

Ecole Jasper Elementary Parent Association
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024

Attendance:

Present: Myka Jones, Jenn Stolfa, Michelle Flores, Danielle Duffy-Mills, Eric Bouchard, Becky Koss, Dale Karpluk, Angie Thom

1. Call to order: 7:03pm
2. Agenda review and additions - completed
3. Approval of minutes- completed
4. Brief introductions – no new attendees
5. JES Parent’s Association
 - a. TD tree grant should be applied for at local branch if being considered.
 - i. Dani spoke to TD and will hear back soon.
 - ii. Action item: Myka to report back next month on other school yard development grants.
6. New business
 - a. \$500 grant from Alberta Education for PACs.
 - i. This is a grant that needs to involve the parents- could be an internet safety info seminar for kids and parents, these issues are present at school?
 1. Action item: Members to research ideas and ideally pick one to move ahead with at the next meeting.
7. Old Business
 - a. Alberta Government \$30 million – we do not qualify for any of this funding, as it only goes to those school with increasing student populations – ours has not increased.
 - b. Parent engagement discussion summary – The school would like to have parents more involved and also recognizes they do not have a lot of extra time to spare. If there are specific tasks that the school needs help with, staff are encouraged to directly ask parents to help. This also works well for parents, who feel more welcome when an invitation to participate is offered.
 - c. Nutrition grant
 - i. Action item: Eric to get quote from Glenda for freshly cut fruit salad once/week
8. Committee and Member share
 - a. A. Thom – see library calendar of events for details, weekly programs and special events. Open on Mondays 10am-5pm now.
 - b. D. Duffy-Mills – fundraising ideas
 - i. Book swap

- ii. Movie night – need to buy a public playing license, could ask for donations from public
- iii. Ask families to send in recipes for a school cookbook (Kindle)
- iv. Fancy Walk – toonies available
- v. Can also do activities/events for cost-recovery to build community- Family dances were popular in the past (?)

9. Administration Reports

a. E. Bouchard:

- i. Literacy expert in French immersion spent time with teachers online, she will here in person soon.
- ii. Progress reports –65% of reports were accessed, not a great percentage. Some parents are still struggling to access Powerschool.
- iii. Action item: Eric to ask Adam if online signatures for progress reports are possible
- iv. Grade one screening for Alberta Assessments has been completed. Goal: no kids at risk.
- v. Avalanche learning assembly useful
- vi. VR goggles here, specialized presentations being offered
- vii. Winteruption spirit day was festive
- viii. Winter Concert: Rockin' in the Rockies Jan. 29 & 30
- ix. February 7th half day for Teachers' Convention

b. D. Karpluk (summary):

- i. Board meeting next week and a parent engagement in Niton Junction. Meeting with 2 MLAs to discuss retention of staff, nutrition, curriculum development, etc.

10. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at the school, 7pm.

11. Adjournment - 8:04pm.