

E.J.E.S. School Council; Parent Association Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2023

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

Date & Location: Wednesday June 14, 2023; 7pm; École Jasper Elementary School

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

1. Call to order – Called to order at 7:01pm

2. Agenda Review and Additions – approved

3. Approval of May minutes – approved

4. Brief Introductions

5. JES Parent's Association:

- **Financials Update**
 - Rough spending budget for next year includes possible spending for: swim lessons, walkdown books, welcome bags/books, and science or art programming. \$6500 is a generous estimate for these routine contributions.
- **Flower Baskets – points to remember for next year's sale:**
 - Use collected emails to send out order forms
 - Send out orders in September
 - Order the max amount of baskets to have ample supply for selling to walk-ins
 - Possibility of using a debit machine with added fee (Stephanie can arrange this)
 - In need of parents willing to learn / shadow next year's sale to take over in the future

6. New Business

- **Parent Recruitment:** Suggested plan for next September: School Council announce that a pair of parents are needed to represent each classroom. Will provide Eric with a small info blurb and ask that these class reps try to attend 8 of the 10 meetings. There will be sign-up sheets available at Meet-the-Teacher night and also ask that teachers mention the need for parent reps during their parent meetings.
- **Walkdown Books / Welcome Bags:** Books have been purchased and welcome bags will be put together for September's new students. Eric will order EJES branded bags to use.

7. Old Business

- **Shade Canopies:** The school purchased three pop up shelters and have already been used. The school purchased them and does not need the donation the Parent Association offered.

- **Playground:** Becky re-connected with Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds and presented two different 'outdoor classroom' set-ups: uprights stumps as stools and tables, or horizontal logs as benches. Overhead shade sails would be added to this. Purchasing this set-up would max out the current playground fund. Here's the plan:
 - Connect with Ecole Desrocher on new plan (Becky)
 - Determine which set-up and location is preferred (EJES Administration & Staff)
 - Connect with Calvin Burke re: installation (Jenn or Rosie)
 - Write up a proposal letter and submit to Eric (Jenn)
 - Approval of submission, then forwarding to appropriate board member (Eric)
- **Library update:** Eric presented a few draft designs for the 're-envisioned' library space. Student books and shelves will remain, but furniture will be updated to create more functional reading, play, and work spaces.

8. Committee and Member Share:

- **Angie, Public Library:** Classes have been visiting the library.
 - **Upcoming:** Service Canada is available to assist Jasperites (contact the library for times); Summer Reading Club begins June 17th with an on-line portion; Secret Garden Tour is July 22 – tickets on sale through the library; Summer Storytime runs Saturday mornings starting July 8th; July 15th is Park's Day

9. Administration Reports

- **Principal's Report** (presented by Eric Bouchard)
 - Recent events/activities: Gr. 6 trip to Athabasca Hostel, Gr. 6 attended high school for tour and dance, Crazy hair day
 - Numeracy consultant has been working with staff
 - Upcoming events/activities: Tellus science program – all grades, curriculum based; Science fair for Gr. 4-6; June 19th RCMP Musical Ride; June 21st National Indigenous People's Day; PATs for Gr. 6; June 23rd St. Jean de Bapstiste Day; June 28th Gr. 6 Grad.
 - Plans for a school-wide photo wearing their medicine wheel colours
- **Trustee's Report** (presented by Dale Karpluk)
 - GYPSD actively supporting schools currently impacted by the wildfires
 - Alberta School Board Association identified their three 'asks' for the government:
 1. Increased funding for the implementation of the new curriculum
 2. Requesting that the new curriculum be rolled out by grade
 3. That funding be provided for refugee students arriving in the school system after September 30th and that funding be provided for all international refugees.

10. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss

- Bullying programming is provided in all grades as part of the curriculum
- Suggested 'friendship bench' idea for the playground

9. Next Meeting – TBD – September, following Meet-the-Teacher

10. Adjournment - 8:33pm