

JJ Nearing Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda November 15th, 2023, 7:00pm

Call to order at 7:02pm.

Attendance: Grace Kully, Darren Skalski, Ashley Dascavich, Ashley Reichart, Kaitlyn Boyko, and Marina Lotoski.

Welcome

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the Homeland of the Metis 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)

1) Opening Prayer - (Grace Kully)

2) Review and the Adoption of Minutes- from the October 17th meeting

First: Grace Kully

Second: Kaitlyn Boyko

3) Administration Report- (Marina Lotoski)

See Attached Report

How are parents feeling about the New Division Assessment and Reporting format?
Administration would welcome any feedback.

4) Trustee Report- (Lydia Yeomans)

Lydia asked us to think about our feedback on school configuration. A meeting will be held at SACHAS on Monday, November 20th at 6:30pm. Why are we asking about school configuration: aging infrastructure, underutilized buildings, some schools that are empty and some that are full. K-4, 5-8 and 9-12 are potential ideas. Please see the administrative report under the bolded: "Programming and School Configuration" for further details.

Lydia also met with Minister Nicocolades and expressed some concerns/desires for our district.

5) Chairperson Report- (Ashley Dascavich)

Nothing to report.

6) Family and Friends Report- (Kaitlyn Boyko)

See attached report.

7) Old Business

School Council Grant (continue discussion)

Social media presentation (Joe Social Media/EPS ICE UNIT) - One option is a daytime presentation for the students and an evening presentation for the parents. The price is \$1,000 and the grant is \$500. We could potentially reach out to another school to see if we can share this event to keep the costs low. Potentially looking at the end of January for this event.

8) Committee Reports

a) Yearbook- (Roland Borosiu) help still needed

b) Compassionate Friends- (vacant)

c) Partners in Prayer- (Grace Kulley) update

d) Major Projects Committee- Playground update and current status
(Janessa & Daryn Ferris, Jen Boucher) - See attached report.

See attached report.

9) New Business

10) Next Meeting- January 17th, @ 7:00pm

11) Adjournment at 8:25pm.

- **Christmas Concert:**
 - Organized by family last name to honor families time by only having to attend one performance:
 - Families with last names A- H at 5:30 p.m.
 - Families with last names I to Z at 6:45 p.m.
 - Location: Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church
- **New Division Assessment and Reporting:** Parent letter sent out Sept. 25, 2023
 - [Administrative Procedure 365](#)
 - Term 1 - Aug 29 - Dec 3
 - Term 2 - Dec 4- March 12
 - Reminder: there is not a Dec. 3 report card.
 - Ongoing reporting can be viewed on PowerSchool
 - If you have questions regarding your child's progress or reporting on PowerSchool, do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher
 - Feedback regarding NEW Division Ongoing Reporting - discussed at School Council
- **Division-wide Assessments:**
 - Annual Education Results Report (AERR) for 2022/23 school year - [LINK](#)
 - PAT results
 - Alberta Education Assurance Measures (AEAM) Survey Results

OVERALL RESULTS:

 1. **Required AEAM Results:**
 - a. "Very High" in 4 out of 5 AEAM required measures (Citizenship, PAT: Acceptable, PAT: Excellence, Education Quality);
 - b. "Intermediate" in 1 out of 5 (Parental Involvement)
 2. **Supplemental AEAM Results:**
 - a. "Very High" in 2 out of 8 (Program of Studies, Safe and Caring);
 - b. "High" in 5 out of 8 (In-service Jurisdiction Needs, Lifelong Learning, Satisfaction with Program Access, School Improvement, Work Preparation;
 - c. "Intermediate" in 1 out of 8 (Program of Studies - At Risk Students)

Discussion Questions:

 - **Parent involvement** ([Percentage of teachers and parents satisfied with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education](#))
How do you as a parent want to be involved in decisions about your child's education?
(is this in response to school or provincial decisions?)
 - **Program of Studies - At Risk Students** ([Percentage of teacher, parent and student agreement that programs for children at risk are easy to access and timely.](#))
Any comments on this question?
- **Programming and School Configuration: A Conversation with Our Communities**

*Engagement launched on October 26, 2023, and closes on November 30, 2023.

Engagement sessions - [LINK](#)

 - Use the online [Engagement Tool](#)

