



## **Ecole Airdrie Middle School Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

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Welcome - Melanie Gaze

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Approval of Minutes - Melanie Gaze

- A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from March and April 2025. The motion was seconded and passed.

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School Trustee Report - Melyssa Bowen

- Highlights from her Apr 3 meeting:
- The Fine Arts Academy in Chestermere's annual Spring production was highlighted. The whole school participated
- Career learning framework - moving forward, there will be more of an emphasis on careers in RVS.
- Funding Profile/Budget (from the Mar 25 meeting) - increased by 2.5% overall, we are now NOT on a weighted moving average. Going forward our funding is based 70% on what is being projected for enrolment and 30% on current enrolment. The result this year is that only 140-160 students are underfunded versus the 360 RVS had last year. Previously, we were 2 years behind. On the down side, we are losing an older grant, so parents are encouraged to continue advocating for funding for our schools
- W H Croxford will have current students grandfathered in for 2 years. As a result of the boundary changes
- Highlights from the April 17 meeting:
- Aquatic program report was positive

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- School fees for this year were approved, only minimal increases, as other life costs have gone up, the trustees wanted to keep school fees affordable. 80% stayed the same price.
- Community use fees, the same
- Transportation fees have remained the same for the last 4 years, this was not keeping up. They have increased \$70 per student, but early registration and family discounts are still available. There was an increase for the second stop option (when a student requires 2 different locations to be picked-up/dropped off) \$397 for grade students and \$197 for kindergarten students
- May 1, 2025 meeting highlights:
- Celebrated students that scored 100% on their diploma exams - there were many!
- Approved year 3 education goals, they are available on the RVS website
- Modular classroom approval: only 5 out of the requested 27 were given. And these 5 are unlikely to be ready by Sept. Parents are encouraged to advocate for RVS: <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about-rvs/board-of-trustees/advocacy/advocacy-toolkit> This link provides all the contacts for current leaders that can be contacted.
- 2 new communities coming to RVS: Vantage Rise (SW Airdrie) those student will attend Muriel Clayton and Coopers. Goldwyn (near Balzac) those students will be placed at Cathryn and Beiseker.
- 2nd Quarter Financial update: there was an increase in the total revenue and expenses, but balanced out for Q2 as reserves were projected to be used.

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## Administration Report - Principal Erhayat Ozcan

- Band Camp: Will not cost the school any extra. There will be 71 students attending
- Track and Field: Was a great day, 36 students will represent our school at divisional
- Mental Health Week: Lots going on, Stepping Stones will be working with each class and homeroom.
- Student Council Dance: May 30, 2025 after lunch 12-2pm. The same DJ as at the Halloween Howler. The theme is Under the Sea, but student will NOT be dressing according to this theme.

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- Future Ready Students: The Grade 8's have the opportunity through Bow Valley College to explore careers and their correlated education pathways
- Craig Jansen - Math Fair: A fun interactive approach to teaching math. Probability is the focus this year.

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## Parent Council Report - Melanie Gaze

- Financials: Our current balance is \$3544.77. Requests:
  - Funds for the DJ at the Spring Dance, the cost would be \$300
  - Year end field trips, it was proposed that we set up a fund similar to what Ecole Edwards uses (called their Student Care fund) this fund gets donations given to it, and is used to purchase things that students need ie: winter coats, field trip costs.... It was decided not to set up the fund at this time, but to set aside \$1000 for the end of year costs that any student may need.
- Motion made to approve \$300 for the DJ and to set aside \$1000 for end of year costs that any student may need, motion passed
- Possible Coffee Fundraiser: There is a company that is run by an indigenous group that uses fair trade beans and ships direct to the customer. Lots of discussion, very positive, but the conclusion was that the timing at the end of the year was not great, and we would like to run this fundraiser next April.

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## Questions:

- Not a question, but one of our Parent Council members, Micheal, has been corresponding with the minister of finance, and updated us on his findings. The increased education budget does NOT allow for new school builds. All the approved schools are P3 schools (these operated very differently and are not preferred). The Bayview K- 8 school will not start being built until 2026, all the other schools are only in the design phase.....this means Airdrie will continue to see schools operating at or above capacity for the next few years. Discussion was had about different strategies to advocate. Perhaps on a more organized level maybe through ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association). If you are interested in being involved with this type of advocacy, please let us know! We will put you in contact with the correct people.

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- No further questions.

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### Next Meeting

- Next Meeting: June 3, 2025 @ 6:30pm.

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Meeting Adjourned @ 7:42pm