

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

## & Annual General Meeting for the Parent's Association

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

**Date:** September 30, 2020

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

**1. Call to order @ 7:01 pm.** In attendance: Jenn S, Jodi C., Becky K., Kelly S., Dale K., David and Melanie L., Stephanie E., Leslie V., Sandra C., Darwin B., Jeremy T., Lisa D., Lisa R., Leslie V., Terri-Lynn D., Marevil R., Rosanna Z., Janelle G

- Agenda review and additions - none
- Brief introductions

**2. Approval of minutes** Approved by Jenn, Seconded by Stephanie

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

1. Principal's Report

- ***Reading of the land acknowledgement statement to honour and commemorate the healing journey of residential school survivors and their families in recognition of orange shirt day today.***

Welcome to Jasper Elementary School, a welcoming place for peoples from around the world. I wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 and 8 territory and is a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, travelling route and home for many Indigenous peoples. Their spiritual and practical relationships to the land create a rich heritage for our learning and our life as a community. We pay respect to all the Indigenous people whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

- Theme & Welcome Back 2020 - 21 school year - Every year, JES staff select a school theme to build school spirit and camaraderie. This year, our theme is "Stronger Together!" In October, we will be beginning our baseline assessments in literacy and mathematics. **On Oct. 23**, we will have a professional learning day to focus on data analysis and setting/revising our school goals.
- Our re-entry to school has gone smoothly. We believe that using three entrances and early bird / late owl times is the safest way to have students arrive and dismiss, but it comes with challenges. Increasing from two doors to three and two different times means the supervision increases from 2 people to six. The same is true for recess. The teachers are supervising their class during recess times and keeping the students together as a cohort. We are not allowed on the playground equipment, and classes are playing in assigned zones. Each class has a bag of recess equipment that they can use. Teachers sanitize equipment and shared manipulatives daily. As a staff, we feel that this has been a very safe return to school.
- Music: Has been reduced to one period per week, rather than two classes.
- I am pleased to welcome Mme Ashley Korongonas to the JES staff she is teaching in 1e année. Amanda Denton is the new BEST coach working with the students at JES. The best coach programming was available online in September and focused on mindfulness. In October, in-class programming will begin with COVID safety precautions in place.
- Enrolment k-6 224 students  
Kindergarten/Maternelle = 38  
Gr. 1 = 31  
Gr. 2 = 34  
Gr. 3 = 38  
Gr. 4 = 26  
Gr. 5 = 36  
Gr. 6 = 21  
\* JK program is currently hosting 18 students and has two full-time vacant spots available.

- Terry Fox Run - The run/walk scavenger hunt took place on Sept. 25. Mme Michelle, Mme Becky, and Mrs. Shupe Latour organized the event. We are incredibly proud that JES raised \$980 in donations for cancer research.
- The nutrition program is up and running. This year, we only use pre-packaged grab and go items for easy distribution and meet COVID safety food regulations. This week the students had apples, cheese and *Made Good* oatmeal bites.
- Lighting - the school is currently upgrading from fluorescent to LED lighting in each classroom. Our electrician will be finishing the Library. Once the lighting is complete, Jody will be hosting classroom visits. Students will not take library books home this year.

## 2. Trustee's Report

- start-up has been going well so far, but situation remains fluid
- students allowed to switch between in-class and virtual options with one week notice
- board continues regular virtual meetings
- 1.57 million in federal funding to our district = 2.5% of operating budget, plans for distribution are underway

## 3. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:

### • Lunch hour

- current lunch plan made with worst case scenario in mind, students staying at school during lunch hour may increase number of contacts between students and staff therefore decision for students to go home at lunch made to reduce this risk. Staff supervision time is also a complicating factor as they are close to maximum assignable time already. Positive feedback from teachers: students returning ready to learn in afternoon, less playground conflict. Administration recognizes that this has been a challenge for families and plans to send out survey for parents and look at hiring non-teaching staff for supervision based on need, tentatively starting for November. There will be a cost for this supervision as lunch supervision is not required for neighbourhood schools where the division does not provide bussing. There is room in the gym to add more cohorts while maintaining physical distancing, some classrooms could be used, and recess times could be staggered for early birds/late owls but anticipate there would be more risk of contact between groups versus current lunch scenario.
- Feedback from parents/employers: parents are experiencing challenges making arrangements for lunch hour. Productivity of business is also being impacted due to staff needing to leave for an hour. Parents would support implementing a paid lunch program for those who need it. School council could consider financial support for this program using school council funds or organizing a fundraising drive. Other suggestions: eating lunch outside weather permitting, putting a call out for parent volunteers to supervise lunch hour

