

**Ecole Jasper Elementary Parent Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2024**

Attendance:

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

1. Call to order: 7:06pm
2. Agenda review and additions – completed, Rosanna, Michelle
3. Approval of minutes – completed, Rosanna, Danielle
4. Brief introductions – no new attendees
5. JES Parent’s Association
  - a. TD tree grant – Danielle asking friend from TD in Edmonton, as local branch not replying
  - b. Schoolyard development – M. Jones: Strategic plan being developed, will be shared with council when it’s ready. Ideally looking for lots of community input and participation, will take time to build. Multi-year project. Looking at reintroducing natural elements.
  - c. Financial update – S. English: No new activity: \$7,000 in playground fund, \$12,000 in reserve - \$6,000 to spend on art project.
    - i. Cristin Murphy is interested in buying black lights and supplies to do a concert.
      1. Eric to get quote for black light supplies.
      2. Eric to get more info from Becky on other options for this year.
  - d. Scholastic credit:
    - i. Motion by S. English: to use the credit we have with scholastic to pay for the welcome books and grad books.
6. New business
  - a. French Immersion program needs to be clarified- Survey only for senior high kids, parents of junior high kids not included. People did not have a clear understanding of what happens in high school. Kids in grade 5 and 6 would benefit from knowing more.
    - i. Eric to ask Mark about this
7. Old Business
  - a. \$500 grant from AB Education for PACs: it’s possible to offer an info session for parents. How to help students at home, how to help in school. Internet safety/psychology – supporting students in the digital age. All the other school councils are probably asking the same questions- could ask them.
    - i. Tricia to check in with other schools to ask what they’re doing for the \$500 PAC grant and create a spreadsheet.
  - b. Parent engagement – nothing further
  - c. Nutrition grant
    - i. Quote from Glenda’s – she would charge the cost of labour. We have to try it once to know how much we need. \$300 every Friday.
    - ii. Eric to organize fruit day for an upcoming Wednesday
    - iii. Eric to ask superintendent about the recent funding for nutrition

8. Committee and Member share
  - a. Library share – survey will be shared tomorrow
  
9. Administration Reports
  - a. E. Bouchard (summary): Winter concert came with feedback- some parents were upset that it ran during the day as they couldn't make it, some parents loved the timing.
    - i. Business was slow, so employers were happy to give the afternoon off. The vibe didn't feel as special as others (timing, atmosphere). Liked it being broken up into different times.
  - b. Teacher's convention happened, finished surveys for grade 4, 5, 6 kids/families, March 1<sup>st</sup> PD day – we're doing very well academically and we're sharing our strategies, 50 teachers are coming together to learn together.
  - c. March 8: Raising of the Franco-Albertan flag – a day to celebrate Franco-Albertan culture. 10:30am Ecole Desrochers and other dignitaries will join to celebrate.
  - d. March 15<sup>th</sup> – second progress report
  - e. March 18-20<sup>th</sup> – student success meetings
  - f. March 25 – beginning of Spring break, back to school April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - g. Meeting tomorrow to talk about Fire Safety and Evacuation, etc.
  - h. Progress reports cannot have online signatures...yet.
    - i. Eric to ask Adam if another indicator can be placed instead.
  
10. D. Karpluk
  - a. Board meeting briefs are available online.
  - b. Advocacy: a private members bill has gone passed second reading – Canada is the only G8 country that doesn't have a school nutrition program, so we sent a letter of support. Gerald Soroka is coming, talking to him about it.
  - c. Also trying to bring back the northern Alberta student teacher's bursary, which encourages teachers to work in rural communities. Some communities have lost that bursary opportunity.
  - d. Visits to other schools, engaging with staff and families to figure out how to keep schools viable.
  - e. Most comprehensive mass shooting safety trial ran at Mountainview School in Hinton– community wide participation, went well.
  - f. Fire safety help coming from Central Office for wildfire preparedness, planning, etc. as this is another critical emergency to prepare for.
  - g. Outstanding first year teachers are eligible for an award in Zone 2 and 3. Went to luncheon hosted by ATA. Trustees of the Rural Education Symposium, meeting with boards to share ideas and network.
  
11. Next meeting: April 17, 2024 at the school, 7pm. (27<sup>th</sup> is spring break)
12. Adjournment – 8:06pm