

J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda March 15th, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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Vacant, Chair, Vacant

Beinta Hansen-Wong, Secretary

Kaitlyn Boyko, President F&F

Lydia Yeomans, Trustee

Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer

Ashley Dascavich, Compassionate Friends

Janessa Ferris, Jen Boucher, and Daryn Ferris, Major Projects Committee

Gage Atkinson, Yearbook

Marina Lotoski, Principal

Darren Skalski, Vice Principal

1. Call to Order at 6:35pm.

2. Attendance: Beinta Hansen-Wong, Grace Kully, Ashley Dascavich, Marina Lotoski, Darren Skalski, Kaitlyn Boyko, Janessa Ferris, Lydia Yeomans, and Carly Haynes..

3. Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the Homeland of the Métis Nation.

We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Kinanâskomitin, Manito
(Thank you, Creator).

4. Prayer (Grace Kully)

5. Appoint a member of the executive to lead the S.C. Meeting (Principal)

- Ashley Dascavich appointed Interim Chair at the February meeting
- She will be interim chair for the remainder of the school year.

6. Adoption of Agenda (vote)

7. Review & Adoption of the Minutes from Feb. 8, 2023 meeting

First: Grace Kully

Second: Carly Haynes
None opposed; motion carried.

9. Vote - Chair/Vice-Chair (if any nominations or if anyone puts their name forward)

- a. an interim chair may be appointed if no one is voted in
 - Ashley has agreed to be interim chair for the rest of the school year's meetings

A vote for school council to use the Alberta Education School Council's grant money to fund 2 ASCA sessions, one for school council and one for families and friends.

First: Beinta Hansen-Wong
Second: Janessa Ferris
Electronic VOte - 6 votes yes, 0 votes no

10. Administration Report (Marina Lotoski)

See Attached Report

11. Trustee Report (Lydia Yeomans)

- In light of election year, they (school board/trustees) want to provide for us a tool for when someone comes to your door, such as a candidate or MLA. There will be a digital option coming in the coming days with questions for any candidates that might be knocking. Some topics that are up for debate are: how to continue to support publicly Funded Catholic schools, access to Catholic education in new growth areas such as Riverside as well as a slow down and gradual implementation of new curriculum .

12. Chairperson Report (No report)

13. Families and Friends Report (Kaitlyn Boyko)

See Attached Report

14. Committee Report

- a. Yearbook (Gage Atkinson/Roland Borosiu)
- b. Compassionate Friends (Ashely Dascavich)

c. Partners in Prayer(Grace Kully)

d. Major Projects Committee - Playground (Janessa & Daryn Ferris, Jen Boucher)

They met with the city. There is one supplier that is having a big grant . They will look into possibly applying later next year for this grant. Until then, the plan is to fundraise. .

15. Old Business

16. New Business

17. Next Meeting - April 19, 2023

a. Annual General Meeting (AGM)/Elections for next school year - May 10, 2023

18. Adjournment at 7:23pm.

JJN Administration School Council Report: Marina Lotoski
March 15, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LENTEN SEASON: Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday) to April 6 (Holy Thursday)

MARCH EVENTS:

- 17 NO SCHOOL - PD Day
- 21 Rock Your Socks - World Down Syndrome Day
- 21-22 Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
- 23 Dairy Queen Hot Lunch
- 24 NO SCHOOL - Day in lieu of PTIs
- 27 - 31 NO SCHOOL - **SPRING BREAK**

APRIL

- 2 - 8 Holy Week - the most sacred week in the liturgical year in Christianity.
- 2 - Palm Sunday
- 9 - Easter Sunday

Running Room Games:

Both JJN boys and girls teams made it to finals and the boys finished 47th and the girls finished 17th out of 200 teams. The event was held last Saturday and the students represented JJN very well!

