

J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda January 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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Mark Kay, Chair
Beinta Hansen-Wong, Secretary and Major Projects Committee
Cheri Steiner, President F&F
Serena Shaw, Trustee
Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer
Ashley Dascavich, Compassionate Friends
Sarah Deuckman, Major Projects Committee
Gage Atkinson, Yearbook
Marina Lotoski, Principal
Darren Skalski, Vice Principal

1. Call to Order at 6:31.

2. Attendance: Mary Kay, Marina Lotoski, Darren Skalski, Debbie Holmes, Kaitlyn Boyko, Shayla McRitchie, Vanessa Clarke, Grace Kelly, Cheri Steiner, Carly Haynes, Janessa Ferris, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Serena Shaw, Linda Zvob-Mozak, Ashley Dascavich and Christine Macdonald.

3. Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayer, Introductions - prayer by Grace Kelly.

4. Adoption of Agenda (vote)

Adopt Ashley and Serena's reports as well as Daniella's question for new business and Mark's addition.

First: Grace Kelly

Second: Vanessa Clark

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

5. Review and adoption of previous Minutes (Nov 17, 2021)

Motion to change name of Trustee to Serena Shaw and Hot Lunch to Carly Haynes.

First: Linda Zvob-Mozak

Second: Christine MacDonald

(Minutes have been changed and updated in the google drive.)

6. Administration Report

- See attached report.

7. Trustee's Report

- See attached report.

8. Chairperson Report:

- See attached report.

9. Friends & Family

- See attached report.

10. Old Business

11. Committee Reports

a) Yearbook Report - Gage - nothing to report.

b) Compassionate Friends - Ashley Dascavich - See attached report.

We were able to bless a family in need this past December. Going forward, we discussed different tools and approaches that we can take for the next time that there is a family in need.

c) Partners In Prayer - Grace Kelly- nothing to report.

d) Major Projects Committee - Sarah & Beinta - We are still waiting on the report from the city on our playground. We have touched base with a past playground chair from Neil M Ross and started to compile resources, as well as a terms of reference document. Until we hear back from the city there aren't next steps to be taken at this time.

12. New Business

Teachers Wish List (see Attached Administration Report.)

Motion to approve spending \$500 USD on Kimochi Educational/Emotional Tools and to purchase 7 Chromebooks through Family and friends.

First: Ashley Dascavich

Second: Kaitlyn Boyko

None Opposed

Daniela's emailed some questions as she could not attend the meeting. Please see below in the paranthesis.

"I won't be able to attend as I'm currently sick. However there were a few points I wanted to bring up as they were mentioned to me by other parents.

-voting on where we get hot lunch, are we all able to vote on this or is this just friends of jjn

-a few parents have reached out mentioning some of the hot lunches were expensive - Mary browns was one. They wanted to know if we have a cap on those when we're looking at which restaurants to go with.

-fundraising - a lot of moms loved the booster juice one and was wondering if it's too late to have this as a future fund raiser."

Our discussion in the meeting is paraphrased below. Some concerns were brought up about Hot Lunch. If parents are interested in feedback about where and cost of Hot Lunch, they are welcome to join the Friends and Family meetings. They can voice their concerns and Friends and Family is more than interested to hear their feedback. All final decisions about Hot Lunch are a Friends and Family committee decision. Please note

that there are many things to consider in Hot Lunch including dietary needs, which restaurants participate with healthy hunger, quality of food, organization of delivery etc.

13. Next meeting February 16, 2022, 630pm

14. Adjournment (vote) at 7:42

Motion to accept everything that was submitted this evening.

First: Shayla McRitchie

Second: Ashley Dascavich

Note: Families & Friends meeting to follow January 25, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Administration January Report: Marina Lotoski January 19, 2022

Returning Student 2022-2023 Online Registration

We are pleased to announce the 2022-2023 Online Registration for Returning students is ready!

