

**J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda October 19th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**

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**Mark Kay, Chair**

**Beinta Hansen-Wong, Secretary**

**Vacant, President F&F**

**Serena Shaw, Trustee**

**Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer**

**Ashley Dascavich, Compassionate Friends**

**Vacant, Major Projects Committee**

**Gage Atkinson, Yearbook**

**Marina Lotoski, Principal**

**Darren Skalski, Vice Principal**

**1. Call to Order at 6:30pm.**

**2. Attendance:** Mark Kay, Marina Lotoski, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Janessa Ferris, Grace Kully, Serena Shaw, Kaitlyn Boyko, Carly Haynes, Darren Skalski, Ashley Dascavich, Christine Macdonald

**3. Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayer, Introductions** - Prayer was led by Grace Kully.

**4. Adoption of Agenda (vote)**

Serena's report has been added in..

First: Grace Kully

Second: Carly Haynes

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

**5. Review and adoption of previous minutes ( May 25, 2022)**

**6. Administration Report**

See Attached Report

A request was made to move the School Council meeting to Wednesday, February 23rd due to Parent Teacher Interviews, Ski Day as well as Ash Wednesday. Request has been put forward to new business.

Dialogue around why we practice staggered starts in the beginning of the school year. Most teachers find it a much better transition for themselves as well as the students. Further dialogue continued about why we had a day off after Halloween. Some council members stated that it might be inconvenient for parents to have a random day off such as a Tuesday or Wednesday. This is a district wide decision but feedback from parents is always welcomed.

**7. Trustee's Report**

See Attached Report.

## 8. Chairperson Report

A school banner for events, as an idea has been brought up. This is a banner that we would have for events such as the track meeting etc. It has been added to new business for a vote.

The Guinness Book of Records has been given to the librarian. Thank you Beinta, for purchasing this for the school, in thanks to the outgoing Council Executives from the previous years.

## 9. Families & Friends Report

Bank balance is \$12,100

Art fundraiser - deadline is next thursday - no theme this year, so the teacher's did as they wanted

## 10. Committee Reports

**A) Yearbook** - no report - we need to find a second person to shadow Gage this year and take over next year. Janessa knows a grandma of a kindergarten kid and she will talk to Gage.

**B) Compassionate Friends** - Ashley connected with Marina and there is a family to touch base with with a small gift basket due to a medical emergency. There will be another family in January that will be in need.

**C) Partners in Prayer** - First meeting in October, next meeting is planned for November 4. - I would like to ask Family & Friends for \$130.00, for gift cards for teachers.

**D) Major Projects Committee - Playground** - The Playground Development/Redevelopment Application Form has been submitted to the city. Once that comes back, we can approach contractors to get a cost estimate. The longer we wait on building, the more the cost goes up. - The city agrees that we should be targeting around \$200,000 for the north/small playground, with the School Community fundraising between \$50,000-\$80,000 for it. The rest will ideally come from grants, which very commonly get approved. From talking with the city, it's rare they don't. - We generally raise around \$10,000/year in our fundraisers, which would take us at least 5 years, for our 2-5 year lifespan park. And that's with 100% of fundraising dollars going to it, none going back to the school and current students. That is not the route we will be taking, so we can make sure we let parents know that. - Tier names (Friends \$100-\$249, Angels \$250-\$499, Patrons \$500-\$749, Founders \$750-\$1000. Will create a top group, if we happen to get a bunch above the \$1000 level. - Mark will work with the new Families & Friends group to help facilitate ways to come up with new revenue sources for the park, to help make the realistic goal of 2023/2024 happen. - Mark will work with the school admin to get a sponsorship/donation letter setup. - The city also suggested we get the kids involved in the planning, to create hype and excitement. They suggested going to each class and asking what they want to see and what they like/don't like. Could be the Playground Committee, or just the teachers. We need to make the kids and their families, especially the younger ages, excited and motivated for this.

We talked about the different grants that we are allowed to use now as well as the idea of a 50/50 cash fundraiser.

Committee is currently falling onto Mark because he is the chair and there is no one else who is interested. If you are interested in doing this committee, please contact Mark Kay. This position is open.

The playground redevelopment application form was submitted last week to the city. This is the first official step to start this process.

## **11. Old Business**

## **12. New Business**

A motion was set forth to approve the following meeting dates for the year for the student council:

November 16th at 6:30pm

January 18th at 6:30pm

February 8th at 6:30pm

March 15th at 6:30pm

April 19th at 6:30pm

First: Kaitlyn Boyko

Second: Christine MacDonald

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

A motion was set forward to ask Families and Friends for \$130.00 towards gift cards for the teacher's, educational assistants as well as support staff.