JJN Admin. Report - Nov. 15, 2023

- Upcoming in-person community workshops are as follows:
 - St. Albert - November 21, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at SACHS.
 - Morinville - Nov. 23, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at MCHS.
 - Legal - Nov. 29, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Legal School.
- **New Staff:** Welcome to Breanna Lachner, our temporary replacement music teacher while Mrs. Dominique Poshtar is on leave.
- **Emergency Protocols:** We have practiced four evacuation drills - two announced and two unannounced (one with the St. Albert Fire Department). As well, we practiced a Lockdown and Shelter-In-Place drill.
- **Liturgies/Celebrations:**
 - **Oct. 6** - Thanksgiving Liturgy
 - **Oct. & Nov.** - Father Ed is coming to visit our grade four classes
 - **Nov. 3** - Remembrance Day Observance @ 2:00 p.m.
 - **Nov. 26** - celebrating Catholic Education Sunday - St. Albert Parish 11:00 a.m. Mass
- **Upcoming:**
 - Nov. 17 - No Kindergarten Classes
 - Nov. 17 - Hot Lunch (Tim Hortons)
 - Nov. 21 - Makerspace Club - Gr. 3 boys (lunch)
 - Nov. 23 - Cst. Tran to visit Gr. 6 classes
 - Nov. 23 - Makerspace Club Gr. 3 girls (lunch)
 - Nov. 24 - Hot Lunch (IHOP)
 - Nov. 24 - Big Bud/Little Bud - Bring your favorite book to read together
 - Nov. 26 - Catholic Education Sunday (Join JJN staff at 11:00 a.m. Mass)
 - Nov. 27 - Gr. 6 Immunizations
 - Nov. 28 - Makerspace Club - Gr. 3 boys (lunch)
 - Nov. 30 - Cst. Tran to visit Gr. 6 classes
 - Nov. 30 - Makerspace Club Gr. 3 girls (lunch)
 - Nov. 30 - Movember Mustache Day
 - Dec. 1 - No School (PD Day)
 - Dec. 3 - Advent Begins
 - [Dec. 5 - 9:15 a.m. ADVENT CELEBRATION](#)
 - Dec. 11 - Christmas Concert @ Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church
 - by family last name:
 - A-H at 5:30 p.m.;
 - I - Z at 6:45 p.m.

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We significantly exceeded the provincial averages for both the acceptable and excellence standards.</p> <p>Quality of Education:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Alberta Education Assurance Measures Spring 2023</th></tr><tr><th>Measure</th><th>JIN's Current Result</th><th>Alberta's Current Result</th></tr><tr><td>Education Quality</td><td>94.1%</td><td>88.1%</td></tr></table> <p>Program of Studies:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Alberta Education Assurance Measures Spring 2023</th></tr><tr><th>Measure</th><th>JIN's Current Result</th><th>Alberta's Current Result</th></tr><tr><td>Program of Studies</td><td>86.3%</td><td>82.9%</td></tr></table>	ELA	School	Province	Difference	Acceptable	98.6	76.2	22.4	Excellence	34.2	18.4	15.8	Below	0.0	8.1	-8.1	Math	School	Province	Difference	Acceptable	93.2	64.4	28.8	Excellence	23.3	15.8	7.5	Below	4.1	19.4	-15.3	Science	School	Province	Difference	Acceptable	95.9	66.7	29.2	Excellence	32.9	22.5	10.4	Below	1.4	16.8	-15.4	Social	School	Province	Difference	Acceptable	94.5	66.7	27.8	Excellence	30.1	22.5	7.6	Below	4.1	16.8	-12.7	Alberta Education Assurance Measures Spring 2023			Measure	JIN's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Education Quality	94.1%	88.1%	Alberta Education Assurance Measures Spring 2023			Measure	JIN's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Program of Studies	86.3%	82.9%	<p>Liturgy: JIN is a faith-filled environment that supports students to "ARISE: Get Up, Get Going" and "Go with God". Through study and engagement, students learned to know and live like Jesus, and through acts of social justice to be like Christ for others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening Celebration/Bible Presentation- Thanksgiving Celebration- Remembrance Day Observance- Advent Season prayers- Advent Liturgy- Epiphany prayers- Ash Wednesday Liturgy- New Life Liturgy- Year end Liturgy <p>Permeation: JIN students are active in their faith by participating in school wide celebrations, liturgies, morning prayer and social justice projects. Staff and students participated in the parent-led "Partners in Prayer". Our community fostered relationships with the Parish through participation in liturgies, church-led sacramental preparation, and parish food bank collections.</p> <p>Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terry Fox run (donations)- Thanksgiving food bank collection for the St. Albert Food Bank, in partnership with St. Albert Parish- Lego collection for Stollery Heart Unit- Remembrance Day poppies collection (donations)- Student retreats- November- Gr. 5 garage sale - Advent Fundraiser supporting the rebuild of St. Jean Baptiste Parish in Monroville.- Food bank drive in partnership with St. Albert Parish to support the St. Albert Food Bank.- Gr. 6 Market: Lenten fundraiser to purchase items for safe kits for Catholic Social Services (Division initiative)	<p>Student Safety: - Dare to Care Bully Prevention Program (gr. 1 to 6) - Digital safety/citizenship instruction with all students - Fire drill, lockdown and shelter-in-place drills held throughout the year - School-wide expectations - STARS (S: Safe and caring, T: Teamwork, A: Accountability, R: Respect, S: Success) - Focused counsellor-led sessions with students focusing on resilience and well-being</p> <p>Over 90% of students, parents and staff reported that they feel children are safe, learning to care for and respect others and are treated fairly in school (AB ED survey).</p> <p>Inclusive Learning: J. J. Nearing is an inclusive environment, supporting the needs of all students. J. J. Nearing staff are life-long learners, dedicated to ongoing professional development and collaborative practice.</p> <p>Formative and diagnostic assessments were used to guide intervention, instruction and to assess progress.</p> <p>Staff use differentiated instruction strategies, positive behaviour and academic support to ensure that all students are able to reach their full learning potential in an encouraging and supportive environment.</p> <p>Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit: 95% of our students feel they have the opportunity to participate in reconciliation activities that teach them about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit culture and traditions to further reconciliation (Div. survey).</p> <p>Citizenship: Over 90% of students, parents and staff are extremely satisfied that students model the characteristics of active citizenship (AB ED survey). Over 95% of students feel that they are encouraged to get involved in activities that help their community (Div. survey).</p>	<p>Student Engagement: JIN is proud of our high results regarding students having opportunities that support engagement in school.</p> <p>96.8% of students feel that they have opportunities in school that support engagement (Div. survey).</p> <p>90.4% of parents are confident that JIN is a good school for their child(ren) (Div. survey).</p> <p>97.4% of students feel that JIN is a very good or good school (Div. survey).</p> <p>Parent Involvement: JIN has an active School Council and Families & Friends Society. All parents are welcome to get involved.</p> <p>Overall parents are satisfied with their involvement in decisions regarding their child's education.</p> <p>School Improvement: 78.3 % of parents felt that the quality of education that their child experienced at school improved in the past three years, a 12% increase from last year (Div. survey)</p> <p>96.5% of students indicated that their school and schools in their jurisdiction have improved or stayed the same the last three years (AB ED survey).</p> <p>JIN staff receive ongoing professional development to support implementation of the new curriculum.</p> <p>Staff at JIN have received professional development and resources to focus on and improve literacy and numeracy at all grade levels.</p> <p>Standardised assessments are administered and analysed to guide classroom instruction and intervention.</p>
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F&F of JJN UPDATE – November 15, 2023

