something for the upcoming assembly
- Always looking for opportunities for choir - Westlock Rotary Fundraiser for Hockey - if they were looking for someone to open the opening ceremony with the national anthem Eleanor Hall School Choir might be available.
- Would like to take the choir kids out for an end of year lunch to celebrate their hard work this year - will be sending a request to the Enhancement Society

b. Michelle Savoie Report

- Candy grams were great this year and highly organized. About 270 bags were sold. Candy is more expensive this year and did not increase the price of the candy grams.
- We were able to purchase some new kitchen equipment (thanks to Enhancement society) to work on the Food CTF course. Very excited to get new stoves in. The class ran much smoother with the new equipment.
- Went to a Dairy Farmers of Canada session and was able to find a whole CTF program based on Foods and Science. Kids are in groups with the same recipe but changing the ingredients slightly (different types of sugars, flour etc.) to see how the recipe

- changes. The program is already done for me so that is great.
- Picked up some business material and agricultural stuff for some different CTF programs
 - Make code arcade - looking into some coding programs for CTF and coding will be in the science curriculum next year.
 - Northern coding academy is offering free coding programs until March. They are 4 day programs/all virtual and every class has one booked except for Kindergarten.
 - Drumheller Trip - the kids are very excited! We had a paint night to help fundraise for the trip. We still need to do more fundraising for the trip - plan on having a March market on the same days in the evening as the parent teacher interviews - selling hair accessories, paint boards, plants, bake sale etc. All kids helping out.

7. PHSD Trustee Report – Trustee Maureen Schnirer

- Skip; Maureen not present.
- New superintendent - Brett Cooper

8. Old Business - Jolene

- a. ASCA Conference at the Delta Marriott Edmonton South April 26-28, 2024: anyone interested in going? Registration deadline is Monday, April 15th at 1pm. PHSD has designated \$2000 to assist school councils for anyone that would like to attend.
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>
 - Megan might be going. Please let Jolene know if you will be going.

9. New Business - Jolene

- a. Volunteers to make meals for the teachers March 13 & 14 (Parent-teacher interviews)
 - Michelle Bottriell will volunteer to make the Thursday March 14th meal.
 - Need a volunteer for the Wednesday March 13th meal.

10. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 4pm Eleanor Hall School

Adjourn

Jolene calls the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

February 2024 Principal's Report for School Council

- PowerSchool for Jr. High will be updated by March 7th and K to 6 Progress reports will go home that day as well. Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be on Wednesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 14th. Booking will open on Thursday, March 7th. 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 1st to complete the Alberta Ed Survey.
- Choir/music update- Mallory
- We hope that you have followed us on Facebook...Michelle has been really good at posting, and we are hoping to expand the number and variety soon!
- We are planning on taking the Grade 4 to 9 students skiing on March 21st weather permitting. The students had a great time in January.
- The Grade 4 Basketball tournament is here on March 20th after school. It's always so exciting for them and fun to watch! Thanks to Mr. Laughy, Mrs. Thue and Mr. Perreault who have been coaching basketball! Basketball for Elementary and Junior High wraps up at the end of this month.
- Joseph Lindal is coming in on Monday, March 4th. When I was in Busby he taught ju-jitsu after school once a week. He is very good, and great with kids. He has been teaching in the area for many years. Some of his students and associates have opened their own clubs in various locations and he has been going around to different schools and doing a ju-jitsu day as part of the Phys-Ed classes.
- Candygrams-Michelle
- Coding classes for elementary-Michelle
- CTF-Michelle
- Drumheller Trip and Market-Michelle

February 10, 2024

Letter of Intent

Westlock Community Foundation

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Attn: Grant coordinator

Hello,

This letter has been prepared by the Eleanor Hall School Council -outdoor classroom committee to announce our intention to apply for the Community Priorities Grant and the Rural Resiliency Grant through the Westlock Community Foundation. We are a non-profit registered charity focused on improving the lives of our students and their families through programming, enrichment activities and parental engagement.

Spending time in nature has benefits for attention, motivation, concentration, and memory. The outdoor classroom committee intends to create a space where students and teachers from preschool to grade 9 can engage in learning while being immersed in natural surroundings and reaping the known psychological and cognitive benefits these environments can provide. We plan to structure details such as landscaping, building location and design to ensure that several groups can take advantage of the space simultaneously and utilize its full potential (see attached plans).

Your generous support would allow the Eleanor School Council to provide a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity and lead our community in innovative student engagement for years to come. We hope to hear from your foundation regarding our grant application and next required steps soon and look forward to speaking with you in more detail about this exciting initiative for our community!

Sincerely,

Outdoor Classroom Committee, Eleanor Hall School Council

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