

J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda February 16th, 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 6:31pm.

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

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

4. Adoption of Agenda (vote)

Mark would like to add to New Business discussion around the grant for Student Council and what to do with it.

First: Grace Kelly

Second: Christina Macdonald

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

5. Review and adoption of previous Minutes (Jan 19, 2022)

None opposed.

6. Administration Report

- See Attached Report

A motion was made to accept the draft school fee schedule for the 2022/23 school year.

First: Vanessa Clarke

Second: Ashley Dascavich

Motion to accept the draft fee schedule for the 22/23 - 10 electronic votes yes.

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

7. Trustee's Report

- See Attached Report

8. Chairperson Report:

- I was happy to be asked and to participate in the ASCA, SWOT review.
- I have asked a member of our Class Representatives to review our Procedures. They have experience in this field. To see if anything has been missed, as we haven't reviewed it again since Kelly and I finished up around this time last year.
- Similar to Grace last year, great job by Ashely to expand and re-work Compassionate Friends.
- Looking to do the same thing with Class Representatives, to help define the role for 2022 and beyond. Should have that done for April.
- Notice for the April election meeting for the 2022 School Council will come out twice in Marc (as per our procedures as well as to keep School Council transparent in all matters).
- Goal is to make everything a turn key operation, to allow for smoother transitions between volunteers, less friction between organizations and to set everyone up for success.

9. Friends & Family President report

- See Attached Report.

10. Old Business

- Teachers Wish List
- Reminder to chat to people about possibly filling Council spots. Every position is up for election each year.

11. Committee Reports

a) Yearbook - Report - Gage - nothing to report.

b) Compassionate Friends -Ashley

On Jan. 26th we had a meeting with myself, Mark, Marina and Darren to discuss a more updated and effective way to address the process of how Compassionate Friends acquires volunteers and helps families.

An email was then sent out to JJ Nearing families on Feb.10th with a write up and a google docs volunteer form.

Updated Compassionate Friends Procedures

Compassionate Friends is a parent council committee that helps support and assist JJ Nearing families that are in need or crisis. When there is a need to support a specific student and/or family the school administration will then contact Compassionate Friends. All of the family's information will remain confidential.

A google document was sent out to all of the JJ Nearing parents/guardians for an opportunity to volunteer. By signing up the parent/guardian has volunteered to be part of the compassionate friends list. Depending on the needs and support required, the contributors on the google form list will be contacted to assist in helping a student or family. This will include donations such as gift cards (ex. skip the dishes, restaurants), household essentials, family experiences, and other various items. All of the donations given will be anonymous. Although they may have signed up to contribute, there may only be a certain number of people contacted at one time so they may be called upon at a future date. The items/gifts can be collected through the school office to keep them safe and secure. The donations will then be gathered and distributed to the families.

I also wish to request a slush fund for Compassionate Friends of \$200. This can go towards purchasing gift cards/items to support a family/student if needed immediately. (rather than having to purchase personally then submit a receipt to be reimbursed at a later date)

Mark motioned to maintain a \$200 fund for Compassionate Friends to access for immediate reimbursement upon submission of a receipt.

First: Ashley Dascavich

Second : Vanessa Clarke

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION is carried.

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

d) Major Projects Committee - Sarah & Beinta - nothing to report.

12. New Business

Student council has voiced their opinion that this \$500 fund would be of great use to put towards some online tools for parents in dealing with bullying and mental health for elementary age children. Marina, Darren and Mark will further discuss ways to execute this.

13. Next meeting March 16, 2022 at 630pm.

14. Adjournment (vote) at 7:44pm.

Motion to accept everything that was submitted this evening.

First: Grace Kelly

Second: Kaitlyn Boyko

Administration January Report: Marina Lotoski February 16, 2022

School Fees Approval

“JJN Approved School Fee Maximum Schedule”

1. Lunch Supervision: Proposed fee increase from \$36.00 per student to \$38.00
 - Due to decrease in supervision coverage from our SIGIS contractors (SIGIS unable to cover inside supervision)
 - Increased supervision has significantly decreased office referrals after recess breaks

Registration For 2022-23 School Year

Returning GSACRD students (K to Gr. 6): Register via their PowerSchool

Parent Portal - [LINK](#).

New GSACRD Students: [LINK](#)

Pre-Kindergarten: If you are interested in enrolling your child in Pre-Kindergarten, please complete the Pre-Kindergarten Inquiry Form located on our [GSACRD website](#).

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to the families that were able to join in parent teacher interviews. Staff were happy to celebrate the successes and discuss goals to support your child's learning.

Survey Time - Assurance Surveys

This is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on their child's education both at the provincial and division level:

Alberta Education Assurance Surveys

- Parents/guardians of grade 4, 7 and 10 students, grade 4, 7 & 10 students, teachers - access code **mailed** to parents; students and staff complete at school
- Date: February - TBA

GSACRD Assurance Survey

- Parents/guardians of grade 4 to 12 students, grade 4 to 12 students, GSACRD staff - GSACRD will send an **email** to parents; students and staff complete at school - Date: February 18 - March 4, 2022

Some of the measures in the Alberta Education survey are also in the GSACRD survey in order to get comprehensive data collection in a timely manner to guide planning for the next school year.