For Returning GSACRD students, parents will be able to register their child / student via their PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Notification emails were sent out yesterday with the PowerSchool Parent Portal link and instructions on how to register.

COVID at JJN

We have one class that has moved to online learning due to having 3 positive results within a five day period. As well, there are a number of students within the school away due to illness. As per the Return to School Plan, if there are over 20% of students absent within a classroom due to illness over a three day period, that class will move to online learning as well.

During the first week of school, while students were on extended Christmas vacation, the Division moved a number of professional development sessions to this week to ensure teachers would be with students the following week when they returned to school.

SESSIONS FOR PARENTS:

The Learning Network Educational Service (LNES), in partnership with ASCA, ARPDC is offering [a parent session](#) on February 3 from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. with Sue Huff related to Emotional De-escalation.

Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant (\$500)

This new grant provides funding to school authorities for each school in order to support school councils fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement and engagement.

Money to date used for:

- **Fundraising Associations** *Foundation Level Workshops (1.5 hour)*
\$200
- Fundraising Association Introduction

- Fundraising Association Fundamental Principles

In discussion with the School Council Chair, will decide on how to use remaining funds.

(Note added after meeting: Based on discussions after the school council meeting, the \$200 for the fundraising association workshop was removed from being withdrawn from these grant funds; therefore there is the full \$500 to be used as outlined by the grant)

Nutrition Grant Funds:

This year part of the nutrition grant funds have gone toward providing students with a healthy fruit cup on January 17 - A Happy Monday treat! On Shrove Tuesday, all students will be provided a pancake lunch. Our school wellness committee will be organizing other nutritious events for students throughout the school year.

JJN Events for January & February:

- January 18 - JJ Nearing Kindergarten Virtual Open House 6:00 p.m.
- January 19 - JJN School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 20 - Hot Lunch (Mr. Sub)
- January 21 - Beach Day! Dress for summer sun
- January 31 - No School (Division PD Faith & Wellness Day AND ATA Institute Day)
- February 2 - Scholastic Book Fair (online) begins until February 14
- February 7 & 8 - Parent-Teacher Interviews
- February 10 & 11 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher's Convention
- February 23 - Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying Day 2022 in Canada)

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

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	\$796.60 US
	Reading Series 3 - Advanced skills	\$1572.00 US
New Plant Wall	Self watering plant wall - Would need some research into a self watering system	?
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 ipads (one for each grade one to three classroom) Voted on Oct 13, 2021 On order!

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	\$200 each - ordered

	would be a good item to plan to replenish for this year or next.	through LTS
Furniture for student pods	Students often work in the halls and we have only one set of sofa's for them to sit on so they are on the floor. It would be lovely to offer them pods of comfortable furniture to work on	Approx. \$2000.

<p>Music stands for xylophone / metallophones STAND</p> <p>Mallets Glockenspiel Medium tone Soft tone</p>	<p>This makes playing instruments easier and more functional - especially when played for performances (hopefully live performances one day?).</p> <p>4-6 stands are requested to bring up our soprano xylophones further from the ground. It is difficult for students especially to play soprano xylophones/metallophones</p> <p>We love to play instruments and having the right mallets makes a world of difference. Over the years, many mallets have needed replacing. Additionally, more mallets means more placing because disinfecting is more management between students and classes.</p>	<p>Shipping = \$30 for 4 4 stands = \$792.00 GST = \$39.60 TOTAL for 4 stands = \$861.60</p> <p>Shipping = \$30 for 6 6 stands = \$1,188.00 GST = \$59.40 TOTAL for 6 stands = \$1277.40</p> <p>Glock mallets 2 pairs = 13.95 each Med tone mallets = 3 pairs \$31.95 each Soft tone mallets = 8 pairs \$31.95 each</p> <p>No shipping required as I can pick them up at St. John's music. \$27.90 + \$95.85 +\$255.60 = 379..35 + GST (\$18.87) = \$398.32</p>
<p>Kimochis - Social and emotional learning</p>	<p>Social/emotional program that benefits all and allows a kid-friendly way to discuss hard feelings. Focuses on mental wellbeing through relatable characters. This program helps create an optimistic, caring environment where children feel connected, included and valued—a place where significant learning can occur and everyone can communicate with respect and kindness.</p>	<p>Grade 1-5 Tool kit \$550USD</p>

