

E.J.E.S. School Council; Parent Association Meeting Minutes: May 9, 2023

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

Date & Location: Tuesday May 9, 2023; 7pm; École Jasper Elementary School

Attendees: Rosanna Zaniol, Jenn Stolfa, Eric Bouchard, Becky Koss, Michelle Flores, Trish Pearson, Angie Thom, Dale Karpluk

1. Call to order – Called to order at 7:02pm

2. Agenda Review and Additions – Edits approved

3. Approval of January 26th minutes – minutes were not presented for review

4. Brief Introductions

5. JES Parent's Association:

- **Financials Update**
 - School administration will follow-up with Stephanie regarding Chromebook payment
 - Still waiting on payment from a few large flower basket orders
- **Flower Baskets**
 - Flower Baskets will arrive Saturday May 27th. Eric agrees to assist with access to the gymnasium for flower distribution. Will need volunteers.

6. New Business

- **Bike Racks:** Teacher request for bike racks at older grade's door. Eric has asked GYPSD for any un-used racks. Will explore purchasing after exploring second-hand options.
- **Shade:** Parents are requesting shade in the playground. Administration will explore instant canopy options as a short-term solution. Cost is roughly \$500 for a heavy-duty canopy and stability weights through Uline. Long term solution? An outdoor roofed structure kit can be purchased through Lowes in a variety of shapes, sizes, prices, and materials or through a playground company. But, the school council volunteers are struggling with managing the installation process.
 - Is there opportunity for GYPSD to partner with the school council in the installation of a permanent shade structure?
 - Motion made by Jenn to pay \$750 towards the school's purchase of instant canopies for the playground areas. Seconded by Michelle, all in favour.
- **Busing:** The education funding manual has been updated at the last approved Provincial budget to include bussing for all elementary students living further than 1km. In Jasper, this is roughly anyone living past the Cabin Creek on the west side and past Starbucks on the east side of the

school. GYPSD will plan for bussing to be available next year. However, currently the school's bus is not running as staffing the bus has been a challenge which may continue into next year.

- **Lunch:** Hiring lunch supervisors has been a challenge and teachers have done much of this year's supervision. Families who paid in full will receive a partial refund. Next school year: with more students being bussed, and the staffing challenges, lunch period will be shortened to 40 minutes, no fees. Teachers' schedules will be adjusted so they can provide the supervision over lunch. Students will still have the option to leave the school over lunch if families prefer.
- **Council of School Councils:** Postponed until Fall 2023
- **Letter from Kim Stark:** (Letter from Kim read by Trish) Kim has approached the Highschool and Elementary School to explore the possibility of a running track in our shared field.
 - Eric will follow-up with Kim.

7. Old Business

- **Mural:** Sean Nicholson (GYPSD Secretary Treasurer) and Brian Orge (Director of Facilities) were to attend, but had to cancel. Eric shared their desire to install boards for the mural and that the Parent's Association commit to future upkeep costs. The School Council decided to stop pursuing this project as they feel it is unfair to commit a future association to unforeseen costs and that boards could be seen as a lack of confidence in the artist and mural's quality.
 - Jenn will follow-up with UpLift organizers.
- **Wildfire Evacuation Plan:** Eric presented the draft plan and letter that will be shared with parents.
 - The evacuation plan will be finalized and shared with the parents soon.

8. Committee and Member Share:

- **Angie, Public Library:** Programming at the library will stop for June, Reading club starting July with sign up at the used book sale June 17th, Elementary classes have started visiting, Public Candidate forum May 15th 6-8pm

9. Administration Reports

- **Principal's Report** (presented by Eric Bouchard)
 - Ski program was a success and have already booked next year's trip for the spring
 - Numeracy consultant has been in the school
 - Small intervention groups continue – focusing on numeracy now
 - The charging cart that the Parent Association assisted in purchasing has arrived and is being used
 - First shipment of replacement flood furniture has arrived, more to come
 - RCMP ride coming to Jasper June 19th and the school has been invited to visit the stables and attend the show (happening at the activity center and Centennial park)
 - Class photos scheduled for May 17th
 - May 10-12: Grade 6 trip to Athabasca Hostel
 - May 25th: Grade 6 invited to visit the Highschool and attend the dance

- **Trustee's Report** (presented by Dale Karpluk)
 - GYPSD actively supporting schools currently impacted by the current wildfires
 - Board has created a pamphlet with education talking points – a valuable tool for education discussion with the current election

10. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss

- About 10 students are receiving lunches through the Deli's bag lunch offer. The lunches arrive and are delivered directly to the students by Deli staff
- Brain Boost continues to supply morning snacks, prices for food and shipping have increased. Dale reports the grant funding for this program has also increased and will continue supporting this program for the next school year.

9. Next Meeting – Tuesday June 8th, 7pm

10. Adjournment - 8:20pm