

# J.E.S. School Council & Parent Association Meeting Minutes

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

**Date:** January 27, 2021

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

## 1. Call to order @ 7:03 pm

In attendance: Jenn S., Dale K., Jodi C., Becky K., Kristy G., Angie T., Morina L., Rosanna Z., Sandra C., Stephanie E., Tricia P.

Agenda review and additions

## 2. Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes Jenn/Rosanna carried

## 3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise

### 1. Principal's Report

Important dates:

January 29th - Silly Sock Day

February 3rd - Winter Walk Day

February 4th & 5th - \*Teachers' Convention (No school for students)

February 3 - 10th - Student-Led Conferences

February 12th - Spirit Day - Wear your Valentine's Colours for Red & White day!

February 15th - Family Day (No school for students)

February 24th - Pink Shirt Day

March 5th - Staff Professional Learning Day - No School for Students

Happy Family Literacy Day everyone!

The end of January marks the midpoint of the school year. Our students have quickly adjusted back to the school routines, and we thank parents for continuing to complete the daily schedule. Staff and students have been enjoying the spirit days! We have planned several more school spirit events for the remainder of the year. The early dismissal on February 3rd has been cancelled, as no travel is required for teachers to attend the convention this year.

Our next professional learning day is on Mar. 5. Jasper Elementary is going to be working with Shane Hewitt, the GYPSD behavioural consultant.

JES will provide materials for at home student-led conferences from February 3-10th. This is an opportunity for students to share their learning with parents. They do this by discussing their work samples, demonstrating their skills, and explaining their learning.

Our school will recognize Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 24th. The 2020 theme for Pink Shirt Day is "Lift Each Other Up" a simple but powerful message encouraging us to look beyond our differences and celebrate the things that make us unique. Amanda, our best coach will be working with each class.

### 2. Trustee's Report

The school council chair from Mountain View School in Hinton presented their outdoor classroom development plan with the board at a recent meeting, design includes several different learning areas and is being funded through fundraising, corporate donations, and grant funding

GYPSD is now a home education provider and able to facilitate at home education options including Alberta curriculum, parent directed outcome based curriculum, and a Christian program

### 3. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:

Safety at school drop off and pick up

- Jodi has spoken with the RCMP re: concerns with illegal maneuvers, patrols will be increased and situation will be monitored
- school patrol training was not available for this year due to Covid restrictions
- school staff will be wearing their safety vest when outside for increased visibility

Virtual programming for the students

- Telus has several options for Science in Motion virtual learning this year, Winter themed program would be available to the whole school in half hour daily sessions for a week as well as additional programs of interest about Weather, Simple Machines, Rocks and Minerals for individual classes, which are 4 sessions each. Total cost for all programs \$1025
- Earth Rangers – Animal Ambassador program (JES on waiting list) Cost appears to be by donation
- SK Interactive – Interactive Video Dance program, workshops include 5 approximately 30 min. sessions for up to 500 students, cost \$349

#### **4. Committee and Member Share**

Municipal Library Update from Angie

- Remains closed to public but interlibrary loans and contactless pick-up/deliveries are available
- Library staff will also gather packages of books by request
- Overdue notices may be received due to items being in isolation for 5 days and will be waived once checked in
- Many E-resources can be accessed through the library website with an active library membership

Community Conversation update from Becky

- Home school and virtual learners are feeling disconnected from school community, working to come up with ideas to improve inclusivity
- Student writing letter campaign being organized so that classes/students can write to seniors in the community. Lisa with Jasper Community Team will coordinate safe delivery.
- Outdoor learning requires weather appropriate clothing, Lisa has items available that JES can distribute to students in need

#### **5. New Business**

1. Virtual 'Coffee Chat' with board Superintendent Lewis, February 11 at 1:30pm-2:30pm **(Cancelled)**

#### **6. Old Business**

1. Playground Equipment / Outdoor Classrooms  
Waiting for quotes on items

#### **7. JES Parent's Association**

1. Fundraising / Financial update  
Huge response to Flower Basket Fundraiser, will likely require a large number of volunteers for delivery in spring
2. Discussion to fund virtual programming  
Motion to fund Telus Science in Motion virtual programming and extend invitation for home/virtual learners to join if possible, Stephanie/Rosanna Carried
3. Teacher Appreciation

#### **8. Opportunity for open discussion**

Opportunities for students in community to connect with each other in a safe way

- Very limited community options with extracurricular activities on hold
- Could we collaborate with COS and other community programs to support some type of virtual or individual activity initiative?
- Sandra shared that COS does have some family community events and programs planned, these are on the COS Facebook page but could also be posted on the JES Facebook page or emailed to school for distribution to families

#### **9. Adjournment @ 8:06 pm**

Next Meeting: February 24, 2021 @ 7 pm Virtual Meeting