First: Grace Kully

Second: Ashley MacDonald

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

(Some discussion happened around why we motion on council first and then move to ask at Families and Friends. Marina let us know that there are 3 criteria that Families and Friends need to consider when approving motions. They are as follows: 1) Do my bylaws allow me to do so; 2) Do we have the capacity and; 3) Is there anything that prohibits friends from raising this money?

A motion was made to ask Families and Friends about purchasing a school banner for events. The price of this is approximately \$200-\$250.

First: Christine MacDonald

Second: Grace Kully

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

An email will be sent out requesting council's preferences on how meetings will continue. Options include 1) Online; 2) Inperson or; 3) Hybrid.

**13. Next meeting is November 16th at 6:30pm.**

**14. Adjournment (vote) at 7:29pm.**



## 2022 - 10 - 19 School Council Admin. Report

1. GSACRD Division Calendar- feedback
2. Parent Teacher Interviews in February - School Council meeting moved to February 8.

Total Enrollment: 383

Grades:			Face to Face	Online	F2F & Online
Kfull - 17 Pre-k - 5	Kam-17	Kpm -15	49	0	
1A - 22	12AB - 14		37	0	
2A - 24	2B - 23	1/2A - 8	55	0	
3A- 27	3B- 24		51	0	
4A-29	4B- 30		59	0	
5A - 30	5B - 30		60	0	
6A - 24	6B - 25	6C-24	73	0	
TOTAL 22/23			383	0	383
21/22			382 last year)	9	391

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### New Staff

We welcome to the JJN family: 5B - Laura LeMay (Ryan Harrison); 1A Regan Jones  
Prep/D.L.Coverage: Kamila Llanes.

### Celebrations:

- Opening Liturgy and our Grade 4 Bible Presentations w/ Father Jack was on Friday Sept 9th.
- Thanksgiving Celebration was on Oct. 11 with Rebecca Sakowich, Pastoral Assistant assisting.

### Learning and Assessment:

- T-Series literacy assessments (gr. 2 - 6) and Alberta Education literacy assessment (LeNs Letter Name and Sound Test K - gr. 1) have been completed, and intervention groups organized. Parents of student receiving intervention will be contacted



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- MIPI - Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (numeracy assessments)(gr. 5 & 6) and the Alberta Education numeracy assessments (K - gr. 4) have been completed. Division Services staff will be reviewing the results with teachers at our PD day on Friday and discussing strategies.

### Communication:

- Communication - Week at a Glance for parents; JJN Facebook for week upcoming dates and pictures of events happening, JJN Website

### JJN Emergency Drills:

- Sept. 8 Fire Drill #1 (am) & #2 (pm)
- Sept. 12 Lockdown Drill #1 (am) & #2 (pm)
- Sept. 21 Fire Drill #3 (am)

### JJN UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 21 - NO SCHOOL - PD Day

October 27 - Nitza's Pizza Hot Lunch Day

October 28 - JJ Nearing Halloween Dance 6:00 - 8:00pm (tickets available on Healthy Hunger)

October 31 - JJ Nearing Halloween Carnival 11:00 am (hosted by our grade 5 & 6 students)

November 1 - NO SCHOOL - ATA Institute Day

November 2 - Grade 6 Immunizations

November 3 - Booster Juice morning SNACK day (send a lunch for your child)

November 4 - Remembrance Day Observance in gym 10:30 am

November 7-11 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

Remember to check out our [school calendar](#) for all the dates and activities happening at JJN!

Special shout out to Albert Lacombe Catholic School as all of these athletes came from the same school!

### **School News**

A recent St. Albert Catholic High School graduate is hoping she will leave the school a bit better than she found it. Claire Borle, 17, started her Grade 12 year in the fall of 2021 motivated to make change after she did a virtual internship with the Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund (DWF). Claire was featured in the Gazette as one of the new Stars of Tomorrow series, which highlights inspiring young leaders in our communities.

Borle was one of 50 high school students from across Canada to take part in the fund's 2021 youth ambassador program. Following her lead, SACHS registered with the [DWF]. That has evolved into a legacy project where their school is fundraising to design a custom mural made by Indigenous artist Mackenzie Brown.



The healing gardens at Ecole Marie Poburan are just beautiful! Thanks so much to all of the gardeners who've been tending to them by watering and weeding them over the summer!



Gr 8 Falcon from Richard S. Fowler Catholic Junior High School, Charlie Graham is a lacrosse goalie on the St. Albert Rams 14UA team. This summer Charlie is travelling to the US to represent the Pacific Northwest All Stars in the US Box Lacrosse Nationals. He is also headed to Toronto at the end of August to represent the Jr. NLL Calgary Roughnecks. Way to go Charlie!



## CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- 13.1. 2022-2023 Board Monitoring Calendar
- 13.2. 2022-2023 Board Policy Review Schedule
- 13.3. Confirmation of 2022 Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award Recipient
- 13.4. Committee of the Whole Time Change



- 13.5. Adhoc School Name Review Committee Change
- 13.6. Tour at Morinville Community High School (MCHS)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

No report was provided by the Superintendent

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on September 26, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.



**Regular Board Meeting  
September 26, 2022**

**Division News**

With profound sadness, **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools** joined the nation, the Commonwealth, and the world, in mourning the passing of Her Majesty, The Queen. May God's presence strengthen and comfort the Royal Family, and indeed the world, during this difficult time. In solemn recognition of Her late Majesty, all schools within our division engaged in prayer, reflection and moments of silence to commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Many **schools within the division** gathered for welcome-back liturgies with many grade 4 students receiving their first bibles. Many thanks to all the parents, grandparents and family members who participated in the celebrations. We have Arose, we have gotten going and now we are preparing to Go with God this school year.



Congratulations to **Msgr. Gary Franken** has been appointed the new bishop of the Diocese of St. Paul and to **Bishop Paul Terrio** on his retirement.

What an incredible evening of connection, conversation, and engagement gratitude to **Vincent J Maloney** for hosting the 1st community tea and Bannock event! Community members, students, staff and families connected over tea and Bannock on Sept. 14 in the spirit of reconciliation.



### School News

Recreation Academy students from **Sister Alphonse Academy** have already participated in various group adventures including visits to the driving range, biking at Rundle Park and “hanging” out at the Snow Valley Ariel Park.



The **SACHS Skyhawks Football** team is off to a great start winning their season-opener at Larry Olexiuk Field on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please congratulate the Sr. Girls Volleyball Team **from Morinville Community High School** on their great start to the season. They played at King’s University where they came out of their pool in second place. Go Wolves!



EFJ - ALL THE WAY! We are so proud of our students who represented **Ecole Father Jan Community School** last night during the first Fun Run of the year. Each student blew us away with their spirit, their determination and their effort during the event.

The **Jaguars** were also very excited to take part in the **Terry Fox School Run** earlier this month. Students raised \$300 for cancer research through their Toonies for Terry fundraiser! Terry never quit on his dream of a world without cancer, and neither will we. Thank you for supporting our school in the fight against cancer and showing your no-quit attitude in honour of Terry!

It was an amazing day for the **Bertha Kennedy Catholic School** community! The school raised \$1044.45 in support of cancer research! Just like Terry, students showed perseverance, enthusiasm, compassion, and teamwork! Many thanks to Hunter for kicking off the event and cheering on us as we crossed the finish line.



Congratulations to a **St. Gabriel Education Centre** alumnus, Maggie Slessor, who won a bronze medal in the Para-Athletics women's 400m wheelchair race at the Canadian Summer Games in Niagara Falls. Way to go! We're so proud of you and all your accomplishments!



We are excited to announce the first day of the Rec. Dynamic Options for Grade 4-9 at **Legal School**. All spaces are filled for the current school year, but we will open additional spaces for the next school year due to the overwhelming interest. Over 50 students have registered in the new program!

An art student from **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School**, Chantal Lafreniere, received a perfect score in AP Art. Advanced Placement Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5 and not only did Chantal receive the top score, but she was one of only 197 students in the world to accomplish this score! Congratulations!

Today, students from **École Marie Roburan** each painted one handprint onto a collaborative tree mural, making the colourful leaves for our trees. The mural was prepared by francophone Métis artist Jacques Martel. The finished product is now displayed on the school.



It was a very exciting day for students at **École Father Jan Community School** as they celebrated their annual house sorting ceremony. Each year, new kindergarten students partake in this ceremony to determine the house they will belong to while at the school. It is a magical day with so much excitement in the air.

## Families and Friends October Update.

Our bank balance is currently \$12,100.05 The slide has been replaced and we are waiting on an invoice. There is \$5,000 in our bank account that was put away for the slide.

### FUNDRAISERS

We have our Art Cards fundraiser in progress. The Halloween Dance will be more than a break even event.

### MEMBERSHIPS

- Forms are available on the website.

### HOT LUNCH:

BPs \$370.75  
Edo \$356.25  
Subway \$453.06

Upcoming - every second Thursday. Reminders go out through Healthy Hunger, Carly posts on the Facebook page and it goes out in the WAG.

### EVENTS:

Halloween School Dance October 28, 2022

Our next meeting will be on November 16 , 2022 following school council's meeting.