

**J. J. Nearing School Council Meeting  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 6:30pm**

**In attendance (via Google Meet):**

Mark Kay, Chair

Kelly Skuba, Secretary

Marina Lotoski, Principal

Darren Skalski, Vice Principal

Cheri Steiner, FFJJN CoChair

Christine MacDonald, FFJJN Treasurer

Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer

Serena Shaw, Trustee

Ashley Dascavich, Compassionate Friends

**1. Call to Order**

- Mark Kay

**2. Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayers, Introductions**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

- One item to add: Discussion on need for Treasurer position
- MOTION to accept agenda with amendment:
  - First: Grace Kully      Second: Christine MacDonald
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes (Sept 2020)**

- Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the JJN school website.
- MOTION to accept minutes.
  - First: Christine MacDonald      Second: Cheri Steiner
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Administration Report:**

- Refer to Administration report at the end of this document
- MOTION to accept report as presented.
  - First: Christine MacDonald      Second: Grace Kully
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Trustee's Report:**

- Trustee Serena Shaw
- Refer to Trustee report at the end of this document
- District information can be found at [www.gsacrd.ab.ca](http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca)
- MOTION to accept report:
  - First: Cheri Steiner      Second: Christine MacDonald
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

- Current bank balance \$824.36
- MOTION to accept report as presented.
  - First: Christine MacDonald      Second: Ashley Dascavich
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

## 8. Chairperson Report

- Mark has been hard at work figuring things out and getting things in order. Working with council members behind the scenes to clarify information. Passed on some AED information prior to the meeting.
- MOTION to accept report.
  - First: Grace Kully      Second: Ashley Dascavich
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

## 9. Old Business

- a. AED - Mark
  - Phillips brand is out of stock with no estimate of in-stock date, looking instead at Zoll model.
  - “Zoll” model \$1890 (not including 20% discount) and Alarmed wall mount \$250 (not including 10% discount)
  - MOTION to accept this AED as council’s recommended option for purchase
    - First: Grace Kully      Second: Christine MacDonald
    - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.
  - This will now need to be passed over to Families and Friends to vote on purchase.
- b. Playground Green Slide Condition - Cheri
  - There is a raised bubble of plastic on the surface of the slide
  - Cheri discussed this with the city and if it cracks open the slide will be removed by the city - the school has no say in the matter.
  - Romperland originally installed the slide but they are now out of business.
  - Slide manufacturer “Blue Imp” will give quote to replace slide.
  - City of St. Albert offers a matching-grant that council can apply for to help with cost when the time comes.
  - MOTION to accept slide information as presented.
    - First: Grace Kully      Second: Ashley Dascavich
    - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

## 10. New Business

- a. Bank Signing Authority
  - Need to have Yvonne removed and Mark added for signing authority on JJN School Council bank account. Amelia Kristensen and Kelly Skuba will continue to have signing authority.
  - MOTION to remove Yvonne Dutton and add Mark Kay as signing authority for JJN School Council bank account.
    - First: Cheri Steiner      Second: Christine MacDonald
    - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Compassionate Friends
  - Ashley Dascavich has volunteered to take on this position.
  - MOTION to appoint Ashely to lead Compassionate Friends.
    - First: Cheri Steiner      Second: Christine MacDonald
    - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.
- c. AED Training
  - If the purchase of the AED proceeds some training will be needed.

- Some of the staff have had previous training. Recommended to bring in a health professional to facilitate.
- d. Council Treasurer
  - Discussion regarding whether or not School council requires a treasurer as the position is somewhat redundant and most of the funding flows through Families and Friends
  - Ultimately, a council position is required to manage Event committee funds as these are typically break-even events that are separate from Families and Friends.

## **11. Committee Reports**

### **a. Families and Friends**

- Art Cards went home today. Short timeline: orders must be submitted by NOV 2.
- Spiritwear Online Store remains open. Can order any apparel at any time. Small commission will be returned to Families and Friends. Cheri will send out the link for parents.
- Current balance: \$13,607.03. Still a few outstanding refund cheques from hot lunch (low value).
- MOTION to accept budget and report as presented:
  - First: Grace Kully                      Second: Ashley Dascovich
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

### **b. Events**

- No report.

### **c. Hot Lunch**

- Hot lunches are not allowed at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### **d. Yearbook**

- No report.

### **e. Compassionate Friends**

- Nothing to report.

### **f. Partners in Prayer**

- Group got together on Oct 9th. Several hundred prayer requests were received from staff and students.
- Reviewed budget request.
- MOTION to accept budget and report as presented.
  - First: Cheri Steiner                      Second: Christine MacDonald
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.

