

**Ecole Jasper Elementary Parent Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 17, 2024**

Attendance:

Present: Myka Jones, Danielle Duffy-Mills, Eric Bouchard, Tricia Pearson, Stephanie English, Rosanna Zaniol

1. Call to order: 7:01pm
2. Agenda review and additions – completed, Myka/Stephanie
3. Approval of minutes – completed, Myka/Stephanie
4. Brief introductions – no new attendees
5. JES Parent's Association
  - a. Financial update S. English – Nothing changed, meeting in May will show a complete picture. Delivery date for flowers May 17<sup>th</sup>. Not going to pre-sell baskets, first-come-first-served- too much work for organizers otherwise.
  - b. TD tree grant – Still no communication from providers, going to focus on bigger grants and/or local support.
  - c. Schoolyard development – M. Jones: Meeting with Ecole Desrochers parent committee members to talk about tree placement, planting, maintenance, etc. Might look at putting planting plan into place in the fall, though the trees from Parks would need to be planted this spring if accepted. Will report back.
    - i. Myka to get plumbing blueprints from Eric
  - d. Black lights - Cristin Murphy is interested in buying black lights and supplies to do a concert.
    1. Quote is \$1500 – \$1700.
    2. Getting better microphones, omni-directional.
    3. Working with Trickster Theatre to get grant to bring them here. \$22,000 grant, covers everything except \$6,000. Benefits everyone in school.
      - a. Motion: Give permission to spend up to \$2,000 to purchase black light supplies. Stephanie, Dani, all in favour. Motion passed.
6. New business
  - a. Library: students want to purchase books to complete series. Students are going to be encouraged to organize together.
  - b. SAFFRON: Group out of Edmonton that does internet, telephone, Facebook, Snapchat, etc. safety. And the concept of "consent." All current trends our children are confronted with. They're coming May 13<sup>th</sup> to present to grade 5s and 6s. On May 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a parent presentation 6-8pm at the school and also available online.
    - i. Eric to use Association's \$500 grant to cover this expense.
    - ii. Someone: to arrange for snacks, childcare, etc.?

7. Old Business

- a. Parent engagement – nothing further
- b. Nutrition grant –
  - i. Eric working to organize fruit day with Glenda
- c. French Immersion Clarification – A presentation will be made to grade 6s to let them know what will happen as they move into grade 7.
- d. Progress Reports – no way to add a box for parents to tick. Too bad! There was a higher reading rate this time though.
- e. Jenn Stolfa would like to organize a report card reading night for families new to Canada, great idea supported by all.

8. Committee and Member share – no news

9. Administration Reports

Eric Bouchard:

- a. Westhaven, Niton and Jasper teaching crews got together to share learning strategies.
- b. March 4<sup>th</sup> was Francophone week, Famille Leblanc came, presentations were made and the flag was raised.
- c. March 15<sup>th</sup> – progress reports got sent home.
- d. All grade 3-6 ski trips happened all throughout March and April.
- e. April 10<sup>th</sup> – nutrition presentation for staff, learning how to approach food with neutrality.
- f. April 15-19<sup>th</sup> Education Week and Volunteer Week
- g. A French literacy specialist, Miriam Lemay, will spend the day with French immersion teachers on April 22.
- h. April 26<sup>th</sup> PD day
- i. May 1<sup>st</sup> HATS ON for mental health
- j. Athabasca Hostel stay
- k. Go Girl! 11-15 yr olds – empowering young girls to explore different occupations, hobbies, etc.
- l. April 24<sup>th</sup> – fire/emergency/evacuation community townhall meeting. Plans will be coming from GYPSD that have been integrated into the community plan, will be shared with parents asap.

Becky Koss:

- m. Safety patrol recruits will be trained
- n. May 6-10th BEST coaches and Carla planning a week-long event for raising awareness about mental health.
- o. Jump rope activity coming up

Trustee's Report - Absent

10. Next meeting: May 22, 2024 at the school, 7pm.

11. Adjournment – 8:06pm