

**J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda January 18th, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

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**Mark Kay, Chair**

**Beinta Hansen-Wong, Secretary**

**Kaitlyn Boyko, President F&F**

**Lydia Yeomans, 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 6:31pm.**

**2. Attendance:** Mark Kay, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Grace Kully, Ashley Dascavich, Marina Lotoski, Darren Skalski, Kaitlyn Boyko, Janessa Ferris, Lydia Yeomans, Sarah Dueckman and Janessa Ferris.

**3. Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayer, Introductions**

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

First: Kaitlyn Boyko

Second: Grace Kully

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

**5. Review and adoption of previous minutes ( November 12, 2022 )**

**6. Administration Report**

See Attached Report

Points of Interest: Parents, we always want to encourage you to reply to the surveys. The more results that are received, the more statistically significant it is. We will send the Division Assurance survey and the Playground survey in Friday's Parent WAG. We received 84 responses for the playground survey, but would welcome additional feedback. Grade 4 parents will also receive a Provincial Assurance Survey in the mail; Please take the time to complete this survey. Students will discuss ideas and favorite structures with their teachers in the upcoming weeks. Secondly, feedback was given in regards to the Christmas concert and the concern about the cost of the tickets. The reason that we charged for the Christmas concert this year was to pay for the rental of the sound equipment as well as to pay for the bussing to and from the Parish for the rehearsal. Any left over money from the concert will be used towards purchasing new instruments. Any feedback is again welcomed and we will be looking at how to potentially lower the cost of this event next year. There is a filmed version of the concert if any parents are interested to see it. Please contact Darren Skalski for this. Lastly, there was a \$700

grant given to the school for Dare to Care. This grant will be put into use in teaching kids how to be kind, how to stand up and how to empower the bystander.

### **7. Trustee's Report: - E.F.J. closure - Cogito**

In March of last year, the district started the conversation about what to do at our low enrollment schools. Ecole Father Jan is one of our oldest schools and it's structure was nearing end of life. A report was presented in December and the district has decided to shut down Father Ecole Jan and combine it with ESMY and Ecole Marie Pubouran. Essentially, three schools will turn into two. There was a special meeting on January 9th, 2023 where parents were invited and voiced their concerns.

In addition, the district has also decided to initiate the Cogito program at Alberta Lacombe. Albert Lacombe is in an older neighbourhood and has a lower enrollment. The division is trying out this new program and starting with Kindergarten and grade 1 for now. It is a more structured style of learning and relationship based. The hope is to bring up the enrollment for this school. For more information, click on the provided link:

<https://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/programs/cogito-catholic-academy?fbclid=IwAR0wJ5-LXInJY05Bx02roQ7IqvLIVsXWAGXRZEGikoH6PIVjSoNscck5Nvo>

### **8. Chairperson Report**

I noticed we didn't book a May meeting, which is the first meeting after elections. We need to get that in our calendar. That is our last meeting of the 2022 - 2023 school year - It's never too early to start recruiting for next years positions, elections happen in April. May 10th, 2023 at 6:30 has been added as the May date.

### **9. Families & Friends Report:**

See Attached Report.

Next meeting is January 26, after hot lunch around 1:00pm at the school. Please notify Families and Friends if you will be attending.

### **10. Committee Reports**

A) Yearbook - nothing to report.

B) Compassionate Friends - On Dec 8th Compassionate Friends held a fundraiser, Cinnaholic Treat Day. We were raising money for the Osemwengie Family. It was a huge success and we ended up raising \$481, plus \$40 cash and two gift cards to Superstore in total. I used the \$81 to make up a basket filled with treats/ gift cards along with the cheque for \$400. As well the Grade 1 class made cards for Jaden that also went in the basket. The Osemwengie was very thankful with everyone's generosity and support.

C) Partners in Prayer - Nothing to report

D) Major Projects Committee - Playground - Got approval from the city to build the new small playground - Parent online survey is ongoing

#### **10. Old Business**

Teacher's Wish List (chromebooks & ipads, etc.)

We will leave the wish list as is. We will need to decide when/if purchasing chromebooks if our preference is for the chromebook to be given to the student to keep and take with them when they graduate from JJ or if we would like to continue with our current method and have the chromebooks rented out. From personal experience, Mark chimed in and expressed the need for new chromebooks as ours are outdated and slow.

A motion was put forth to request \$3500 from Friends and Families for electronics.

First: Grace Kully

Second: Ashley Dascavich

On electronic vote, there were 5 votes yes and 0 votes for no. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **12. New Business:** - May 10, 2023 meeting vote

A motion was set forth for the last meeting to be on May 10th, 2023.

