

**School Council Annual General Meeting  
September 27th, 2023, 6:30pm**

**Call to order** at 6:36pm.

**Attendance** : Anna Hulme, Teresa Hall, Kaitlyn Boyko, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Ashley Dascavich, Grace Kully, Darren Skalski, Marina Lotoski, and Lydia Yeomans.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**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).

**Prayer** (Grace Kully)

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**S.C. Elections Results - April 19, 2023**

**School Council Elections/Re-elections** for each position are required annually  
Results:

School Council Executive for 23/24:

- a. Chair - Ashley Dascavich
- b. Vice-Chair - vacant
- c. Secretary - (current: Beinta Hansen-Wong) - re elected

Committees:

- d. **Partners in Prayer** - (current: Grace Kully)- re elected
- e. **Compassionate Friends** - (current: Ashley Dascavich) Vacant  
(Any family in JJ going through any crisis or hardships, we do fundraisers to bless the families (gift cards, gift baskets etc)).
- f. **Yearbook** - (current: Roland Borosiu) extra volunteers needed  
Potentially could grade 6er's help in this department
- g. **Major Projects Committee** - Playground (current: Janessa Ferris, Jen Boucher, Daryn Ferris) (TBA)

## **School Council Operating Procedures**

### **2.3 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

*e. At the Executive Council Election Meeting (section 4.2) the Executive Council may be elected to Council from the parent population for the following school year. Any positions not filled at the Election meeting will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (section 4.1).*

### **2.4 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS**

*a. At the Executive Council Election Meeting, committee chairs and volunteers will be recruited.*

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## **School Council September 27th, 2023 Minutes**

### **1. Elections/Appointments**

### **2. Adoption of Agenda (vote)**

First: Kaitlyn Boyko

Second: Grace Kully

### **3. Review & Adoption of the Minutes from May 10, 2023 meeting**

First: Grace Kully

Second: Beinta Hansen-Wong

### **4. Administration Report (Marina Lotoski)**

See Attached Report

The question was asked: "Would we prefer a hardcover for \$32.00 or softcover in the \$25.00 range?" All present at the meeting unanimously agreed that hardcover would be best.

### **5. Trustee Report (Lydia Yeomans)**

Commented on how impressed she is with JJ Nearing Social Media. Lydia has encouraged all to fill out the social studies curriculum study put out by the Alberta Government. Please click on the link, to learn more:

<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say>. Our trustees will be meeting with Demetrios Nicolaides, the Education Minister for Alberta to advocate for our school division. Any meeting is welcomed. As well, a plaque was presented to JJ Nearing by GSACRD Board of Trustees for the commitment to providing exceptional care and

service to those in need.

6. Chairperson Report (Ashley Dascavich)

Nothing to Report

7. Families and Friends Report (Kaitlyn Boyko)

See Attached Report

Next meeting is October 20th at 1:00pm at the Ridge.

8. Old Business

9. Committee Reports

- a. Yearbook (Roland Borosiu) - nothing to report
- b. Compassionate Friends (vacant) - nothing to report
- c. Partners in Prayer(Grace Kully) - Next meeting is Tuesday after school drop off. They will be meeting in the school.
- d. Major Projects Committee - Playground (Janessa & Daryn Ferris, Jen Boucher) - nothing to report

10. New Business

- a. School Council meeting format & time  
Vote for in person meetings with childcare - 6 Yay - 0 Nay  
Vote to change School Council meetings from 6:30pm to 7:00pm. 6 yay - 0 Nay
- b. School Councils Grant  
Do we want to use the money towards presentations for students, or parents, or money for us to learn how to run a council properly? Another area we could learn about is the current anxiety seen in children and adults alike post Covid. We have \$500.00. We will table this for the next meeting.
- c. October School Council meeting date change - October 18th to October 17th at 7:00 pm.
- d. Dates for the following School Council Meetings:  
October 17th, 2023 at 7:00pm  
November 15th, 2023 at 7:00pm  
January 17th, 2024 at 7:00pm  
February 21st, 2024 at 7:00pm  
March 20th, 2024 at 7:00pm  
April 17th, 2024 at 7:00pm

May 15th, 2024 at 7:00pm

11. Next meeting: October 17th, at 7:00pm.

12. Adjournment at 7:58pm.

- **Total Enrollment:** 326 + 10 Pre-K

Classes		Total
Kfull - 8	Kam-18	26
1A - 26	1B - 25	51
2A - 19	2B - 19	38
3A- 23	3B- 24	47
4A-24	4B- 23	47
5A - 28	5B - 30	58
6A - 29	6B - 30	59
		326
Pre- K (T/TH)		10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>336</b>

