

JJ Nearing Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda

March 20th, 2024, 7:00pm

Call to order at 7:05pm.

Attendance: Lydia Yeomans, Ashley Dascavich, Darren Skalski, Grace Kully, Marina Lotoski and Beinta Hansen-Wong

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 February 21st meeting
No Previous Meeting.

3)Administration Report- (Marina Lotoski)
See Attached.

4) Trustee Report- (Lydia Yeomans)
Board meeting last Monday - the board was able to present some students with an award for indigenous artwork. This artwork is just a simple act of reconciliation. The capital plan for the next 3 years was approved, with 5 major long term projects (mostly upgrading and building some new schools).

5) Chairperson Report- (Ashley Dascavich)
Janessa and Darren Ferris have resigned from the Major Projects Committee effective immediately..

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

7) Old Business

-School Council Grant (continue discussion)

-EPS ICE social media presentation date is confirmed for Monday April 8th at 7:00pm til approximately 8:00pm.

- May 1st, May 14th or May 22nd are possible days for JOE. Council will pay for the parent portion of Joe.

8) Committee Reports

- a) **Yearbook-** (Roland Borosiu)
- b) **Compassionate Friends-** (vacant)
- c) **Partners in Prayer-** (Grace Kully)) update - All is well. They will meet on March 21st, 2024 for the next prayer day.
- d) **Major Projects Committee-** Playground and fundraising update (Janessa &Daryn Ferris have resigned from position) Vacant

9) New Business-

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

11) Adjournment at 8:29pm.

- **Division Assurance Plan Survey Result Summary and Discussion**
See Appendix A below
- **24/25 School Fees**
 - Ski Trip fee - increase from \$47.00 to \$55.00 - in preparation for potential fee increases at the ski hill.
 - Other Field Trips fee - increase from \$78.00 to \$100.00 to account for increased field trips and/or field trip costs
 - Lunch Supervision fee - increase from \$41.00 to \$50.00 - in preparation for potential fee increases or increased need for supervisors.
- **School Council for 24/25- DRAFT**
Upcoming School Council (S.C.) Executive Council Election Meeting. - April 17, 2024 (S.C. elections/re-elections for each position are required annually)
School Council Executive for 24/25:
 1. Chair - vacant
 2. Vice-Chair - vacant
 3. Secretary - (current: Beinta Hansen-Wong)Committees:
 1. Partners in Prayer - (current: Grace Kully)
 2. Compassionate Friends - vacant
 3. Yearbook - (current: Roland Borosiu) (TBA) extra volunteers needed
 4. Major Projects Committee - Playground - vacant

S.C. AGM and elections for any remaining positions - September, 2024
- **Registration is open for 24/25, including Rec. Academy**
- **Treehouse PreSchool program: NEW at JJN for 24/25 school year!**
- **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 a.m.
 - Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent) Liturgy @ 9:15 a.m.
 - Feb. 22 - Face to Face Ministries Students Retreat @ JJN (all students)
 - March 12 - Reconciliation (Father Jack and Father Ed); Gr. 6 students who received the sacrament of reconciliation had sessions with the priest; then the priests went to the grade three to six classroom to give all students a blessing.

- UPCOMING:

- April 16 - JJN New Life Mass @ St. Albert Parish (11:00 a.m.)

- **Ongoing or Upcoming:**

- Mar. 20 - Grandfather Teachings Assembly - Courage (block 6 - all students and staff)
- Mar. 20 - Gr. 2 In School Field Trip View from Above (Teachers Pet)
- Mar. 20 - School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 22 - NO SCHOOL (Day in Lieu of PTI)
- Mar. 25 - 29 Spring Break
- Mar. 29 - Good Friday
- Mar. 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
- April 1 - Easter Monday - No School
- April 2 - Classes resume
- April 5 - Wear your jersey/green/gold
- April 11 - Grandfather Teachings Assembly - Respect (block 7)
- April 12 - Hot Lunch - Subway
- April 16 - New Life Mass @ 11:00 St. Albert Parish
- April 17 - **School Council (S.C.) Executive Council Election Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.**
- April 18 - Cake Auction
- April 26 - Hot Lunch - DQ
- May 15 - Grandfather Teachings Assembly - Truth (block 8)

APPENDIX A

Division Assurance Survey Parent Review for School Council - March 20, 2024

- 44 parents completed the survey this year
- Questions or comments for S.C. in red

FAITH

PARENTS

Above Division in all indicators (6/6 indicators).