School Wide Expectations and Dare to Care

In line with working toward "Echoing our Spirit", Mrs. Lotoski and Mr. Skalski started weekly meetings with all our grade one to six students. At this time they are gathering together to review our school wide expectations in all areas of the school, and to engage in a program called **Dare to Care**. Dare to Care is a bully prevention program to help students, staff and parents learn about and discuss ways they can have an impact on bully behaviour. Please open the attached document to see what your child is learning to date - [LINK](#)

DARE TO CARE

While conflict is a normal part of life...bullying is NOT and should NEVER be tolerated in any environment. #KnowTheDifference (<https://www.daretocare.ca/>)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This school year, students and staff were fortunate to receive free access to **Dare to Care**, a bully prevention program for students, staff and parents. This program involves multiple teaching modules at three different grade levels (Gr. 1 & 2; Gr. 3 & 4; Gr. 5 & 6)

Mrs. Lotoski and Mr. Skalski are meeting with all three grade levels for 30 minutes each week to learn about and discuss bully prevention with students.

We have started our learning journey over the past two weeks and are eager to share some of our learnings with you. In the near future, we will also be sharing a link with parents to learn more.

For our younger students:
(All visuals from Dare to Care)



For our older students:
(All visuals from Dare to Care)

DEFINITION OF BULLYING



- Targeting an individual or group with repetitive and intentional negative actions.
- Imbalance of power between the bully and their target. Targets feel helpless to defend themselves.
- Unequal levels of affect.

IS IT BULLYING?

Not everything that's mean is actually bullying. Use the chart below to understand the difference between bullying, conflict, and a mean moment.

MEAN MOMENT	
• ONE TIME	• HURTFUL
• ON PURPOSE	• ONE SIDED
CONFLICT	
• OCCASIONALLY	• HURTFUL
• ON PURPOSE	• BOTH PARTIES INVOLVED
BULLYING	
• REPEATEDLY	• HURTFUL
• ON PURPOSE	• ONE SIDED

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TYPES OF Bullying

PHYSICAL AGGRESSION

Pushing, grabbing, hitting, spitting, tripping, etc. It also includes the destruction of property and threatening.

VERBAL AGGRESSION

Name calling, put-downs, swearing, etc.

INTIMIDATION

To frighten or threaten someone usually in order to persuade them to do something they don't want to do.

SOCIAL ALIENATION

Spreading rumors, gossiping, excluding from group.

RACIAL AND CULTURAL (ETHNIC) HARASSMENT

Offensive comments, jokes or behaviors that disparage or ridicule an individual's race, ethnic, or religious background/beliefs.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Any comments or actions of a sexual nature that are unwelcome and make the recipient uncomfortable. This includes derogatory and/or hurtful comments about an individual's gender, gender identification, or sexual orientation.

F&F of JJN UPDATE - MARCH 2023

Our bank balance is currently \$8,948.72. This month we paid for the spirit t-shirts in the amount of \$3,975.78, the JJN banner in the amount of \$525 and our insurance invoice in the amount of \$716.02. We have monies set aside and just waiting for invoices for the schools board games, Ipads and Chromebooks. We should be receiving our February Healthy Hunger payment of \$915.90 shortly.

Carly, Daniela, Beinta and myself handed out JJN spirit t-shirts last Thursday. I was able to attend the school spirit assembly last Friday and the gym was filled with so much excitement and filled my heart with so much joy! It was so nice to hear the JJN dolphin song and have the kids and teachers singing and signing the song all together. We look forward to seeing the tshirts around the school and in our community!

We've received the JJN banner as well and it looks great! We are currently awaiting a stand for it so we can display it in the entrance of the school for all to see and have it on display for any outdoor activities for the school!

At yesterday's meeting we voted on having Fit Set Ninja come for 2 days in June. This will be our year-end event for the students. They will have the course set up outside but will switch to the gym depending on the weather.

We closed out our Purdy's fundraiser making a total profit of \$816.38 which goes directly to the playground. We are awaiting a few replacement chocolates and then will get the orders distributed.

Our next fundraiser for the playground will be a Word-A-Thon. Pledge forms will be sent home on April 27th. We are just working on all the details and will have more information for everyone in the next month or so!

Hot lunch has brought in a total of \$5,075.79 to date which includes our latest subway hot lunch from last week which brought in \$451.95.

Our next meeting will be held on April 20, 2023 at 1 pm at the school.