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Regular Board Meeting Summary

Monday, December 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting

The **Nature Kindergarten Pilot Extension Program** was launched publicly within the Greater St. Albert Catholic School community. The Morinville paper, Online Today, and the St. Albert Gazette have picked up the story.

Many schools are participating in various Advent-related activities and have developed different "raise the roof" fundraising initiatives supporting the **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools** campaign to help rebuild St. Jean Baptiste Church.

All **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools** are currently participating in various Christmas theme days, including Dress like the Grinch Day, Fuzzy Sock Day, PJ Day, and of course, lots of visits from Santa have started to take place. The season of Advent is among us, and each day, we see Christ's light grow brighter!

The **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation** is proud to announce the Grant for the Future award recipients. The Education Foundation has been working hard to serve the students of our school division through school grants and scholarships despite not being able to host in-person fundraisers during the pandemic. The following recipients have been awarded the grant for their requests:

- **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School** - \$3,000 (RISE Room Remodel)
- **Holy Family Catholic School** - \$2,500 (Decodable Reading Materials)
- **Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** - \$2,000 (Resources for Literacy Intervention)

School News

Canadian Private Astronaut Mark Pathy has been busy training for the February launch of the first-ever private mission to the ISS, #Ax1, organized by Axiom Space! We're proud to share that Mark will also be hosting a live Q&A from space with students at **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School**, **École Marie Poburan** and **École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville**.



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Congratulations to the Senior Girls volleyball team from **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School**, who won the Ross Shepherd Volleyball Tournament. A special shout-out to Rory Vandermeer, named tournament All-star, and Piper Dobblestyn, who was named tournament MVP!

St Gabriel Education Centre students will be collecting items to donate to Catholic Social Services to help support the Afghanistan refugees coming to the Edmonton area.

The Healthy BobKat Leadership Team at **Bertha Kennedy Catholic School** is doing a fantastic job promoting healthy eating. Students learned all about root vegetables and enjoyed a fun Bingo game challenge to see which class would eat/try the most root vegetables. Thanks to all the families who sent yummy pictures of our students eating root vegetables for supper! The participation and enthusiasm have been overwhelming! Big CONGRATULATIONS to the Grade 2 class for winning the Bingo challenge!

The students from **École Father Jan** continue to ARISE and GET GOING on their faith journey this year! A group of Grade six boys is leading another Service Project where they are selling Hot Chocolate to raise money to donate to #TEAMSEAS! The project will remove a pound of garbage from the oceans for every dollar raised! They are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching of Care for Creation.

Every year, in conjunction with St. Emile Men of Service, École Citadelle, and **Legal School**, collect toys and food for hampers for families in Legal and area. On Thursday, Dec. 10th, in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30, junior high students and staff will participate in a town-wide food drive and collect items for the Christmas Hampers Campaign.

Move over "Elf on a Shelf"... The Shepherd's Treasure is the kinders' countdown to Christmas friend **Neil M Ross Catholic School**! Students can check out where their Shepherd takes the kids each day of Advent as they ARISE!

Father Trini and Father Lester visited students at **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** to celebrate Advent.

APPROVED ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- Locally Developed Courses

- 2021-2022 Marketing and Communications Plan

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following update(s) and/or report(s) were provided as information:

- Fall Budget Update
- 2020-2021 Safe and Caring Schools Report

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place on January 24th at 3:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Chair: Joe Bécigneul | Vice-Chair: Greg Schell

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Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools



Agenda Item: 10

Regular Board Meeting November 29, 2021

Division News

There were many important celebrations and awareness dates that took place during November where many schools celebrated, learned, and came together. We also spent one week away from schools during Fall Break.

