



# ARDROSSAN ELEMENTARY

## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	September 9, 2025	TIME	6:30 pm	LOCATION	53131 Range Road 222, Ardrossan, AB
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ATTENDEES			
Chelsea Pretzlaw	Jami McLaren	Deanna Metro	
Susan Miller	Layla Pretzlaff	Melanie Mazurek	Jason Michaud
Ashley B	Aimie Sibulak	Sarah Kleisinger	Gertrude Duncan
Kim Reid	Marcy Ferrari	Meighan Achtemichuk	Tanya Doran
Brittney Poole			

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6:34	<b>Welcome</b> Meeting Called to order at 6:35 pm Introductions Board Introductions: Chelsea Pretzlaw (Chair), Sarah Kleisinger (Vice Chair), Jami McLaren (Secretary) Ashley B (Social Media Representative)	Chelsea
	<b>Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes</b> Deanna <b>motions</b> to accept the minutes as written for the May AGM School Council meeting. Sarah seconds that motion.  All in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.	
	<b>Review Agenda</b> Gertrude motions to accept the Agenda for November parent Council meeting. Deanna seconds that motion.  All in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.	
	<b>Year End Review</b> Year-end BBQ run by AEPSA was a success	

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	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>A. AEPSA Report – Will review in next meeting  B. COSC Report- First meeting will be held in October  C. Principles Report - 1. Welcome Back!</p> <p>I am so excited to begin my first year as the new Principal of Ardrossan Elementary! I feel truly grateful for the opportunity to serve such a welcoming and supportive community, and I look forward to working alongside our dedicated volunteers, staff, and families. I am energized by the work ahead of us this year and excited about what we will accomplish together. As a school, we will be focusing on three key goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Literacy- Focus on writing</li> <li>2) Numeracy-Math pedagogy and instruction</li> <li>3) Indigenous Education, with a focus on the following 3 teachings: Respect, Love, and Truth (guided by our lead teachers)</li> </ol> <p>2. Staffing Update</p> <p>Farewell to Mrs. Angeline Wiatr-Foulds who took a position in Lamont effective Monday, September 8 th .</p> <p>Welcome New Staff Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Robyn Lastiwka (1B)</li> <li>-Kylie Ekdahl (3C)</li> <li>-Erica Shopland (4D)</li> <li>-Karson Campbell (Counsellor)</li> <li>-Christie Meier (EA)</li> <li>-Tamara Dutchek (EA)</li> <li>-Christine Gourley (French Consultant)</li> <li>-Monsieur Jean (French Language Monitor)</li> </ul> <p>Staffing Changes from 2024-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Emily Upfold - K to PALS</li> <li>-Adena Laurent - PALS to KB/KC</li> <li>-Nayfe Choucair - 3A to 2A</li> <li>-Ghislaine Mark – 1B to 2C</li> <li>-Hayley Rovensky – Returns to 3A</li> <li>-Danielle Kent / Jessica Gilliland – Job Share 4B</li> <li>-Janna MacLelland – KA &amp; Gr. 1/2 Music</li> <li>-Melanie Mazurek – Music Gr. 1/2 Wednesday's</li> </ul> <p>3. Enrolment / School Budget</p> <p>We have grown and changed in composition from projection in the spring. As of September 9th, we have 602 students. In May of 2025, the projection was 585 students. Within this increase are a few students with profound needs. This has led</p>	

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	<p>to a tiny increase in our budget, allowing us to hire an additional EA to support students with complex needs. We also had a very tiny surplus of 0.75% from last year. Our hope is to add more student support by the end of the month when our budget allocation is finalized.</p> <p>4. Apparel</p> <p>I am currently working with Athlete's Standard on a SWAG order. It should be ready before the end of the month. Items include T's, Hoodies, Sweatpants, Zip Ups and golf shirts.</p> <p>D. Trustee Report – Susan Miller</p> <p>August 21 the Board approved the Trustee School Liaison Representative List for the 2025-26 School year. The Board will review and amend the list again following the trustee election. Committees will be formed in October. Board Chair and Vice Chair will be voted in following the formation of the new Board.</p> <p>Elk Island has received \$1.7 million in provincial funding. \$1.5 million in capital and \$200 000 in operating funds to establish campus EIPS, the new collegiate program. The board completed and approved the superintendent's evaluation and report which documents the performance of the superintendent from July 2, 2024 to May 21, 2025. The evaluation is a critical component to the success and growth of students with the division.</p> <p>Leveraging student achievement reserve is used for addressing learning gaps. At year-end, any school surplus greater than 1% is allocated to this fund. The funds are to focus on student learning needs.</p> <p>This fall, administration will bring a report to the Board on how funds could best be used in the 2025-26 school year with a focus on address learning gaps.</p> <p>Susan Miller plans to run again for school trustee in our ward.</p>	
	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>Christmas Show Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Large flat dolly that isn't too heavy and steers well</li> <li>-Large 5 sided box that fits over a student sitting on the dolly. Decorated and has many buttons, dials, levers and maybe even lights on two sides.</li> <li>-Large strong flashlight that we can put a red gel on to "scan" Santa</li> <li>-Red gel or translucent red plastic for the flashlight to shine red</li> <li>-two large stuffed animals sewn together to be obviously mal-formed</li> <li>-5 minion costumes</li> <li>-10 T-shirt jerseys 5 white and 5 green (design is ready)</li> <li>- easy to pull apart toys for the minions to "wreck"</li> <li>-two 4 foot Christmas trees that can fall over</li> <li>-unbreakable Christmas ornaments for two trees (can be homemade paper ones)</li> <li>-vertical wrapping paper roll dispenser.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Date October 14, 2025 at 6:30.</p>	
7:30	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>Chelsea motions to adjourn at 7:28. Meeting Adjourned.</p>	