**Rec Academy students:**

Gr. 4 - 25

Gr. 5 - 22

Gr. 6 - 27

Activities to date: Orientation, Concussion testing, Snow Valley Ropes, Putting Ranch, Biking in St. Albert, Target Golf, Dragon Head Par 3 golf

**JJN Non-Rec. classes gr. 4 - 6:** Physical Education AND Art, PBL (CTF), or Makerspace (CTF)

- **New Staff:** Welcome to Jacqueline Wheeler, our new School Office Support and Carmen Hunting, our new Educational Assistant. As well, Mrs. Dominique Poshtar will be on leave for a while so we are in the process of hiring a replacement teacher to come in while she is away.
- **New Division Assessment and Reporting** - Parent letter sent out Sept. 25, 2023
  - [Administrative Procedure 365](#)
- **Reading Intervention Research Study:** JJN, along with other schools in our Division will be participating in a second research study with Dr. George Georgiou from the University of Alberta. A group of students in grades four and five will be receiving intervention four times per week to continue to support them in improving their literacy skills. This study is a great way for us to learn and implement research based intervention strategies now and in the upcoming years.

- **Emergency Protocols** - We have practiced two evacuation drills to date. We will be practicing more in the upcoming weeks (two more Emergency Evacuation drills - unannounced; a Lockdown and Shelter-In-Place drill)
- JJN is proud to have received "The Chair of the Board of Director's Award for Excellence in Health and Safety Programs" award from St. John Ambulance. We were presented this award by her honor, Lieutenant Governor, Salma Lakhani on Friday, September 22. Mr. Scott Raypold also received the "Life-saving Award" at this ceremony.

We are so thankful for all our staff in their preparedness to deal with emergent situations!!

- **Yearbook:**  
Historically sold around 180 - 190 yearbooks, therefore cost was \$27.00.  
This year only sold 140, so the price increased to \$32.00 (but can only charge \$27.00, so we will be at a loss)

Feedback Question:

Would you prefer a hardcover yearbook at approx. \$32.00 or softcover in the 25.00 range.

\*\*We are in need of parents to assist Roland with the yearbook. All work can be done from home!

- **Liturgies/Celebrations:**
  - **Sept 1** - Welcome Back Assembly - Welcome to returning and new students, and review of our school motto "Echo the Spirit"
  - **Sept. 8** - Opening Liturgy and Grade four Bible presentation - celebrated on Sept. 8
  - **Sept. 29** - Assembly - Prayer for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- **Upcoming:**
  - Oct. 2 NO SCHOOL - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
  - Oct. 6 Thanksgiving Liturgy (2:00 p.m.)
  - Oct. 9 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day
  - Oct. 12 - Picture Retakes
  - Oct. 13 - JJN Freaky Friday Fall Ball (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
  - Oct. 13 - No Kindergarten classes
  - Oct. 18 & 19 - Parent Teacher Interviews (K to grade 6)

## **F&F of JJN UPDATE - September 27, 2023**

We held our AGM and first monthly meeting of the year last Tuesday.

Our new executive was voted in and this year we have Ashley Reichert joining us as VP.

President is Kaitlyn Boyko, Vice President is Ashley Reichert, Treasurer is Daniela Iacovone and our Secretary is Beinta Hansen-Wong.

We are always looking for new people to join us so if you are interested in running a fundraiser or volunteering for one of our events, please let me know.

Our bank balance is currently **\$26,757.27**.

We were able to run the back to school Kona Ice truck as a fundraiser and made a profit of \$245.

Healthy Hunger, our hot lunch program, will continue as a monthly fundraiser for us this year.

We have designated funds for the playground in the amount of **\$18,996.38**.

We also have to reimburse the school for chromebooks purchased last year from the teachers wishlist in the amount of **\$3500** and that will get paid as soon as we have the invoice from the school which leaves us with a usable amount in the account right now of **\$4,260.89**.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

We are currently in the midst of confirming our fundraisers for the year. As we know the school's priority is focusing on our new playground, our plan is to work together with the playground committee to run some fundraisers and raise as much money together as we can.

### **EVENTS**

We are in full planning mode to host our Freaky Friday Fall Ball coming up on Friday the 13th. We are hopeful it'll be well attended like it was last year. Tickets are on sale now through the Healthy Hunger site. Admission price is \$20/family which includes a drink, chips and glow sticks.

### **INSURANCE**

We have submitted our application for insurance for the year.

The next Families & Friends meeting will take place on **October 30th at 1pm**.