First: Grace Kully

Second: Ashley Dascavich

None opposed, MOTION carried.

A nomination for the Major Projects Committee - Playground for Janessia Ferris, Jen Boucher and Daryn Ferris has been put forth. None were opposed and the nomination will go forth. We officially have 3 Co-Chairs for this position effective immediately. Congratulations.

Beinta will not be at the meeting next month and Carly Haynes has volunteered to take the minutes in her absence.

#### **13. Next meeting** is February 8, 2023, 6:30pm

#### **14. Adjournment (vote) at 7:38**

**First: Kaitlyn Boyko**

**Second: Ashley Dascavich**

JJN Administration School Council Report: Marina Lotoski  
January 18, 2023

- **Pre - K and Kinder Open Houses:**
  - Division Pre - K/Kinder EXPO - Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m @ ESACHS
  - JJN School Kindergarten Open House - Jan. 24, 6:00 p.m.
  
- **Parent Teacher Interviews - Feb. 15 & 16**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

JANUARY

19     [Kindergarten EXPO](#) for 23/24 school year - 6:30 p.m @ ESACHS  
20     Beach Day!  
24     JJN Kindergarten Open House 6:00 p.m.  
26     Shumka Ukrainian hot lunch day  
26     Families & Friends of JJN mtg. 1:00 p.m.  
31     Beach Day!

FEBRUARY

08     Sunridge ski day  
09 & 10 Teachers' Convention  
14     Valentine's Day  
15 & 16 Parent Teacher Interviews  
20     Family Day  
21     Shrove Tuesday  
22     Ash Wednesday

**2022/23 DIVISION ASSURANCE SURVEY**

Every year [GSACRD](#) sends out a survey for all staff, parents/legal guardians and students in grades 4 - 12. Results from this survey will be used to inform planning and make decisions at both the school and divisional level for the 2023/2024 school year. This survey will remain open until Friday, February 3, 2023. A second email will be sent in the Parent WAG to remind parents to complete the survey. Your feedback is very important to us!

**2022/23 ALBERTA EDUCATION ASSURANCE (AEA) SURVEY**

Every year [Alberta Education](#) sends out a survey to parents and legal guardians of students in Grades 4, 7 and 10. This is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on their child's education.

Parents/guardians will be mailed a survey package from Alberta Education. Included in each package will be a letter containing a Random Access Code (RAC) for accessing and completing the survey online. Please keep an eye out, as this survey will be coming soon!

### KINDERGARTEN

JJN Kindergarten Open House - January 24 - 6:00 pm

All parents are welcome to bring their Kindergarten child to JJN for the Kindergarten Open House. Your child will have the opportunity to explore the kindergarten classroom, supervised by our amazing JJN EAs, while parents learn about kindergarten from our ECS teachers and administrators.

We look forward to meeting our NEW JJN dolphins!

### PRE- KINDERGARTEN

The GSACRD annual Pre-K and Kinder EXPO is an opportunity for parents/legal guardians and families to learn about our [Kindergarten](#) and [Pre-Kindergarten](#) programming.

St. Albert Expo - January 19 - 6:30 pm

- École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School Hawks Nest (33 Malmo Avenue)

Morinville Expo - January 26 - 6:30 pm

- Morinville Community High School (9506 100 Ave)

JJN offers Pre-Kindergarten programming for independent learners. The organization of our program will depend on registration numbers.

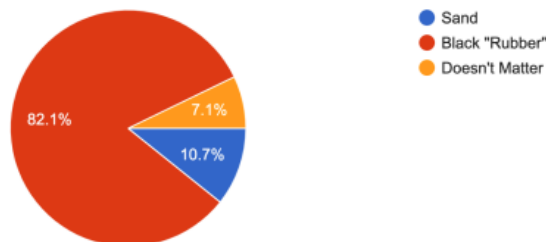
Check out the [GSACRD website](#) for more information about Pre-Kindergarten

**\* Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten Registration - Open January 19, 2023 \***

### PLAYGROUND SURVEY

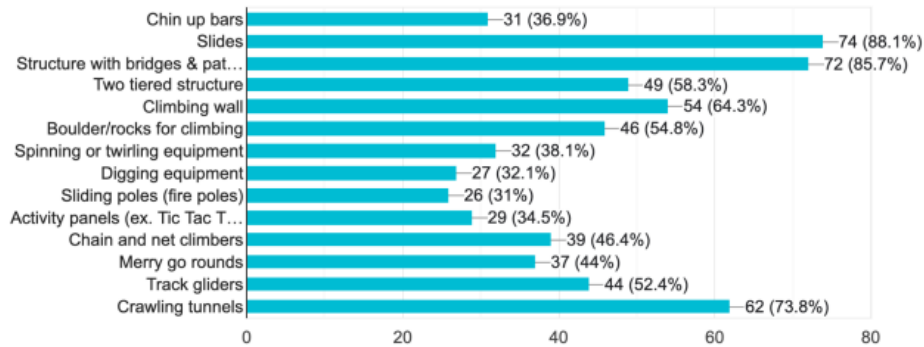
Which of the following surfaces do you prefer?