All schools participated in **Remembrance Day** ceremonies, **Anti-Bullying** week, and **Métis** week. We also saw many students and staff attend mass on **Catholic Education Sunday**. We are grateful for the opportunity to offer the gift of faith to our students and their families in our school.

Many schools in our division also kicked off their **Christmas Hamper** campaigns, collecting food and other donations for various charities in our communities. These campaigns will continue until Christmas break.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools received the **School Board Innovation and Excellence Award**, sponsored by Xerox Canada, at the recent Fall General Meeting of the **Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)**. The Division was nominated for the **Building Communities of Hope** locally developed course which was inspired by a belief that increasing hope in our students would increase their potential to set and attain goals, be successful in life, and achieve an overall sense of well-being.

Congratulations to **Harland Klak of Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Jr. High School** who was recognized as November's Rotary Teacher of the Month at the St. Albert Rotary's meeting held on November 26, 2021.

School News

Albert Lacombe Bears participated in writing Postcards for Peace for Remembrance Day. Students had the opportunity to express messages of gratitude for veterans that served Canada in times of war and worked on peacekeeping missions. These postcards will be delivered to veterans in St. Albert and Edmonton over the next week.



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Students from **École Father Jan and École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School** took part in No Stone Left Alone where during this unique ceremony, the students took time to remember Canada's military personnel and placed poppies on the headstones of veterans.

We have a young author at **École Marie Poburan**! A grader six student has written a novel and published it! It was recently released and is available on Amazon! You also find a copy in the EEMP library. Bravo Eva! Tu es extraordinaire!

École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School art students created 100 Christmas stockings for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Sturgeon Hospital.

Holy Family Catholic School had their new school sign installed onto their building on a very snowy day this last month. The school is in the beginning stages of having a new logo and brand identity developed.

Students from **Neil M Ross** helped support Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church on Sunday, November 28th to mark the beginning of the Advent season.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements
- 2020-2021 Annual Education Results Report
- Alberta School Foundation Fund Opt-Out
- Nature Kindergarten Extension Pilot Program
- Trustee Bereavement and End of Service Recognition Ad Hoc Committee

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following update(s) and/or report(s) were provided as information:

- Morinville School Resource Officer
- Field Trip Activity Report
- Educational/Interagency Partnerships
- 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar Update

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place on December 13, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Chairperson Report

This is a meeting that happens 2-3 times a year, all Council Chairs & Trustees are invited to go.

January 2022

- Elected a new chair
- Talked about Alberta School Council's Engagement Grant with ASCA. Who's using it where?
 - we will talk about it in regards to JJ in Marina's report
- ASCA annual conference coming up, likely around \$400 to attend this year, not finalized yet
- could possibly get together with another school(s) and get courses done for free through the Division. Please see the below picture (Fees For Service), more information will come regarding the workshops at a later date.
- vaping concerns from one school was discussed



2021-2022 ASCA Fees for Service

	School Councils/CoSC	School Divisions and Education Organizations	Fundraising Associations (FRA's)
Foundation Level Workshops <i>(1.5-hour)</i>	\$100: 1-2 school councils in attendance \$250: 3-5 school councils in attendance \$500: 6 or more school councils in attendance	\$500	\$200: 1-2 Associations in attendance \$550: 3-5 Associations in attendance \$700: 6 or more Associations in attendance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ School Council Introduction ❖ School Council Establishment ❖ School Council Purpose ❖ Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose ❖ Tools for Effective School Councils ❖ The Work of School Council ❖ School Council – Trustee Relationship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ School Council Purpose ❖ School Council – Trustee Relationship ❖ Partnering with Fundraising Associations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fundraising Association Introduction ❖ Fundraising Association Fundamental Principles
Enhancement Level Workshops <i>(2 – 2.5-hours)</i>	\$200: 1-2 school councils in attendance \$500: 3-5 school councils in attendance \$1000: 6 or more school councils in attendance	\$1000	\$325: 1-2 Associations in attendance \$900: 3-5 Associations in attendance \$1200: 6 or more Associations in attendance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Operating Procedures ❖ Policies and Practices ❖ Effective Engagement in Your School Community ❖ Creating School Council Plans ❖ Building Positive Partnerships ❖ Managing School Council Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Creating and Managing Productive School Council Meetings ❖ Effective Principal Engagement & Collaboration ❖ Fundraising Association Financial Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fundraising Association Bylaws ❖ Fundraising Association Policies and Practices ❖ Fundraising Association Financial Practices

