

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: March 24, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order @ 7:02 pm

In attendance: Jenn S. Jodi C. , Becky K., Rosanna K., Kristy G., Dale K., Sarah Jane F.
Agenda review and additions

2. Approval of minutes

Motion to approve Rosanna/Kristy Carried

3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise

1. Principal's Report

A big thank you to the Jasper Parent Association for hosting the staff appreciation luncheon on March 5! Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Coco's Cafe and loved the beautiful plants from Elysiion Florals. We also want to thank the Jasper Elementary School Council for supporting our virtual Telus Science in Motion. All classes participated in various activities, and we had several students who are learning at home participate. The feedback from teachers and students was overwhelmingly positive.

JES is applying for an Alberta Fine Arts grant to support a weeklong Evergreen Theatre artists in residency project. If approved, the project will take place from May 2 - 6th, 2022.

Students are enjoying the school spirit days! Terrific participation in St. Patrick's day activities. Classes have been creating exhibits for other classes to visit. Mme Michelle's students displayed Leprechaun traps in classroom 7, and Mme Josée's class prepared a beautiful Tipi exhibit inspired by a session that Josée attended at the February Teachers' Convention.

Update on the playground - JES and Ecole Desrochers would each like to order a set of soccer nets. The nets would be similar to those we currently have on the playground and ordered from Jasper Source for Sports. The estimated cost is \$2500.

JES and Ecole Desrochers will collaborate with the local food society to set up our school gardens in April and May. We are looking into purchasing some more planting containers.

2. Trustee's Report

Board meeting held today highlights include: Government of Alberta has approved modernization of Grand Trunk School, name change for JES was discussed -\$3500 to replace sign and install would come from GYPSD facilities budget, surveys sent out from GYPSB will allow anonymous feedback going forward, report on HR planning (2 Retirements at JES this year),

3. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:

- a. Alberta Education Assurance Survey – survey name has been changed this year, is open to JES Grades 4-6 students and their parents, packages with access instructions will be mailed out
- b. Music Program – the hope is that a music specialist will be hired for next year, at this time Outdoor education time is being used by classroom teachers for prep time and classroom teachers are teaching music

4. Committee and Member Share

Scholastic Book Fair update – planned for November 2021

5. New Business

1. Meeting dates and times
2. The Great Disconnect Screening Opportunity – waiting to hear back from Jasper Community Team Society whether we can share and promote their community screening event rather than facilitate a separate screening

6. Old Business

1. JES Name Change – motion was passed at the GYPSD Board meeting held today for change to Ecole Jasper Elementary School, see Trustee's Report above for cost details

7. JES Parent's Association

1. Flower Basket update – April is looking into used basket return this year. Pick-up of baskets will have to adhere to COVID restrictions at the time.
2. Motion for JES Parent Association to support purchase of additional outdoor soccer nets for \$2500 Kristy/Rosanna
All in favour, carried

8. Opportunity for open discussion

Playground equipment – Bienenstock Natural Products has equipment designed for outdoor classrooms and has a contest going on to enter to win a free outdoor classroom

Swimming Lessons – pool has limited staff and due to COVID restrictions will revisit this next year.

GYPSD will offer both homeschool and virtual options (will include online and print programs) next year.

Bike and pedestrian safety – for parents and students who may be riding on the road, driver awareness of bike traffic is an issue – u-turns, opening of doors. Early/late bird times have decreased traffic congestion, but there are still safety issues that could be improved on. Potential solutions could be more bylaw/rcmp enforcement, addition of crossing lights or pylons at crosswalks, change of location of crosswalk around library area

9. Adjournment @ 7:56 pm

Next Meeting: April 28, 2021 @ 7pm virtual meeting