## **12. Adjournment:**

- a. MOTION to adjourn meeting.
  - First: Christine MacDonald                      Second: Cheri Steiner
  - All in favour, MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:30pm.**

*Note: Families and Friends of JJN meeting followed immediately after the conclusion of this meeting.*

- Total Enrollment: 409: In school: 363/Online: 44/Home Education: 2
- Provincial Achievement Tests - cancelled for 2019/20 and 2020/21

### Provincial Achievement Data for June 2019 (2018/19 school year):

| Subject | Acceptable<br>JJN<br>Province                   | Excellence<br>JJN<br>Province                   |
|---------|---|---|
| LA 6    | 93.3%<br>83.2<br>(JJN above province by 10.1%)  | 30.7%<br>17.8%<br>(JJN above province by 10.1%) |
| Math 6  | 85.3%<br>71.6%<br>(JJN above province by 13.7%) | 21.3%<br>14.8%<br>(JJN above province by 6.5%)  |
| Sci. 6  | 93.3%<br>77.4%<br>(JJN above province by 15.9%) | 37.3%<br>29.2%<br>(JJN above province by 8.1%)  |
| Soc. 6  | 92%<br>76.1%<br>(JJN above province by 15.9%)   | 33.3%<br>25.1%<br>(JJN above province by 8.2%)  |

- **Student Learning Assessment (2020/21):**
  - JJN teachers administered the SLAs to gr. 3 students in September.
  - Student Learning Assessments (SLAs) are digital tests administered at the beginning of the school year in Grade 3. They assess outcomes related to literacy and numeracy in language arts and mathematics in Alberta's current Grade 2 provincial programs of study. The purposes of the SLAs are to:
    - improve student learning
    - help parents and teachers identify student strengths and areas for growth
- **Social Justice focus tied to Scripture and Catholic Social Teachings:**



### Sign of Thanksgiving

As we partner with St. Albert Parish in support of Sacred Heart Parish in Lac St. Anne, we will be collecting food for those less fortunate until November 7th, 2020. We are doing so because our Catholic faith calls us to assist those in need and put others before ourselves. With this, you are showing compassion and care, and putting yourself closer to God.

#### Scripture

"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus." Matthew 25:34-40

#### Catholic Social Teaching -

"Option for the Poor and Vulnerable"  
The Catholic Church proclaims that we must put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

- Wish List:

| Item   | Description   | Cost                    |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Another set of the “We Thinkers” Social/Emotional learning kit.  | In being taught these lessons, all students can gain an understanding of what it means to be a considerate member of the classroom community which in turn supports their focus and learning in the classroom. Another set makes it easier for teachers to share and do these lessons early on in the year. | \$100 - from Scholastic |
| Document Cameras<br><br>IPEVO DO-CAM USB Document Camera CAD\$189.00<br><br>20 cameras   | <a href="https://international.ipevo.com.tw/ca/products.html">https://international.ipevo.com.tw/ca/products.html</a>   | \$200 each              |
| Library  | Details below   | \$5500                  |
| Electrostatic Sanitizing Machine<br><a href="#">Victory Innovations Professional Cordless Electrostatic Handheld Sprayer VP200ESK</a>  | Use to sanitize sports equipment to enable all classes to share sport equipment safely.   | \$1500.00               |
| Echo the Dolphin Mascot Suit   |   | \$3000                  |
| <p>Library explanation:</p> <p>\$5000.00 for library books (replace old damaged books, purchase new books and purchase additional copies of popular books). Our funds for the library come from our 2 book fairs. In previous years we received a combination of 60% in scholastic credit and 25% cashback based on our sales. Plus an additional 10-20% in free books based on our sales. This gave us a library budget of \$6000.00 cash for the year, \$1800.00 in free books and \$500.00 in scholastic credit. This year they are only offering 20% scholastic credit regardless of sales, this is why we are requesting money from our Parent Council.</p> |   |                         |

\$500.00 to promote the fall book fair at the end of October. With the online book fair they have cancelled the promotion allowance, 50/50 draw, there are no flyers to send home, no theme and no book talk in a box. With these funds I would purchase a copy of several popular books that will be for sale in the fair so I can do book talks and read them to the students to get them excited for the book fair. I would also purchase prizes for the students so we can have a few contests to increase book fair excitement. And instead of the 50/50 draw I would use this promotion money to create a couple of book packages for prizes during the book fair for both students and teachers.

- JJN Events for Oct. and Nov.
  - Oct. 27-28 - Parent Teacher Online Interviews 4:30-8:00pm
  - Nov. 2 - No Classes
  - Nov. 8 - Catholic Education Sunday JJN 11:00 am Mass
  - Nov. 9 - 13 No School - Fall Break
  - Nov. 29 - The season of Advent begins; Liturgical color: violet
- Nutrition program supported by School Council
  - Purchased granola bars, water and lunch items for student who may be in need
  - Thank you to School Council for their generous support

# Board of Trustees

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Mon., Sept. 28, 2020

*Held virtually, via ZOOM, and livestreamed to the community via YouTube.*

## GOOD NEWS

### School News

GSACRD will host the grand opening of our newest school, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy in Morinville, on Oct. 8. This event will feature speeches from students, parents, and political, faith, Divisional, and community dignitaries. Although in-person access to the event will be limited, due to COVID-19, the celebration will be live-streamed to the public. We are excited to showcase this impressive new facility to our community, even if that means doing so virtually for the time being.