Our bank balance is currently **\$25,053.42.**

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

HOT LUNCH

We received our September Healthy Hunger cheque in the amount of \$377.75 and fall ball ticket sales in the amount of \$1,470.70. In October, our Hot lunch Committee put on 2 hot lunches, Boston Pizza and Subway. We are still awaiting the Healthy Hunger cheque to come in from those two hot lunches to know what our profits were for the month.

ART CARDS

The art card fundraiser and cards should be distributed soon. All funds raised from that fundraiser will be earmarked for the playground. A huge thank you to Janessa Ferris for taking on that fundraiser!

I am happy to report that the cheque for chromebooks has been written and deposited!

PARTNERS IN PRAYERS

Grace asked last meeting for gift cards for every staff member and we approved that at our last meeting.

INSURANCE

I received the insurance papers and our insurance has been renewed to October 1, 2024. We are still awaiting the invoice.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER – CASH CALENDAR – *AGLC Licence #666110*

We will be running a cash calendar for the month of January. Ticket sales will start this Friday, November 17th with information being sent home with the students. We will sell tickets up until December 15th. Hard copy tickets will be sent home with the students on December 21st. Tickets are \$20 each and in the month of January we will draw a ticket number every day and you will win the corresponding prize written on that day of the calendar. Our hope is to sell all 800 tickets which is doable if every student sells 3 tickets and if we do we could raise \$11,200 for our new playground! Cash prizes each day are in the amount of \$100, \$200 and \$1000 for a total of \$4,800 to be won. There will be prizes handed out to the top 5 selling students and if all 800 tickets sell, there will be a school prize.

The next Families & Friends meeting will take place on November 27th at 1pm.

November 2023 playground report

Jen Boucher handed in her formal resignation from the playground committee effective November 2023.

Playground committee is under the umbrella of council and F&F has a portion of their bank account ear marked for us as council doesn't have a bank account anymore.

Currently we are in talks with two companies and getting their ideas to draw up a playground design. These are free for them to provide us. Once we have these, we plan on heading into the school to get the kiddos involved and get them excited.

There is a process to building a new playground and right now we are in the FUNDRAISING stage. We need to fundraiser approximately \$70,000 before we can move onto the next stage. It may seem quiet and like nothing is happening but there is a lot behind the scenes that isn't loud and flashy.

Fundraisers Proposed for Playground 2023-2024 School year

- Art Cards October 2023 (Janessa) \$1775.79
- Hockey Pool November 2023 (postponed due to conflicting time with F&F fundraiser)
- Silent Auction - 2023 (postponed due to conflicting time with F&F fundraisers)
- January Cash Calendar January (ticket sales start November 2023 (hosted by F&F)
- Wilhauk (JR)
- Cake Auction spring 2024 / a portion goes to Catholic Social Services (playground committee with JJN staff)
- Mathathon (PC - Carly)
- Freezie FriYAY - PC