

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: February 24, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions

1. Call to order @ 7: 02 PM

In attendance: Jenn S., Jodi C, Becky K., Angie T., Dale K., Janet S., Leslie V., Sandra C., Sarah Jane F., Stephanie E., Susann B., Kristy G., Tricia P.
Agenda review and additions

2. Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes – minor edit to last month's principal's message (behavioural consultant Shane Hewitt, not Lynch as was previously recorded)

3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise

1. Principal's Report

Our school celebrated Pink Shirt Day today. The theme for Pink Shirt Day is "Lift Each Other Up" a simple but powerful message. Amanda and Carla provided each class with pink masks to decorate with positive messages. BEST continues to visit classes to provide lessons on social emotional learning, friendship, problem solving, and promoting kindness.

Grade 2 - 6 classes are invited to a live performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream with Theatre Prospero this Friday from 1 - 2:00 p.m. Virtual students are also invited to attend. The children will have an opportunity to stick around for a Q & A session with the cast after the performance.

Students and staff are excited to participate in the Science in Motion presentations over the next month. The cost for the programming from Telus is \$1025. Virtual students will also be invited to participate in the programming.

Our next professional learning day is on March 5th. Jasper Elementary School teachers will be working on numeracy (number sense strategies) with Geri Lorway. We will also collaborate on marking the HLAT writing assessments. Educational assistants will be working with Shane Hewitt on behaviour strategies. Teachers are participating in a weekly professional learning on literacy strategies using a book/video resource by Jennifer Serravallo.

Outdoor classroom - I have received quotes from Habitat Systems and have been in contact with MarieClaude. We will be setting up a virtual meeting to discuss grant writing.

The RCMP have been monitoring the school zone and handing out warnings and tickets. Jasper Bylaw has also increased their visibility and is helping to cross students and has provided pylons to improve mark no parking zones.

2. Trustee's Report

Board meeting held today, items discussed included transportation services update, enrollment in province is down by 9300 students, 10000 more doing homeschooling, Board Chair will meet with minister of education after upcoming budget released, school nutrition program 200 000 – 15/17 schools in the district take part in this program, including Jasper, results of school name change survey expected at next board meeting.

3. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:

Surveys: feedback received that surveys may have higher response rate if could be submitted anonymously
JES name change

- Motion was put forward by one of the JES teachers. At JES 50% of students are in French immersion program. Most schools that have a dual track program include Ecole in the school name. Survey has gone out to school community to gather feedback on the name change. Cost of name change would be minimal (would be determined prior to moving forward with name change, if supported).

4. Committee and Member Share

Canadian Parents for French: information shared on the JES Facebook page for French Family Fun Weekend; ACFA Francophonie scavenger hunt coming up and more activities planned for Francophonie Month, further information coming soon

Angie – Library: user survey is out now (on library website and Facebook page), input will help guide future library services

5. New Business

1. Scholastics Book Fair – typically the Friends of the Library and JES hold a book fair in November every year, and the CPF French book fair is held in the spring. School community does want to continue with this annual event and would prefer to have an in-person event rather than virtual. If in-person event is not an option in the fall, it could be postponed until the following spring and held in conjunction with CPF French book sale.

6. Old Business

1. Telus World of Science -Jodi to email invoice to Stephanie for payment
2. Playground equipment pricing – Jodi received a new quote from Habitat for some items, cost is higher than expected but does include grant writing in the quote

7. JES Parent's Association

1. Teacher Appreciation (to be discussed at the end of the meeting)

8. Opportunity for open discussion

Tricia P. - Right to Read Society raised \$500 from the fall Duck Race. Due to Covid, the Society's activities have been reduced but Tricia is available to provide info for anyone with questions about Right to Read

9. Adjournment @ 7:51 PM

Next Meeting: March 24, 2021 @ 7PM Virtual Meeting