

# J.E.S. School Council & Parents Association Meeting Agenda

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

**Date:** April 29, 2020

**Location:** Virtual Meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions

**1. Call to order @7:05 pm** in attendance: Jodi, Jenn, April, Kelly, Angie, Becky, Dale, Jenna, Kristy G, Leslie V, Mollie, Trish, Stephanie, Rosie

- Agenda review and additions

## **2. Approval of minutes**

## **3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise**

1. Principal's Report -A big thank you to the Jasper Elementary School Council and all the JES families for their support over the past month! We have been able to connect with all of our students and families, and it has been amazing how we have pulled together as a community and a division to support one another. Our teachers have been able to connect with all of the students and families. We have been delivering hard copies of work, laptops, and nutrition packages to families who cannot get to the school to pick items up. EAs have been working on remedial work or supporting students with Google Classroom. Teachers have been using Google Meet to connect with students, and we are starting to see more tailored instruction to meet the needs of our students and families. We sent out a survey last week and have received some constructive feedback as we move forward with remote learning into May.

On Saturday, March 28, 2020, Education Minister LaGrange announced that in order to support the UCP's response to COVID-19, a portion of education funding will be temporarily redirected. The province announced a 14 percent reduction in k-12 funding to all school jurisdictions across the province for May and June. Due to the funding reduction, our support staff will be temporarily laid off effective May 1. The support provided by our educational assistants is incredibly valuable, and their absence will be felt deeply.

Trends - We are noticing is an increase in the number of families seeking nutrition packages and an increase in parental concern over screen time. Carla Gallop has designed a survey for students and will be offering a lunch and learn session for parents on this topic. Ashley has created a BEST coach Google Classroom with social/emotional lessons on Feelings, Positive Coping Skills, Gratitude, and mindfulness. A new lesson is uploaded every Monday.

1. Trustee's Report- \$128 million cut to education budget, causing layoffs to ease until school is resumed. Calendar for next year (and 2 following) has been approved. Community engagement sessions were completed just before the shutdown. School will reopen in fall providing approval of the health minister, depending on the situation it could be longer. There are many different scenarios coming up in regards to how that might happen
2. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:
  - School at home, survey, feedback, Q&A- feedback suggests apper packages have been helpful in cutting back on electronic exposure and dealing with slow internet. Teachers have been doing more video lessons to assist both kids and parents. A place for parents to ask questions would be useful. Online class meetings have been working well. Teachers of combined classes have been able separate learning for each grade group. At this point we have not had any families switch to a homeschooling out of our enrollment.

## **4. Old Business**

## **5. New Business**

1. Ways in which school council / parent's association can support the school / students

## 6. Committee and Member Reports

1. Opportunity for members wishing to make a brief report:
  - Canadian Parents for French –acfa/cpf has online activities available and weekly french movies
  - Student Supports: Best Coach, Mental Health, COS, etc.
  - Community Representative , Community Action Team –(angie) weekly community conversation have been productive and helpful. Library---all books have ben checked out until July 31 (no late fees) all e-resources still available. Library won't reopen until given approval by provincial govt. A summer reading program is being developed with online and outdoor content.
  - High School Representative
  - Teacher Representative

## 7. JES Parent's Association

1. Fundraising
  - Fundraising update?
  - Flowers – April - arrival is May 14<sup>th</sup> – delivery/pickup procedures -delivery rescheduled to May 21<sup>st</sup>, volunteers will help unload,sort and deliver orders to homes.
2. Monies and stuff
  - Summary of Accounts - Stephanie
  - Discussion regarding arts and science program for this year or the future- grant for up to \$4000 possibly for 20/21 year depending if it goes through, but can be delayed until 21/22 year. We could alternate with TWOS and support a local artist next year if we can afford.
  - Playground re-surfacing costs? Sand will be delivered this month for resurfacing.
  - Grade 6 Graduation books definitely proceeding with walkdown books, planning for the possibility of something else as well, but this is fluid and will depend on circumstances. . Karen will order books once kids have submitted their selections, and contact for cheque
  - Donation towards purchase of Chromebooks for school (and students in need at home) some new chromebooks are needed at the school one classroom (abou 30 books) comes to approx \$11 500. (they can be purchased in smaller lots0. Kelly says a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand cart is available to assist with the costs. Leslie motions to spend approx \$3500 to purchase ne chromebooks for the school, rosie seconds motion. All were in favour.

## 8. Opportunity for open discussion

## 9. Adjournment @7:57 pm

- Next Meeting: May 27, 2020