

J. J. Nearing School Council Meeting & AGM
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 6:30pm

In (virtual) attendance:

Yvonne Dutton, Past Chair	Cheri Steiner, FFJJN CoChair	Debbie Holmes
Kelly Skuba, Secretary	Christine MacDonald, FFJJN Treasurer	Carrie Silzer, FFJJN CoChair
Amelia Kristensen, Treasurer	Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer	Mark Kay
Marina Lotoski, Principal	Serena Shaw, Trustee	
Darren Skalski, Vice Principal	Kaitlyn Boyko	

J.J. Nearing School Council AGM

1. Call to order: Marina Lotoski

2. Welcome, Acknowledgement & Prayer

3. Introductions

- Administration: Principal Marina Lotoski and Vice Principal Darren Skalski
- Trustee: Serena Shaw
- 2020-2021 Council Executive
 - Chair: vacant
 - Secretary: Kelly Skuba
 - Treasurer: Amelia Kristensen
 - email jjnearingparentcouncil@gmail.com
- 2020-2021 Committees
 - Hot Lunch: Leslie Benson & Cathy Thompson
 - Events: Marissa McCarty
 - Yearbook: Gage Atkinson
 - Families & Friends: Cheri Steiner, Christine MacDonald, Carrie Silzer
 - Partners in Prayer: Grace Kully
 - Compassionate Friends: Robin Shields

4. 2019-2020 School Council Annual Report

- Yvonne reviewed the report
- Refer to 2019-2020 Report

5. School Council Elections

- Chair vacancy: Mark Kay volunteered to fill this role
- **MOTION to name Mark Kay as School Council Chair for 2020-2021.**
 - 1st: Cheri Steiner. 2nd: Debbie Holmes.
 - All in favour. **Motion CARRIED.**
 - Congratulations and Welcome Mark!

AGM Adjourned at 7:02

J. J. Nearing School Council Meeting
September 16, 2020 7:02 PM

1. Call to Order

- Marina Lotoski

2. Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayers, Introductions

- This portion was covered during the AGM held immediately prior to the regular school council meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- First Motion: Mark Day
- Second Motion: Carrie Silzer

4. Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes (May 2020)

- Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the JJN school website.
- First Motion: Christine MacDonald
- Second Motion: Cheri Steiner

5. Administration Report:

Total Enrollment: 411: In school: 363/Online: 46/Home Education: 2

Grades:				Online
Kfull - 24	Kam-15	Kpm - 17	56	6
1A - 17	1B - 16		33 less 2 - gr.1 in K	9
2A - 18	2B - 21	$\frac{2}{3}$ - 10/8	49	9
3A- 23	3B- 20	$\frac{2}{3}$ - 10/8	51	5
4A-21	4B- 23	4C - 22	66	5
5A - 25	5B - 24		49	5
6A - 19	6B - 21	6C - 19	59	7
6A - 29 (combined)	6B - 30 (combined)			
			363	46

- New Staff (Gr. 3 Lorian Caputo - 2A; Emily Fraser - 2B; Dominique Poshtar - music, french; Raphael Bonot - gr. 3; Beth Debrule - EA; Darren Skalski - VP; Marina Lotoski - P)
- Communication - Week at a Glance for parents; Monthly Newsletter
- School Council dates for 20/21 - Third Wednesday of each month
- JJN Events for Sept. and Oct.
 - Sept 17 -Picture Day
 - Sept 21 - 25 fire/lockdown drills
 - Sept 25 - No School
 - Sept 29 - Gr. 6 Immunization info. Session (Immunizations on Nov 4 & May 5)
 - Sept 30 - Partners in Prayer - intentions collection
 - Oct 5-9 Read-In-Week
 - Oct 8 - Picture Retakes
 - Oct 12 - 13 No School (Thanksgiving Day/Staff Meeting)
 - Oct 21 - Partners in Prayer - intentions collection
 - Oct 27 & 28 Parent Teacher Interviews
 - Upcoming - Opening liturgy and Gr. 4 bible presentation
- Nutrition Program:

Near the end of the 2019/20 school year, council had donated \$1400 to the school to be used to replenish the fruit basket that was available to all students. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we can no longer have the basket available. Administration has asked if the remaining funds from last year (\$835) can instead be used to purchase individually wrapped items including bottled water and granola bars to benefit students who may have forgotten lunches or water bottles, etc.

 - ***MOTION to allow administration to use the remaining nutrition funding to purchase individually wrapped items for student consumption.***
 - 1st: Grace Kully. 2nd: Christine MacDonald.
 - All in Favour. ***Motion CARRIED.***

6. Trustee's Report:

- Trustee Serena Shaw
- Refer to attached report
- District information can be found at www.gsacrd.ab.ca

7. Chairperson Report

- Mark Kay named chair during AGM therefore no report for this meeting
- JJN Parent Council current bank balance \$824.36, no change from May

8. Committee Reports

- **Families and Friends**
 - June Fundraising Survey Results (Top 4): Cookies, Booster Juice, Art Cards, Salsa
 - May need to reconsider Booster Juice as costs have increased (potential profit has decreased)
 - Other ideas submitted by parents included an online auction, Christmas Market, WEM Waterpark or Galaxyland passes (last 2 unlikely for this year due to COVID-19).
 - Art Cards currently in progress. Online students are also participating.
 - Fundraising Goals: Suggestions from parents included playground repairs (blue slide replacement), gazebo with picnic tables similar to Sturgeon Heights school, paying for a portion of field trips, AC for portables. Admin will also bring a wishlist from staff to the October meeting.

- “Blue Slide”: While the City inspects the playgrounds and will remove any equipment deemed unsafe, it is up to the school to replace the items. The Blue slide is on our watch-list. Admin will look into pricing for a replacement.
- Current balance of F&F Account: \$13,415.32 (includes \$19 in outstanding cheques)
- **Events**
 - No report
- **Hot Lunch**
 - Hot lunches not allowed at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions
 - Taco-in-a-Bag lunch was canceled at the end of last school year: some Gr 6 families requested refunds, others donated their portion. All others have a credit on their account.
- **Yearbook**
 - While Gage Atkinson has volunteered, he no longer has children at JJN. If anyone is willing to take this on, he would be happy to help with handover.
- **Compassionate Friends**
 - No report.
- **Partners in Prayer**
 - Grace reviewed the committee’s role. Students and staff can submit intentions and the group that gathers once/month will pray for them. All prayer requests remain confidential.
 - Anyone is welcome to join, just contact Grace.
 - Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents cannot visit classes in person so it was suggested for Grace to record a short video for students explaining what they do so that teachers can show the classes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 21 @ 6:30pm.