As noted in the instructions for the survey: if a question is **not applicable** to your child or if

you do not feel comfortable answering, leave the response blank or fill in the circle under “N/A”. A response of “**Don’t know**” indicates that you feel the question is applicable to your child, but you do not know the answer.

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.

JJN Events for February & March:

- February 17 - Dairy Queen hot lunch
- February 17 - Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 18 - **NO SCHOOL** - PD Day
- February 21 - **NO SCHOOL** - Family Day
- February 23 - Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying Day 2022 in Canada)
- March 1 - Shrove Tuesday (pancake lunch)
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday

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 - \$5000

Flyleaf Series Books for Teaching
Phonemic Awareness and Phonics:

Emergent level for Gr. 2

Flyleaf Series
<https://flyleafpublishing.com/reading-series-one-decodable-books>

Reading Series 1 - Foundational Skills
Consolidation

Reading Series 3 - Advanced skills
Flyleaf Publishing
<https://flyleafpublishing.com/emergent-reader-series-complete-classroom-set/>
\$1317.00 US

\$796.60 US

\$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 Ipad	5C - 26 4B - 15 or so.. 4A - 15 or more, lots in rough shape 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	Education Station - 30 for \$110 3 sets = \$330.00 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 Received- Being formatted
Student Privacy Boards	3-sided student desk privacy boards 4B - Would like about 8	Education Station 15.99 for a 4 pack https://www.educations ta tion.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.	\$200 each - ordered through LTS Voted on Jan meeting 7 chromebooks on order
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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.
Music stands for xylophone / metallophones STAND	<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>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>
Mallets Glockenspiel Medium tone Soft tone	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>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>

Kimochis - Social and emotional learning	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.	Grade 1-5 Tool kit \$550USD Voted on Jan meeting - On order
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Regular Board Meeting Summary

January 24, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Division News

The annual Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten expo was moved to a virtual format and hosted live on YouTube on January 13, with more than 250 families tuning in. To date, we've received hundreds of parent inquiries for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations!

Our schools and staff are working hard to get rapid test kits and masks out to every family within our division. Thank you for your hard work in distributing these important tools! Our division has also purchased N95 masks for staff who work in schools as an added layer of protection within our classrooms, working hard support staff health and safety and keep students safely learning in person.

In December, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools supported various fundraisers to raise money for the St. Jean Baptiste Parish rebuild. As a division, our schools raised \$17,000 for the parish thanks to our students, staff, families, and community! We also want to recognize all of the charity work done over the holidays to support many local organizations throughout the year. Your many acts of kindness for our community do not go unnoticed.

The Nature Kindergarten Extension Pilot was positively received by families during the Virtual Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten expo. Many of the questions received during the Q&A portion of the expo were regarding the Nature Kindergarten program. Families are very excited about the new programming option within three of our schools.

School News

J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School launched its first Facebook account and acquired more than 150 followers. Every school in our division has active social media accounts!

Congratulations to 4 students on the Skyhawks Football team from École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School! Mason Clayton, Ethan Vandergriend, Tate Lysohyrika, and Thomas Duncan were named league all-stars in football in the 2021 season. Congratulations, Skyhawks!



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Starting in September 2022, Neil M Ross Catholic School will launch Sports Academy for grades 4-6. The sports academy celebrates over 15 years of successful sports programming in Hockey, Soccer, Gymnastics/Cheer/Dance.

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School student, is off to the Lions International finals for her art peace poster. In an interview with the St. Albert Gazette, Karissa de Sousa said her work shows how people don't have to be face-to-face to work together for peace. Congratulations, Karissa! Good luck at the next level. We are rooting for you!

During the holidays, we learned about a story from staff and students at École Marie Poburan, whose Kindergarten teacher was leading a charity project for the Stollery Children's Hospital. Each year, the kindergarten class, along with their families, decorate Christmas trees for all of the ICU rooms at the Stollery so that they have a Christmas tree in their room on Christmas morning. This year, the kindergarten teacher delivered 94 trees on Christmas eve.

The students at Bertha Kennedy Catholic School got a visit from Edmonton Oilers mascot Hunter on December 13, thanks to a donation from a school parent through the Edmonton Oilers Foundation.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- Review of Board Policy 13: Appeals and Hearing Regarding Student Matters

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Inclusive Education Programming Update
- 2021-2022 Fee Waiver Report
- Quarter 1 Financial Statement
- School Results Reviews Report
- French Immersion Update
- COVID-19 Update
- 2020-2021 Annual Education Results Report Update
- School Facilities Utilization Report

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on February 28, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Families and Friends February Update.

Our bank balance is currently \$12,136.25. 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 as well as purchase of 7 chromebooks and the Kimochi's Social Emotional Learning Kit.

FUNDRAISERS

We are waiting for shipment of the Pink Shirts – we sold 39.

We received a \$300.00 Anonymous donation through “Our Money for Our Kids”

Next up is Mom's Pantry – The booklets/order forms have been requested and will go out when they come in.

MEMBERSHIPS

In the course we took with the ASCA we do require membership forms to be filled out and provided to the F and F secretary. These forms were sent in our most recent update that went home.

To date we have received two forms back.

HOT LUNCH

DQ raised - \$ 584.50

Upcoming Hot Lunches

March 1 – Shrove Tuesday

March 17 – Edo.

There is no Families and Friends meeting this month.