## 4. Committee and Member Share

1. Opportunity for members wishing to share a brief report, update, or news item - none

## 5. JES Parent's Association

1. Annual General Meeting
  - **Financial Report**
  - Telus: Jodi has not heard yet if in-person programming is going to be an option this year
  - pool: no programming until at least 2021
  - chrome books: supply is ok for now, awaiting some devices on backorder, hoping to accommodate students in Gr. 5/6 without personal device, then Gr 3/4. K-3 using computer lab and iPads
  - no outstanding payments to be made
  - many bounced cheques from flower fundraiser, report will not be accurate until this has been resolved (about 8 outstanding, roughly \$1800)
  - latest financial report:

<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Parent Council Revenue</b>		<b>Parent Council Expenses</b>	
Raffle tickets	\$ 2,605.00	Babysitting	\$ 60.00
Flower baskets and poinsettias	\$ 15,993.00	Museum Program	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,598.00</b>	Swim program donation chrome books	\$ 2,596.44
<b>Playground Revenue</b>		Mac and Cheese	\$ -
Mac and Cheese	\$ 6,736.00	Staff Appreciation	\$ 100.00
Corporate playground donations	\$ 206.60	Flower baskets and point	\$ 10,910.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,942.60</b>	Walkdown books	\$ 847.15
		Returned checks	\$ 2,252.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,540.60</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,066.85</b>
		<b>Play Ground Expenses</b>	
		Playground improvement	\$ 1,400.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 18,466.85</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>			
<b>Asset</b>			
Bank Account	\$ 26,041.61		
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Carry Forward Playground fund	\$ 13,586.99		
2020 NET Playground	\$ 5,542.60		
<b>TOTAL PLAYGROUND</b>	<b>\$ 19,129.59</b>		
Carry Forward Parent Council	\$ 5,380.87		
2020 Net Parent Council	\$ 1,531.15		
<b>TOTAL PARENT COUNCIL</b>	<b>\$ 6,912.02</b>		
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 26,041.61</b>		

- **Elections:** President – Jenn would like to step down this year but will remain in position until another candidate steps forward, Vice President - Rosanna, Stephanie – Treasurer, Director- Leslie, Secretary – Kristy
- Motion for vote to approve positions by Leslie, seconded by Lisa D. Vote via chat box: in favour = Stephanie, Jeremy, David, Lisa D. Lisa R., Terri-Lynn. Opposed = none
- Suggestion made to send paper home with kindergarten families to share info about school council and email or put a package together to provide info on school council to families and newcomers.

## 2. Parent Council Business

- **Fundraising**

Jenn to follow-up with April about flower fundraiser for upcoming spring. Call for anyone interested to head up fundraising this year.

## 6. Opportunity for open discussion

- **Playground**

Currently closed during school hours, decision made by school board and is constantly being reviewed for options in accordance with public health orders, no plans to open at this time. Classes each provided with equipment bag and have been spending extra time outside. Sprayer for gym equipment being considered to clean between classes and planning to add to equipment bags to keep interesting for students. Do teachers have any ideas for wanted items that parent council could contribute towards?

- **COVID-19:**

- Public health unit is coming to the school every 2 weeks to offer testing to staff
- Jodi and Becky working on a new infographic for parents
- plan is to have teachers send homework and support student learning at home if student will be absent for extended time (beyond a few days), do not need to switch to virtual learning
- ill students must not attend school, parents to use online AHS screening tool or call 811 for advice re: testing
- no formal requirement to report test results
- change made for siblings of ill students: healthy sibling(s) can attend school if no symptoms, siblings only expected to stay home if exposed to confirmed case of COVID-19

- reporting absence: safe arrival protocol will be followed. Parents can discuss with Karen when calling to inform school of absence if it is anticipated that a student will be absent for more than one day and what the plan for reporting further absences will be.
- **Halloween:**
- traditionally students dress up in costumes for the afternoon and do a parade throughout school. This year dress-up will be on the Friday afternoon before Halloween and parade will be outside past seniors residences (parents ok to come watch outside). Teachers are planning Halloween crafts/activities for classes, no food to be shared in classroom.
- **Kindergarten/New Student Welcome Bags**
- typically, these are handed out at meet the teacher night but that will not be possible this year. Bags could still be assembled and distributed to students.

#### **7. Adjournment 2 8:09**

- Next Meeting: October 28, 2020 @ 7pm