84 responses



Which of the following equipment do you feel would be beneficial to the school community? Please choose all that apply.

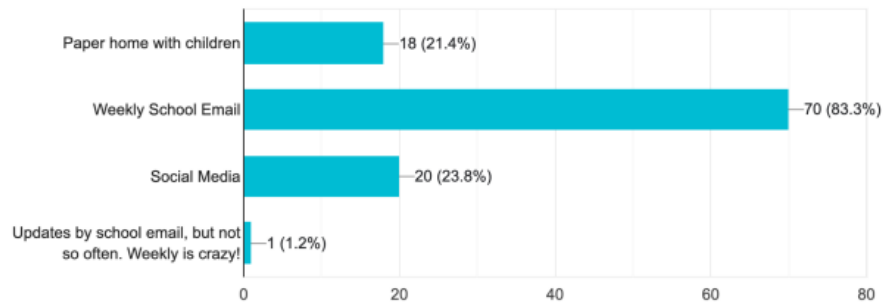
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A zip line swing .
Areas with shade
Bridge
<b>Hanging gliders</b>
I would love to see a core board communication board included for students with communication delays. In addition to this, lots of opportunities for pushing and pulling, and climbing.
Jeep car and climber like at Sturgeon school park
Monkey bars
Monkey bars
monkey bars
Monkey bars, higher levels (like 3 stories) for a slide, normal swings.
Monkey bars, swings
More swings!
Most were covered in the above
Musical instruments
Obstacle courses that promote fitness. (Google fitness ninja for a good example) 🤖
Parental seating.
Swings.
Really really big slide.
Regular swings
Saucer swings and normal swings. Workout equipment. Twirly pole. Both sand and black "rubber".
Swings
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Teeter totter
Themed park
Zip line
Zip line . Kids have a blast on them. Towers and tunnels for playing hide and seek.
Zip line, inclusivity, metal slide vs plastic, areas for imaginative play (i.e., storefront)
zip lines are a big hit with all kids.

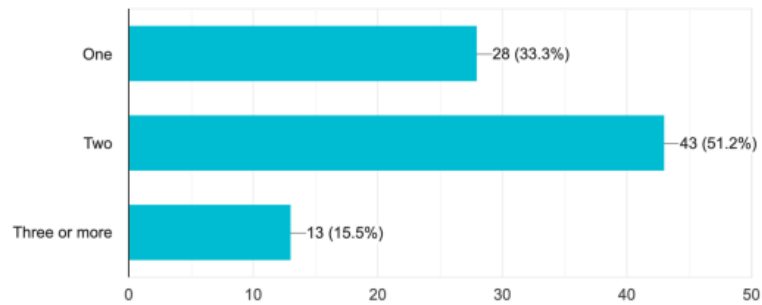
What is the best way for the Playground Committee to update you on progress, decisions, etc.?  
Please click all that apply.

84 responses



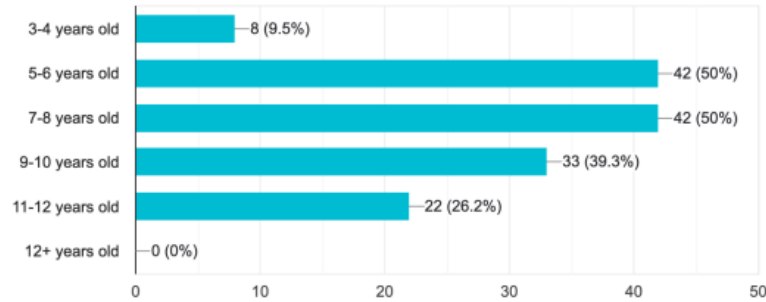
How many children do you have in the school?

84 responses



What are their age ranges? Please click all that apply.

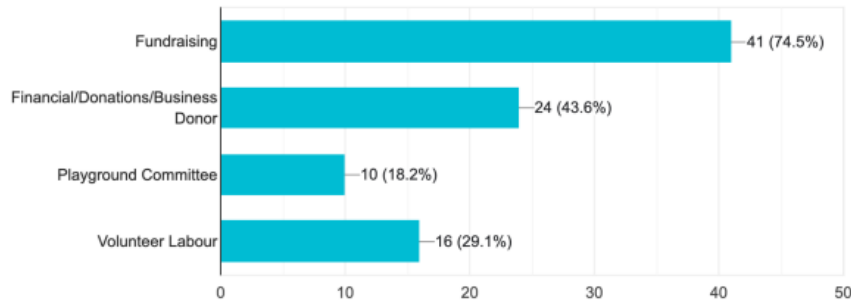
84 responses



How would you like to support and assist in the development of the J.J. Nearing small park?

