

J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda October 13, 2021 6:30 p.m.

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Mark Kay, Chair
Beinta Hansen-Wong, Secretary
Shayla McRitchie, Hot Lunch
Cheri Steiner, President F&F
Marissa McCarty, Events
Joan Crockett, Trustee
Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer
Ashley Dascavich, Compassionate Friends
Gage Atkinson, Yearbook
Marina Lotoski, Principal
Darren Skalski, Vice Principal

1. Call to Order. 6:33 by Mark Kay.

2. Attendance: Mary Kay, Marina Lotoski, Darren Skalski, Debbie Holmes, Kaitlyn Boyko, Shayla McRitchie, Vanessa Clarke, Grace Kully, Daniella Iacovone, Cheri Steiner, Carl Haynes, Janessa Ferris, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Joan Crockett, Linda Zvob-Mozak, Ashley Reichert, Ashley Dascavich and Christine Macdonald.

3. Welcome, Acknowledgement of Native Land, Prayer by Grace

4. Adoption of Agenda

First: Grace Kully

Second: Ashley Dasavich

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

5. Review and adoption of previous Minutes from September 15th, 2021. None opposed.

5. Administration Report -

See attached report.

Of Note: The money for the Terry Fox run has not been fully counted yet and there is no final number on the amount raised.

6. Trustee's Report

See attached report.

7. Chairperson Report:

- Class reps were emailed and there is nothing to report.
- Playground / Slide Update

Council needed to decide on how to move forward with the \$5,000 that was fundraised by Families & Friends towards the purchase of a new slide. Our park was deemed near “end of life” by the City of St. Albert.
- Major Projects Committee
- A motion to request that the \$5000 dollars for a new slide be moved to a general playground fund.

First: Shayla McRitchie
 Second: Janessa Ferris
 Electronic Vote: 12 yes and 1 no.
 Motion CARRIED
- A motion for the formation of a new committee on council: Major Projects Committee. Under this new committee, a sub committee for the playground will also be formed.

First: Cheri Steiner
 Second: Daniella Iacovone
 All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

8. Families & Friends - nothing to report.

We have just finished the art card fundraiser and are beginning to look into the details of the Purdy fundraiser for Christmas. The bank balance for Families & Friends is currently \$9495.35.

9. Old Business

Slide repair - refer to notes above. The money slotted for the slide has been moved to a general playground fund. More information is needed by the city before we decide on what to do. This topic is currently tabled until the next Meeting.

10. Committee Reports

- a) Yearbook - nothing to Report from Gage.
- b) Compassionate Friends - nothing to report from Ashley.
- c) Partners In Prayer - Their first meeting was held with 2 new members. All are welcome to join.

A motion to move \$135 from F&F towards teacher gift cards.
 First: Grace
 Second: Vanessa

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

11. New Business

Teachers Wish List - can be seen on the Attached Administration Report.

A Motion that we request for up to a total of \$3300 from Families & Friends to be put towards the purchase of 7 new iPads for the school for division One.

Electronic Vote: 10 votes yes

12. Next Meeting

November 17, 2021, 630pm

13. Adjournment

Motion to accept everything that was submitted this evening.

First: Christine MacDonald

Second: Daniella Iacovone

14. Meeting End

Meeting was adjourned by Mark Kay at 7:50pm

Note: Families & Friends meeting to follow immediately after adjournment.

Administration October Report: Marina Lotoski October 13 ,2021

- Terry Fox Run - This event was held on October 1st. Grade levels ran prearranged routes in memory of Terry Fox and to support cancer research.
- Thanksgiving Liturgy w/ Father Ed was on Friday October 8th. Our grade two students did a wonderful job leading the Liturgy.
 - The Social Justice project that will be headed by the grade two classes are in partnership with St. Albert Parish. From now until November 4th students will be contributing items for the St. Albert Food Bank. Below is the Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching that this project is connected with:



Sign of Thanksgiving

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.

- JJN's Dr. Georgiou Literacy Collaboration project is moving forward and teachers are being trained in literacy intervention strategies.
 - Currently, we have 5 interventionists working with 3 to 4 students, 4 times per week (30 minutes each session);
 - Administration, the school librarian and an educational assistant are providing coverage while students are pulled out for these intensive sessions;
 - Students remaining in class are being exposed to oral reading, storybooks and other phonemic awareness focus activities.
- **Parent teacher interviews** for grade 1-6 students will be held virtually this

term and have been scheduled for the evenings of October 19 and 20.

- **The ONLINE book fair runs October 13 to 25:** (The link will activate on October 13) virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5150793

All books purchased online will be sent to our school (free of charge) after the book fair closes. We will probably receive these orders in the first week of November.

- **The IN-SCHOOL book fair runs October 14 to 21:**

Students will preview the book fair on October 14 and 15th. They can bring money to their preview to purchase books and posters. All classes will come back to the book fair the following week during their library class and be able to shop at that time.

If items are sold out, students can do a 'student re-order', they pay for the out of stock item and their item should be received at the school on October 27th.

Money raised from the book fair will be used to buy new books and supplies for our library. Book fair flyers were sent home this week

- **Halloween Dress Up Day - October 29:**

This year, on Friday, October 29, grade 1-6 students are welcome to wear Halloween costumes to school. We ask that students not wear make-up or masks and that no props be brought to school.

Our Kindergarten students are invited to wear Halloween costumes on Thursday, October 28.

- **November Break:**

GSACRD is excited to continue with our Fall Break. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students from November 8 - 12, 2021.