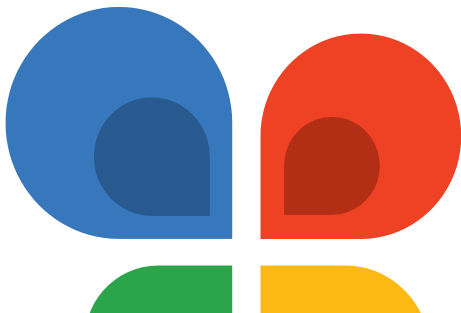


Bertha Kennedy and Sister Alphonse Academy are two of the 2019 recipients of funding through the City of St. Albert's Environmental Initiatives Grant Program (EIGP), which encourages projects that align with the City's Environmental Master Plan. Bertha Kennedy received \$4,000 to build an Outdoor Learning Space that includes bee homes, hummingbird feeders, and native berry trees. Sister Alphonse received \$2,000 to design an Edible Learning Garden Space. Since the grant program was launched in 2007, 122 community projects have received funding.



Several of our schools launched their school year with opening liturgies, and many students have enjoyed participating in these services. Focusing on God is a wonderful way for our students and staff to start a new year of growing together in faith and knowledge.

Student Council at Legal School launched a community service initiative in support of Hope Mission. Between Sept. 14 and 24, students collected pajamas, underwear, and long-underwear for the homeless and needy. What a practical way to live out our faith and a notable example of what it means to live like Christ.



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## Division News

All of our students are now back in class, whether that is in face-to-face or virtual environments, and [the 2020-2021 school year is well underway!](#) Our Division's [School Re-entry Plan](#) has been a resounding success, thanks to the joint efforts and cooperation of our whole community: students, parents/legal guardians, and staff. We appreciate everyone's continued efforts to keep everyone safe.



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Our Superintendent has met one-on-one with each of the priests in our local parishes to discuss how our local clergy can be more involved in our schools. Division and school administrators and priests/parishes will work together to encourage greater school-parish partnerships within our schools.

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' faith theme for 2020-2022 is Arise: Get up, get going, and go with God! As a Division, we have a unique opportunity to engage, encourage, and support our students in developing a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our focus for the 2020-2021 school year is Arise: Get up! – based on Christ's words in Luke 7:14: "...I say to you, arise!" Such a focus has direct implications for how our faith is lived out in our school communities through works of social justice, charity, and mercy. We have the privilege of helping students see themselves as Christ for others and as bearers and deliverers of His love and life-giving touch. The Division will be specifically promoting this focus in the weeks to come.

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The virtual staff prayer meetings that started in April are continuing this Fall. Staff come together to thank God for His love, guidance, faithfulness, and blessings, and to collectively bring our community's concerns to God.

## PRESENTATION DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations.

## ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS



- The Board reviewed and approved the following Consent Items:
  - Board Policy 1: Division Mission
  - Statement, Values and Beliefs, Goals and Objectives
  - Board Policy 2: Role of the Board with no changes
  - Board Policy 8: Board Committees; and Board Policy
  - 12: Role and Competencies of the Superintendent
- The following Action Items were reviewed and approved by the Board:
  - Board Meeting Schedule Revision
  - Trustee Determination and Distribution
  - 2020 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Awards

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Updates and/or reports were provided on the following:

- Program Unit Funding (PUF) Update
- Formal Name Change for St. Albert Catholic High School

## UPCOMING BOARD INITIATIVES/EVENTS

- *School Awards Ceremonies*: trustees will attend, virtually, - or record and send video messages in advance – the school awards nights for their respective school communities to celebrate and recognize student accomplishments.
- *2020 Long Service Awards*: on **Oct. 7**, the Board will host its annual ceremony to honour staff who have reached five-, ten-, fifteen-, twenty-, twenty-five, thirty-, and thirty-five- year career milestones with the Division. To respect all public health guidelines, this year's event will be held virtually.
- *Grand Opening Celebration & Blessing – St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy*: the Board will host the official grand opening of our Division's newest school on **Thurs., Oct. 8**, at **2 p.m.** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event will not be open to the public to attend on-site; however, the formal program will be livestreamed to the community.

## NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Monday, October 26, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held virtually and will be [livestreamed](#) to the public. All Regular Board Meetings are open to the public.