

## JJ Nearing Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda

January 17th, 2024, 7:00pm

**Call to order** at 7:10pm.

**Attendance:** Ashley Dascavich, Janessa Ferris, Grace Kully, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Kaitlyn Boyko, Marina Lotoski, and Darren Skalski.

### **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 November 14th meeting  
First: Kaitlyn Boyko  
Second: Grace Kully  
None opposed, motion carried.
- 3) Admintinstation Report- (Marina Lotoski)  
See Attached  
We had a discussion around the Chrismtas performance and feedback was given. Everyone enjoyed that the Christmas concert was separated by last name versus grades as well as the earlier date in December. There was some discussion about the rec kids joining the concert as well. It was determined that they did not miss much curriculum in order to practice for the concert.
- 4) Trustee Report- (Lydia Yeomans)  
We have locally approved advanced calculus at the high school til 2025 for GSACRD. There was a meeting with some First Nations representatives and they put together a new land acknowledgment. The land acknowledgment is still waiting approval from the board.
- 5) Chairperson Report- (Ashley Dascavich)  
Nothing to Report

- 6) Family and Friends Report- (Kaitlyn Boyko)  
See Attached

7) Old Business

- a) School Council Grant (continue discussion)

We discussed some possible dates for two different social media presentation (Joe Social Media/EPS ICE UNIT).

8) Committee Reports

- a) Yearbook- (Roland Borosiu) - Help is still needed
- b) Compassionate Friends- (vacant)
- c) Partners in Prayer- (Grace Kulley) Nothing to report.
- d) Major Projects Committee- Playground update and current status (Janessa & Daryn Ferris)  
Cake Auction in April, Wilahauk meats in February as well as a spring math-a-thon and silent auction.

9) New Business

- 10) Next Meeting- February 21st, @ 7:00pm

- 11) Adjournment at 8:27pm.

- **Kindergarten Expo/JJN Kindergarten Open House:**  
Jan. 18 - Kindergarten Expo  
Jan. 23 - JJN Kindergarten Open House
- **Treehouse PreSchool program:** NEW at JJN for 24/25 school year!
- **Rec. Academy:** Registration open Jan 18th for all students. Payment can be made online
- **Christmas Concert:**  
Feedback

\*Loved the efficiency

\*Maybe a longer transition between the two shows

\*Have parents join the children in the foyer

- **Division Assurance Survey:**  
Parents, gr. 4 - 6 students and staff are invited to participate in the annual Division Assurance Survey. **Please take the time to complete this quick survey. Your feedback is important to us!**

**Message sent to all parents from the Superintendent**

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools values your opinion. As part of our Assurance process, we ask that you share your perspective through our Division Assurance Survey at the link or QR code below. Results from this survey will be used to inform planning and make decisions at both the school and divisional level for the 2024/2025 school year.

- All parents and staff, as well as students in grades 4-12, will be given the opportunity to complete the survey. Surveys are completely anonymous.
- **Families with children at more than one GSACRD school are asked to complete a survey for each site.**
- The survey will remain open from **January 11, 2024 to Friday, February 2, 2024.**

Please note: If you have a child in grade 4, 7, or 10, you may receive a similar survey from Alberta Education at a later date. If so, we would encourage you to complete both surveys.

We thank you in advance for sharing your feedback; your time is appreciated.

**LINK:** [JJN Parent Assurance Survey 2023](#)

**JJN Parent QR Code**



Blessings,

Dr. Clint Moroziuk  
Superintendent of Schools

- **Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey:** Sent out in January.
  - Do not confuse this with **Annual Gov't Satisfaction Survey**

- **Ash Wednesday/Valentines Day:**

During Lent we are invited, as Catholics, to step outside of our day-to-day routines and into a formal time of personal preparation for Easter. The Church calls us to a sort of spiritual "spring cleaning"; to participate in practices that help us turn back to God.

During Lent, we are encouraged to prepare our hearts through increasing our intentionality and practice of 3 disciplines: prayer, fasting and almsgiving (being *servants* to others).

The Church teaches that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

This is a unique year in that Ash Wednesday is on February 14. Our school will be honoring Ash Wednesday observances on the 14<sup>th</sup> and have made plans for Valentine's Day activities in advance of this day. Classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 13, and by wearing pink or red on Feb. 14.

- **Liturgies/Celebrations:**

- Oct. 6 - Thanksgiving Liturgy
- Oct. & Nov. - Father Ed came 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
- Dec. 5 - Advent Celebration/Blessing of the Wreaths @ JJN, 9:15 am
- Upcoming:
  - Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy (beginning of Lent)

- **Ongoing or Upcoming:**

Jan 15 to 19 Mission Impossible (gym)  
Jan. 18 Sports and Rec. Academy registration open to public  
Jan. 19 Big Bud and Little Bud Book Share  
Jan. 19 Spirit Day - dress like a teacher/student  
Jan. 23 JJN Kindergarten Open House 6:00 p.m.  
Jan. 24 Div I & II Assemblies - Introduction to the Seven Grandfather Teachings (Phyllis Kelly)  
Jan. 26 Spirit Day - Beach Day

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Jan. 26 - No Kindergarten  
Jan. 27 Family Literacy Day  
Jan. 30 Art Show ESACHS  
Jan. 31 - NO SCHOOL (Division-Wide Faith & Wellness Day)  
Feb. 2 - Hot Lunch (Tim Hortons)  
Feb. 8 & 9 - NO SCHOOL (Teachers' Convention)  
Feb. 13 Shrove Tuesday/celebrate Valentine's Day on this day  
Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)/Wear red or pink for Valentine's Day  
Feb. 16 - NO SCHOOL - PD Day  
Feb. 19 - NO SCHOOL - Family Day  
Feb. 21 - 23 JJN Catholic School Review  
Feb. 28 Big Bud/Little Bud  
Feb. 28 Pink Shirt Day

## **F&F of JJN UPDATE – January 17, 2024**

### **HOT LUNCH**

We have received 2 cheques for our October and November hot lunches (BP's, Subway, Tim Horton's and iHop) and we made a profit of \$1,145.92. We are still awaiting the Healthy Hunger cheque to come in for December. Our next 3 upcoming hot lunches are Tim Horton's, KFC and Pizza Hut.

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION COFFEE & CINNAMON BUN**

The last Monday before the Christmas break we delivered Starbucks drinks and cinnamon buns to all the teachers and support staff. We spent a total of \$274.41 to show our gratitude and appreciation for all the hard work the JJN staff puts in at our school..

### **INSURANCE**

Our insurance invoice has been paid for the year in the amount of \$831.71.

### **CASH CALENDAR UPDATE – AGLC Licence #666110**

We are midway through our cash calendar month and it's been exciting to draw and post names daily. Our final ticket sales ended at 335 tickets sold which totalled \$6,700 in sales. We are handing out \$4,800 in prizes which left a profit to the playground fund in the amount of \$1,900. We have had 3 winners so far donate their winnings back to the playground fund which leaves us with a current profit of \$2,300.

We will be announcing the top 2 selling students and class at our next meeting at the end of the month and they will receive a JJN swag bag and the top selling class will receive a pizza party paid for by Families and Friends of JJN.

Our bank balance is currently **\$28,880.85**. The total earmarked for the playground as of today's date is **\$23,033.81** which leaves us with a balance of **\$5,847.04** in our account.

The next Families & Friends meeting will take place on January 29th.