- **JJN Events for October and November:**

October 13-21 - Scholastic Book Fair

October 19 & 20 - Parent Teacher Interviews

October 22 - PD Day, NO SCHOOL

October 28 - Kindergarten Halloween Dress up day!

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November 8-12 - Fall Break

SCHOOL COUNCIL: JJN STAFF WISH LIST 21/22

Item	Description - What benefit is it for students? Does it benefit all or some students?	Cost & where to purchase it from
Echo the Dolphin Mascot Suit	Self explanatory - Joy for all	\$3000
Flyleaf Series	Books for Teaching Phonemic Awareness and Phonics: Emergent level for Gr. 2	Flyleaf Publishing https://flyleafpublishing.com/emergent-reader-series-complete-classroom-set/ \$1317.00 US
Flyleaf Series	https://flyleafpublishing.com/reading-series-one-decodable-books Reading Series 1 - Foundational Skills Consolidation Reading Series 3 - Advanced skills	 \$796.60 US
New Plant Wall	Self watering plant wall - Would need some research into a self watering system	\$1572.00 US ?
Updated literacy books for classroom libraries	Beneficial for the literacy program	Give \$200 - \$300 to each teacher to purchase books. 17 classes (including music)
Whiteboards for individual student use	5C - 26 4B - 15 or so.. 4A- 15 or more, lots in rough shape	Education Station - 30 for \$110 3 sets = \$330.00
Ipads	The ones on the ipad cart (24 ipads) are old and do not support all of the apps classes would like to use. Would benefit from purchasing new ones	64 gb ipad - \$429.00 each Approx \$3300.00 S. C. (up to \$4000 F & F) - 7

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		(one for each grade one to three classroom) Voted on Oct 13!!!
Student Privacy Boards	3 sided student desk privacy boards 4B - Would like about 8	Education Station15.99 for a 4 pack https://www.educationstation.ca/search/?q=privacy+boards \$35

Chromebooks Grade 3 chromebooks are aging. It would be a good item to plan to replenish for this year or next.

Air purification systems in the class?
Need to check with O & M
\$200 each - ordered through LTS



Joan Crockett/Trustee/St Albert Ward

Thanksgiving is a perfect time to share our gratitude to those who make GSACRD a better place to learn, grow and serve. As a Division we are grateful for each one of you on School Council - for your work and commitment to this school community. Thank you for your time, understanding and welcoming spirit. Councils are grass roots government. Here decisions are made that affect the most important resource in our school community – our students.

Thank you to those who take leadership roles, Mark and Beinta and those that chair various committees.

We give thanks to Marina and Darren who oversee the whole student learning operation at JJN and to our senior Admin at Division Office for their exceptional leadership, vision, and commitment to GSACRD.

GSACRD is truly blessed and thankful to walk this learning journey with all this talent and support.

Covid – 19 Update

- On Thursday September 30, Premier Jason Kenney strongly encouraged all school Divisions to consider the implementation of a Vaccine Mandate for staff. Following this announcement, Education Minister Adriana La Grange and Health Minister Jason

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- proof of vaccination policies for adults in the schools. As a result of this request, and to provide the safest possible working and learning environment for all staff and students, GSACRD will be implementing a mandatory proof of vaccination.
- Starting on December 17, all GSACRD staff will be required to be fully vaccinated or present acceptable proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of starting each workday, unless they require an accommodation pursuant to a protected ground under the Alberta Human Rights Act.
- The Administrative Procedure for a safe working and learning environment for all is a collaborative approach of many including: ATA Local, CUPE Local, UNIFOR Local, members of the College of Alberta School Superintendents and the Alberta Teachers Association as well as our Division's Legal Council.

Contact Tracing and Public Reporting of COVID-19 cases is returning to our schools

- Starting October 12, Alberta Health Services have committed to a share a list of students who have tested positive for COVID – 19 and others who were in close contact.

School News

- Congratulations to Stacey Palidar from St Kateri for being recognized as September Teacher of the Month at the St Albert Rotary meeting.
- A mural legacy project that depicts the story of St Kateri was installed September 17th by local artist Lewis Lavoie. The unveiling will likely take place in the spring for an in-person event with students and the community.
- Renaming of Vital Grandin Catholic School to Holy Family Catholic School
- Review of Policies 2, 3, and 12
- Senior Admin were tasked to draft a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health regarding division concerns related to the Covid – 19 pandemic.

Letter to Minister LaGrange and Minister Copping – sent October 1, 2021

- Request that the provincial government immediately reinstate contact tracing, close contact notification, and mandatory quarantining for close contacts in schools. It was also stated that supporting the health and overall well-being of students and staff is of great importance and a priority and responsibility we both share.

Division News

- Justine Kuntscher, a first-year teacher at Bertha Kennedy was featured in an article recently in the St Albert Gazette. Justine is the 2020 Edwin Parr Teacher award nominee from our Division. Games and magic tricks are her tools for engaging students. Lucky students!
- Staff from District Office Services Centre delivered wellness kits to all Greater St Albert Catholic Schools. The kits include various items for staff as initiative to boost wellness.
- A new podcast, titled “Living Well at GSACRD Schools” was launched in mid-September. Christina Mackinnon (Director of Innovation and Wellness) and Joseph Dumont (Assistant Superintendent of Human resources Services) discuss the importance of creating a culture of wellness within our school community. More podcasts to follow.

Superintendent Report

- Return to School Plan

Next Board Meeting - October 25 will be the organizational meeting following the atelection of October 18.

Action and Consent Items from Regular Board Meeting September 27th, 2021