Please click all that apply.

55 responses



- In the near future we will be asking students to explore some playground structure ideas with their teachers, envision their dream playground, and create an illustration to share with their classmates and the school. This will begin to build excitement for the future build!

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- JJN Christmas Concert - Dec. 13 @ St. Albert Parish - Thank you to all families who were able to join us. It was an evening of Faith and Joy!
- Dare to Care Anti-bullying program - we will begin working with all classes from grade 1 - 6 on this wonderful anti-bullying program to create a common understanding and



language for students and staff to use with each other. There are also parent modules that will be shared in the upcoming months.

- Mission Impossible - Jan. 16-20th - Students embark on a "Mission Impossible" obstacle course in the gym. All grades participate in a quiet adventure where, if they mess up, have to restart at a checkpoint along the way.

#### 22/23 School Council Wish List

Item	Description - What benefit is it for students? Does it benefit all or some students?	Cost & where to purchase it from (include links)
Math Games	Games for students to play during collaboration time, and/or recess to develop numeracy skills, including number sense.	<p>I. Board Games 15 classes X 2 games (\$50 each) = \$1,500</p> <p>II. Decks of cards and dice; plus resources with simple to complex games = \$1000</p> <p>-----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- S. C. AND F &amp; F approved \$750 to go toward unique math games.</li> <li>- JJN Admin. Will advertise for donations of gently used math appropriate games and puzzles in the Parent WAG  </li> </ul>
Chrome books (for classroom stations)		14 Chromebooks X approx. \$250 = \$3,500.00
Ipads (for classroom stations)		

- A request for gently used board games that involve mathematical thinking, number sense or other math concepts is posted to go out in this week's Parent WAG.

## **F&F of JJN UPDATE - JANUARY 2023**

Our bank balance is currently \$12,107.08. We should be receiving a payment of \$2,180.20 from Healthy Hunger for all December activity.

We have changed our meeting dates as some of the board members are unable to make the Wednesday night meetings. The dates are listed on the JJN calendar. Parents are still encouraged to attend if interested.

### **FUNDRAISERS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

The Compassionate Friends fundraiser for the Osemwengie family was run through Healthy Hunger. Families and Friends donated all of the juice boxes in order to maximize the funds raised and the proceeds were transferred to Compassionate Friends in the amount of \$481. A big thank you to some of our hot lunch volunteers who came out to help distribute it to the kids.

Poinsettia Fundraiser raised \$283.54. The holiday bowls were beautiful and families picked them up from the school on December 8th to enjoy for the holiday season.

We have a pink shirt fundraiser happening right now with sales set to close on January 25th so plan ahead and purchase your pink shirts soon!

### **EVENTS**

Carly and I delivered personalized Starbucks drinks and cinnamon buns for the teachers and support staff on December 19, the last Monday before Christmas break. We delivered to everyone before the morning bell and teachers appreciated the Monday morning pick me up.

Our Winter Solstice event took a turn as the weather dipped in the -30's. We had to pivot at the last minute and cancel the sleigh rides and switched our event to a fully indoor event. We hired Olaf to come and hang out and take photos with the kids, people ordered supper from Nitza's and we had a concession set up. We played The Grinch movie, had cookie decorating and reindeer food stations set up along with a few games. This was a break even event for us as we didn't charge for admission and we weren't sure how many would brave the cold and come out. Everyone who did show up had fun!

### **HOT LUNCH**

Hot lunch has brought in a total of \$3,802.09 to date and all the hot lunch dates to the end of the year have been scheduled.

### **OTHER NEWS**

We have been busy and are excited to announce that we now have our own website. <https://ffofjjn.square.site/> I will send the link to Beinta so she can include it in the minutes and it was also posted in the WAG. It is intended to be a one-stop shop for parents to get information on our ongoing fundraisers, events, hot lunches and to find our contact info should they have any questions or wish to get involved. We also added an online store so we will be able to sell tickets to events and collect funds for fundraisers. We are currently using it for the first time for our pink shirt sale, and so far, so good!

**Carly and I worked with Donna to create our very own tab on the school website which looks great. We have also branched out onto social media with a new facebook page called "Families and Friends of JJN" so please check us out on there!**

**Our next meeting will be held on January 26 after hot lunch or 1pm.**