

Emily Follensbee School Council Annual Report

Emily Follensbee School 5139 -14St. SW

School: Calgary AB T2T 3W5

Reporting Year: 2023 -2024

Executive: *List the members who held positions as officers in the past year*

Principal	Jennifer Hart
Chair	Nancy Koutsela
Co-Chair	Jessica Cunningham
Teacher	Lanna Myers (Assistant Principal)
Community	N/A
Secretary	Sarah Minshull
Treasurer	Ali Azam
Student Rep (if applicable)	N/A
Casino Coordinator	Trisha Graham
Members at Large	

Meeting Dates: *List the dates of regular school council meetings*

September 22, 2023

October 19, 2023

November 16, 2023

December 21, 2023

January 18, 2024

February 29, 2024

March 21, 2024

April 18, 2024

May 16, 2024

June 20, 2024

School Council Activities

The Emily Follensbee School Council was active and engaged in supporting the school's work throughout the school year. Meeting times were shared between the business of the Emily Follensbee School Council (updates, reports, activities, and finances) and the work of the Emily Follensbee Children's Society (AGLC Casino fundraiser and other fundraiser opportunities generated by the council). All meetings had the option for members to attend through the online platform Microsoft Teams Meeting and then mid-way through the year we also gathered at the school, so people had the choice of being in-person or on-line. Each month a different Emily Follensbee teacher attended the meeting and shared

information about their program and promising practices used in their classroom to support parents in having a stronger understanding of teaching practices within the Emily Follensbee school context. The school Principal, Assistant Principal and Learning Leader attended all meetings.

The Emily Follensbee School Children's Society participated in several fundraisers including a casino fundraiser held on February 22 and 23 at the Deerfoot Casino, a Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser and a bottle drive. Through the continued fundraising activities contributing to the Council general account and casino account the Society supported staff appreciation and the school across all programming areas. The Society contributions for the 2023 – 2024 school year totaled \$48,003.83 from the casino account while the total contributions from the general account totaled \$713.18 The funds from the casino account were spent on maintaining our outdoor learning classroom, each classroom attending an off campus fieldtrip or in school field trip, specialized library resources including braille and tactile books, hi-low adapted tables to support with personal care, adapted gym equipment, specialized equipment to support student access, highly specialized software to support communication for children that are non-verbal, in-school music experiences, music therapy and artist-in-residence performances focusing on Indigenous storytelling and dance. The funds from the general account were spent on staff appreciation and on families in the loving memory of children that we lost over the course of the school year.

Financial Statement (attached) – Summarizes the finances handled by the school council during the past year, if applicable.

Please see a record of our finances under the "Parents Tab" on the Emily Follensbee school website.

<http://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/emilyfollensbee/get-involved/school-council/pages/default.aspx>

I confirm that I have reviewed the audited financial statements for the Emily Follensbee Children's Society for the year ended December 31, 2023, in preparation for this annual report.

Signature of School Council
Treasurer, Ali Azam:



Date: Dec 08, 2024