

J.E.S. School Council & Parent Association Meeting Agenda *+ Minutes*

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

Date: October 28, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions

1. Call to order @ 7:01 pm

- Attendance: Jenn S., Becky K, Jodi C., Dale K., Tricia P., Leslie V., Roseanna Z., Sandra C., Melanie L., Christina C.
- Agenda review and additions – no financial report as Stephanie is not available for tonight's meeting

2. Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes Jenn/Roseanna Carried

3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise

1. Principal's Report – Jodi

Literacy - Jasper Elementary School has purchased six subscriptions to Reading A-Z. Highlights of this program include:

- levelled e-books spanning 29 reading levels
- Quizzes test comprehension, providing teachers with skill reports for data-driven instruction
- [Online running records](#) let teachers digitally assess each student
- Students can listen to [books](#) for modelled fluency, read books for practice, and then record themselves reading so teachers can monitor progress
- Books are available 24/7 via the Web, students can practise reading anytime, anywhere
- All student activity in the app is captured and reported to teachers at Raz-Kids.com, thus helping teachers monitor student progress and determine the instruction needed for each student.

Inclement weather - A reminder to ensure children have dressed appropriately for the weather. JES will have a morning recess and a 30-minute gym class outdoors unless there is extreme cold or heavy rain. Once there is snow on the ground, students need to wear snow pants, winter jackets, mitts, hats, and winter boots. We recommend that children dress warmly as classrooms are opening windows to increase ventilation hourly throughout the day. Outside recess will be cancelled if the temperature/wind chill is -23 C or lower. When this occurs, students will have an indoor recess and grade six students will help to monitor in classes.

Oct. 23 Professional Learning Day - Teachers examined the data from Mathletics and the 3Rs reading comprehension screening tool. We also had a virtual session on a new math program called JUMP Math that we will be using at JES. In November, we will be using the Highest Level of Achievement Test in Writing as an assessment tool. This data is used to generate goals for our School Continuous Improvement Plan. Educational Assistants and secretaries participated in virtual sessions designed specifically for them. We also have teachers who are participating in Mathematics sessions through Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium, Literacy Sessions with Jennifer Seravallo, and Mental and Health and Trauma sessions this month.

Halloween - Dress-up in the afternoon on Friday for the school parade! This year classes will walk by Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge and Pine Grove Manor. Parents are invited to watch the parade. Robson Park would probably be the best location for parents to view.

Best Coach programming is going very well. Amanda Denton is working with each class to build social/emotional awareness. We also have our family school liaison counsellor working in the school weekly at JES on Wednesdays.

Important Dates for November:

- Nov. 3 - 10 - Veterans Week - JES families are invited to share photos of family members who have participated in war, conflict, and peacekeeping missions.
- Nov. 11 - 13 Fall Break (School closed)
- Nov. 25 - Photo Retakes
- Nov. 27 - PD for Staff (No Staff)
- Nov. 30 - Report Cards sent home

2. Trustee's Report – Dale gave highlights of the GYPSD board meeting held October 28/20
 - decreased enrollment by 170 this year across division
 - motion was passed to cancel PATs for grade 6 & 9 this year
 - Nov 10 1-3 pm council of school councils will be held for all schools in district
 - Nov 23 11am -12pm informal coffee conversation for Jasper parents/community members/board
3. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:
 - Alberta Association of School Councils, school re-entry survey
www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/education-in-alberta/education-and-covid-19/school-re-entry-20-21
 - Quick update on recent AASC AGM – Jenn highlighted some topics that AASC will bring forward this year to Alberta Education: affordable epi pens for schools, tobacco and cannabis policy alignment

4. Committee and Member Share

1. Opportunity for members wishing to share a brief report, update, or news item
 - Canadian Parents for French is offering free membership this year, Amber Stewart posted the link on the JES Facebook page

5. Old Business

1. Lunch Hour - Approximately 60 families expressed interest on survey, many for a drop-in option. Forms were sent home this week, revised note will be sent home to clarify that refunds will be provided if program closed due to outbreak.
2. Playground Equipment / Outdoor Classrooms- Jodi met with Ecole Desrochers and schools are surveying staff to come up with a wish list, some suggestions included games, benches, log circle, outdoor classroom items. Working on getting pricing for these items.
3. Welcome Bags – Jenn has ordered books and the bags will go out once those arrive

6. JES Parent's Association

1. Fundraising – Flower basket update - April is completing order forms, new items this year include tomatoes, strawberries, and different flower varieties

7. Opportunity for open discussion

- COVID case at out of school care (OSC) – Jodi explained that OSC confirmed that the case had not been in JES and as per policy OSC contacted affected families directly.
- Discussion on process for parents to communicate with teachers to arrange homework, Jodi advised that parents continue to contact teachers to make arrangements and that teachers are setting up google classrooms as another option to connect with students during absences.
- The school board is hiring for substitute teachers and substitute EAs. All substitute staff will be screened with the same COVID screening form as everyone else entering the school
- Becky shared that she attended Community Conversation with Lisa Riddell and there are plans to hold sessions for parents re: anxiety, stress, supporting each other, and self-care similar to lunch sessions held in previous years
- Tricia recognized teachers for the hard work and extra time they are putting in this year, taking very few breaks to remain with students to supervise recess/lunch and keep students in cohorts

- Bi-weekly COVID testing offered for school staff has been paused as per updated AHS testing criteria released last week

8. Adjournment @ 7:43

- Next Meeting: Virtual Meeting November 25, 2020 @ 7 pm