

J.E.S. School Council & Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Mission: To Foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community and to enhance student learning.

Date: November 27, 2019

Location: Rm 7, Jasper Elementary School

1. Call to order @ 7:01 p.m.

- Agenda review and additions Added Connie S
- In attendance: Jenn S, Karen J, Lisa D, Connie S, Kristy G, Rosanna Z, Trish P, Dale K, Becky K, Jodi C, Lynn W, April H

2. Approval of minutes Kristy G

3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise

Principal's Report This year, our winter concert is celebrating "Holidays Around the World" with multicultural music. The concert will take on a new look as we move from having two evening concerts to one afternoon concert. Our vision is to bring all students and parents to the school for an afternoon of song, celebration and festivity. We will review the concert in the New Year and discuss future recommendations with staff, parents, students, and the School Advisory Council. Dress rehearsals are on Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the afternoon beginning at 1:10 pm. The main performance will be on December 19th beginning at 1:00 pm.!

Robson Park directly in front of the Elementary school will be the location for our community Christmas tree. The staff and students are busy planning the perfect, weather-resistant ornaments to adorn this tree, and Mr. Bouchard's shop class is helping by making wooden ornaments that the students will decorate. We are asking students to bring a \$2 donation to Santa's anonymous. Classes will hang ornaments on Friday, Dec. 6th.

Classes are invited to visit the Festival of the Trees decorating at the museum this year.

Foodbank collection and Santa's anonymous donations will be ongoing throughout the month. Silver change donations for our Caring for Kids funds will be collected at the concert on Dec. 19th.

On Friday, Nov. 29th the JES staff will be participating in professional learning at the school. The focus is on literacy assessment, HLATS, and supporting ELL students. In the afternoon, teachers will be working with the staff at JJSHS on mathematics.

A huge thank you to Pursuit and Maligne Canyon Wilderness Kitchen for generously hosting our KHK training on November 15th. The students had an excellent day and have been keen to support peers during morning and lunch recess breaks. Also, thank you to Mme Paulette, Carla, and Ashley for training the students.

GYPSED is looking for families to host international students attending high school in Jasper. We require both short-term (1 month) and long-term hosts. Host families receive \$1000.00 per month to offset the cost of hosting. If you are interested in sharing your life with a student from another country or have questions about hosting, please contact Mark Crozier at 780-852-3316 or e-mail international@gypsd.ca. We have a group of students coming from Spain in September 2020 who will require a one-month homestay.

We are very pleased to welcome Karen Huculak to the JES staff as our office administrative assistant. Mrs. Huculak brings a great deal of experience to this position as she been an accounting clerk at Jasper Junior/Senior High School and has worked with GYPSED since 2006.

Best wishes to Mrs. Melnyk, who is retiring from her secretary position at Jasper Elementary School on December 6th. Joyce has been a member of the JES staff for 19 years and will be dearly missed by the students and staff.

2. Trustee's Report - auditors came in to go over budget, went better than thought last year, but next year will be more expensive- insurance costs skyrocketed, and govt transitioned 3 grants into 1 which will result in less money - \$3 million less next year. Govt wants to put more money into charter and private schools, board feels public money should fund public education. Please participate in surveys online regarding choice in education- (link was posted on FB)
1. Connie Sawka - teachers sent 32 000 emails to prov govt without response. looking at new legislation to muzzle free speech of teachers, etc, dissenters are blocked from commenting on live fb events. They recommend to cc any emails to Notley/ NDP (opposition) and other govt members, not just UCP as they are being muzzled/ silenced/ disregarded Rosie- recommends phoning as they are responsible to answer/respond to ALL phone calls and log them, email and letters get brushed off.
2. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:
 - o Playground Update –waiting for response regarding the cost of playground sand. It is a specific grade of sand required.
 - o Christmas Concert Future Planning

4. Old Business

1. Book Sale Update? Look for angies post
2. Letter Writing Get-together - Jenn
3. Volunteer Package update? edby
4. Did anyone attend the virtual Meeting with the Alberta School Council Association?

5. New Business

1. Future school council meetings dates (No Meeting in Dec, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 18, Apr 29, May 27)

6. Committee and Member Reports

1. Opportunity for members wishing to make a brief report:
 - o Canadian Parents for French – Pizza and Games Event well attended 84 people (twice what was expected).
 - o Student Supports: Best Coach, Mental Health, COS, etc. –No report
 - o Community Representative , Community Action Team-Jjenn attended last one , meetings are open to all community members
 - o High School Representative staff are meeting for a math session

7. JES Parent's Association

1. Fundraising
 - o Report from Fundraising Committee – (Raffle, Hockey event) – Lynn - no go for hockey event. Raffle is ready to go-tickets ,posters and licence are ready to go. \$5/ticket
 - o Flower sales – April poinsettia orders are down about 1/3 from last year (61 vs 93) approx \$580 made this year. Flower basket orders are also down slightly but orders are still coming in. Extra baskets will be ordered to sell day of delivery . at this point hanging baskets have raised approx \$3545
2. Funding requests
 - o Has the cheque been delivered for the Museum/Student program – Stephanie
 - o Discussion regarding arts program for this year or the future still in discussions, Peter Puffin is expensive, maybe Matricia would be open to doing an event
 - o Playground re-surfacing costs

8. Opportunity for open discussion they are having a celebration at brew pub the 29th for Joyce Lynn motions to donate \$100 to Joyce and Rosie seconds, all in favour.

9. Adjournment

- Next Meeting: January 22, 2020