Families and Friends January Update

Our bank balance is currently \$12,125.64. There is \$5000.00 set aside for the playground and we are waiting on the invoice for the IPADS from the school. We did approve \$4000.00 for the IPADS.

FUNDRAISERS

To date have raised - \$3482.18

Art Cards - \$2293.45

Purdy's - \$1188.73

We are currently setting up a pop up shop thru Urstore for t-shirts for Pink Shirt Day this will be done as an extra fundraiser this year.

Next up is Mom's Pantry that will begin in March.

Booster Juice did allow us to raise quite a bit of money but they have raised their prices which takes away from our profit whereas Art Cards, Moms pantry provide the same return if not more.

We will add Booster Juice to the survey for fundraising suggestions for next year.

HOT LUNCH

To date have raised \$1661.08

Nov 4 – Boston Pizza - \$339.50

Nov 18 – Mary Browns - \$430.23

Dec 2 – Jacks - \$231.75

Dec 14 Booster Juice - \$284.00

Jan 6 - Cancelled

Jan 20 – Mr Sub \$375.60.

Upcoming Hot Lunches

-We are moving to once a month for the foreseeable future. The school has graciously allowed us to continue without allowing volunteers in the school. This is a big undertaking that they are continuing for us.

We will be cancelling the Boston Pizza Hot lunch.

Dairy Queen Hot lunch will be moved to February 17.

March 1 – Shrove Tuesday

March 17 – Edo.

Parents will be given a credit back for the Boston Pizza hot lunch just like they did with the January Hot lunch.

There were questions posed regarding choosing restaurants and pricing of hot lunches. The restaurants are chosen by the hot lunch committee, we do try to choose a variety of menu options and price points. The restaurants set the pricing and available menu options, so we are somewhat limited in that regard.

As Healthy Hunger is new to JJ for the first half of lunches, we committed to trying new restaurants every time in order to weed out the good vs bad in terms of quality, pricing and service. Hot Lunch is optional for parents to decide if they would like to purchase for their child or not.

There will be an email going out to parents in the next few days outlining this as well as clarifying other issues that have been brought to our attention.

Families and Friends will be holding our next meeting on January 25, 2022, at 6:30. If anyone has any suggestions or concerns, please let us know. Parents can reach out to anyone one of us or send an email to friendsofjjn@gmail.com.

Compassionate Friends Report

Good evening Everyone!

Sorry I just wanted to add my report for Wednesday's meeting!

I'd like to first mention a HUGE thank you to everyone donating and supporting the JJ Nearing family we reached out to support.

We managed to come up with two big Tupperware bins full of toys, crafts, treats, games, BBQ basket, and tons of various gift cards. I dropped it off a few days before Christmas and they were beyond thankful!

I touched base with the family again after Christmas and the mom let me know the girls are really enjoying all the toys/crafts and the family is taking full advantage of all wonderful gift cards. (She currently can't work so she said it's very much appreciated)

Another point I would like to address at the meeting is for any other future scenarios and how we should go about getting the message out?

Or what the exact protocol should be?

Take care, stay safe and enjoy your weekend!

Ashley Dascavich