

E.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: May 26, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order @ 7:01 pm

- In attendance: Jodi C., Becky K., Eric B. Jenn S., Dale K., Kristy G., Tricia P., Rosanna Z., Janet S.
- Agenda review and additions

2. Approval of minutes

- Motion to approve: Jenn/Jodi Carried

3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise

1. Principal's Report

- We appreciate all parental efforts at home to help us support our students during the May 7 - 21st period of at-home learning. It is great to be back to in-person learning until the end of the school year. The final day for classes this year is Monday, June 28.
- Thank you to April Harkema and her team for organizing the flower baskets this year and all volunteers who helped with the unloading and curbside pickup. It has been so lovely to see the beautiful baskets and splashes of colour all around our community. A big thank you to everyone who purchased baskets this year. We appreciate all of the community support for this fundraiser.
- The new soccer nets have arrived and are getting lots of use this spring! The students and staff are very pleased the parent association supported this purchase. Thank you to Stephanie for arranging the payment and to Blair and Callum for the pick-up and assembly.
- Parks Canada has loaned us ten picnic tables for outdoor learning. Thanks to all involved who quickly got this organized for our students: Dave Argument, Tom Bell, Reg Ferland, Marcia DeWandel and Morina Lawson and Becky Koss for spearheading this. The students will love working outside for our final month of the year.
- Grade six "Walk Down" - Books are arriving, slideshow preparations are underway, staff will be organizing a schedule to present the books to each student on June 21st and 22nd.
- Registration is now open to families with children born in 2016 to register for 2021/2022 Kindergarten English or French Immersion programs. Please use this [link to enroll new students](#).
- Important Dates:
 - May 26 - [ÉJES School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.](#)
 - May 27 - TWIN DAY!
 - May 28 - Professional Learning Day (no school for students)**
 - June - National Indigenous Peoples Month**
 - May 31 - June 4 - DEHR Week & Wheel Week
 - June 2 - Wacky Walk or Wheel Wednesday
 - June 4 - KIDVERTISING submissions due
 - June 5 - World Environment Day
 - June 18 - Grade 6 Virtual tour of JJSHS
 - June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - June 22 - Grade 6 Parent Information Night JJSHS 7:00 p.m. -meeting via Zoom Video
 - June 21 & 22 - Grade 6 Walk-Down (time to be confirmed)
 - June 28 - Last Day for Students
 - June 30 - Last Day for Teaching Staff
- **Looking Ahead at the 2021-2022 School Year**

Our projected enrolment for the 2021/2022 school year is 244 students from Kindergarten to grade six. Our budget for next year will remain very similar to the 2020/2021 school year. Staffing numbers will increase by 0.7 to 12.5 full-time teaching staff. Our support staff funding remains similar at 7.5 positions for JES. Ninety

percent of the budget is allocated to staffing expenses. We are pleased to report that we will not be laying off any staff in the next school year. However, the Equalization Grant (\$82,295.00) received for the 2020/2021 school year will be phased out and this year we have a reduction to (\$55 318) which may result in a reduction of staff in future years if we do not receive any replacement grants.

2. **Trustee’s Report**

This month the board met with high school student representatives to discuss issues including mental health supports and anti-racism. At the recent board meeting results of the Alberta Education Assurance Survey were reviewed and the Superintendent discussed work being done on redesign and piloting of a common report card across the division. Public school board association meeting is coming up, there will be the opportunity for some school council representatives to attend.

3. **Opportunities to Advise and Discuss:**

- Becky has been contacted by Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge about planning a parade of students past the seniors’ lodge to celebrate Seniors’ Week

4. Committee and Member Share

5. New Business

1. Graduation – ceremony will be outdoors and in timed blocks to keep groups small and within limits as per current provincial restrictions
2. Staffing for 2021/22

Projected Enrolment K-6 244 students

English	FRIM
K → 18 students	Mat → 20 students
Gr. 1 → 18 students	1e → 19 students
Gr. 2 - 16 students	2e → 17 students
Gr. 3 → 23 students	3e → 12 students
Gr. 4 → 23 students	4e → 19 students
Gr. 5 → 14 students	5e → 14 students
Gr. 6 → 15 students	6e → 16 students
127 students	117 students
Total K-6 - 244	
Grade 1 - 6 = 206	

Class Configurations

Kind = 18 students	Mat = 20 students
Gr. 1 (18)/2(8) = 26 students	1e = 19 students
Gr. 2(8)/3 (19) = 27 students	2e (17) 3e (5)= 23 students
Gr. 3 (4)/4 (23) = 28 students	3e (7)/ 4e(18) = 25 students
Gr. 5 (16)/6 (14) =29 students	5e(14)/6e(16) = 30 students
5 FTE	5 FTE
EA Supports Remain the same 6.0 FTE .5 ELL/Library 1.0 Office Admin	10.0 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.0 admin • 0.6 LST • 0.4 music • 0.5 Remaining Total 12.5 FTE

- Eric presented some options for bell times and schedule for next year, with slight differences for lunch time/ duration and is open to parent feedback to best meet the needs of students and families next year. Staff have found that the 60-minute lunch can be quite long for students, especially when a lot of students stay for lunch, but also noticed that many students do better in the afternoon after going home for lunch break. Parents in attendance felt students who go home for lunch need that full hour of time to do so and that it is beneficial for their children. Jenn will reach out to parents via the school council email list to try to get some more feedback.

6. Old Business

7. JES Parent Association

1. Flower Basket update – flower pick-up went very well with many volunteers helping out.

8. Opportunity for open discussion

- Attendees brainstormed some ideas for increasing attendance at school council meetings, discussed whether to continue virtual meetings next year or some combination of in-person and virtual

9. Adjournment @ 7:53 pm

- Next Meeting: September 2021