Increased from last year in 5 out of 6 school indicators. All results above 84.1%.

Area to celebrate:

Q5. My child has opportunities to participate in activities that teach about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit culture and traditions to further reconciliation. 93.2%

We will continue to build indigenous teaching and understanding, as well as informing parents of what is happening in the school regarding faith education, celebrations and experiences

EXCELLENCE

PARENTS

12/18 indicators above 80%; 6/18 above 70%

Area to celebrate:

Q23. My child is taught the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for learning throughout their lifetime. 86.1% increase from last year of 81.5; this was one of our 23/24 goals

Area for growth:

Q15. My child is learning what they need to know. 75% - decrease from 81.1 last year
What do you feel students need to know? How can we best communicate this?

Q17. The numeracy skills my child is learning at school are useful. 84.1% - decrease from 91.1 last year.

Comment: Numeracy will be a focus area for us next year.

Q11. My child has opportunities (e.g., options, extracurricular, online learning) that supports engagement in school. 72.7% - 63.6% last year.. Increased from last year
What do you feel has accounted for this improvement in parent satisfaction?

EQUITY

PARENTS

Area to celebrate:

26. My child has access to technologies to meet their educational needs. 93.1% (7.0% increase)

27 My child can easily access programs and services at school to get help with school work. 72.1 (9.3%increase)

28 My child can get help at school with problems that are not related to school work. 81.4% (14.4% increase)

Comment: Q26, 27, 28 indicate that parents feel their children are getting support in a variety of areas in our school - academic and social emotional.

Area for growth:

29. When my child needs it, teachers and staff at my child's school are available to help them. 69.4% (10% decrease from last year) - 8 out of 44 parents chose "don't know".

How can we increase communication between staff and parents regarding how students are supported?

RELATIONSHIPS

PARENTS

Area to celebrate:

Q41. Parents are made to feel welcome at our school. 90.7% (increase of 5.7%)

Area for growth:

33. My child is taught how to use technologies and social media safely. 74.4% (increase from last year and above Division- 7 out of 44 parents chose "don't know".

Comment: This is an area we will continue to focus on next year

How can we ensure parents are aware of how students are being taught to use technology and social media safely?

Other focus areas:

Q35 Most students at my child's school treat each other with care and respect. 79.1%

Q38 Most students at my child's school follow the rules. 72.1% - 7 out of 44 parents chose "don't know".

Comment: These are areas we will continue to focus on next year

RESPONSIVENESS

PARENTS

Area to celebrate:

Q42 & 43 - parents feel their children are safe at school (92.9%) and safe coming and going from school (92.9%).

Area for growth:

Q46. How satisfied are you with the opportunity to be involved in decisions about your child's school? 76.2% (slight decrease from last year) - 4 out of 44 parents chose "don't know".

What decisions about your child's school would you like to be more involved in?

Q47. How satisfied are you that your input into decisions about your child's school is considered? 66.7% - 8 out of 44 parents chose "don't know".

If parents want to share any feedback regarding the questions asked at the school council meeting, please email Marina (mlotoski@gsacrd.ab.ca) or Darren (dskalski@gsacrd.ab.ca)

F&F of JJN UPDATE – March 20, 2024

HOT LUNCH

We await the cheque to deposit for our February hot lunches. The next two hot lunches upcoming are Subway (April 12th) and DQ (April 26th).

This month we celebrated our Kindergarten class for being the top selling ticket sellers for our cash calendar by providing them with a pizza party. Great job Kinders!

Our next event we will be helping with is the cake auction which will be set for sometime in April.

Our bank balance is currently **\$31,756.92**. The total earmarked for the playground as of today's date is **\$24,533.81** which leaves us with a balance of **\$7,223.11** in our account.

The next Families & Friends meeting is set to take place on **April 8th**.