

**School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) Agenda**  
**November 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to order at 6:34pm.**
2. **Attendance:** Grace Kully, Mark Kay, Shelby Moser, Darren Skalski, Kaitlyn Boyko, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Anita Curd, Joe Becignuel and Ashley Reichert.
3. **Welcome**
4. **Acknowledgement**
  - a. We honour the spirit of the land, the land that has sustained us all since time immemorial. We acknowledge that we are gathering on Treaty 6 territory, meeting grounds and gathering place of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene and Nakota Sioux, and the homeland of the Métis people of Alberta. We acknowledge, honour, and respect the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. Together we call upon all peoples to build a stronger understanding of those who dwell on this land we call home. The recognition of our collective histories on this land is a meaningful act of reconciliation. We honour those who walk with us - we are all Treaty People.
5. **Prayer** (Grace Kully)
6. **Administration Report** (Shelby Moser & Darren Skalski)  
See Below
7. **Trustee Report** (Joe Becignuel)
  - They did a review online for 3 public constitutions (based on population numbers; i.e. St. Albert has \$72,000 - 4 - Morinville 11,000 and 2 trustees and Legal has 1 trustee .) The idea was to reduce the trustees to 6 and have 5 in St. Albert and 1 in Morinville/Legal. It was settled on 5 for St. Albert (each trustee is responsible for 17,000, 1 for Legal and 1 for Morinville - 6500 a piece). There has not been any change in 30 years. This was passed on November 7, 2024 and it will be submitted to the minister. New nominations will be available after January 1, 2024. This needed to be done by December 31, 2024 prior to an election year (candidates need to only be Catholic). I've included further details on this below.
  - The division office was renovated and they moved back in on November 1, 2024 (It was an 18 month process).
  - Next board meeting is November 25th in the afternoon (a mass will proceed it).

- Marueen Offenberger and Trisha Lema were awarded for their excellence as well.
- Alberta School Board Association Board of Directors - Joe Becignuel has now joined this committee (this is a big deal as there aren't a lot of Catholic representation on this committee outside of Edmonton and Calgary).

**8. Families and Friends Report (Kaitlyn Boyko)**

See Below

**9. Chairperson Report (Mark Kay)**

No real updates. We will however try to get our minutes out the following Monday after every meeting.

**10. Partners in Prayer (Grace Kully)**

-It has been going great. There are 4 new members. There have been a few classes that don't do the prayers, and so maybe there is a gentle way to talk to the teachers about this.

-Perhaps, we can start prayer boxes up again and make sure that there is clarification that it is there if they need it.

**11. Major Projects Committee - Playground**

- We can add to our sponsorship letter about tax donation and Canada helps. We need to get out to the businesses.

- For clarification: Families and Friends is solely responsible for fundraising and Major Projects Committee - Playground is solely responsible for planning the playground.

- Mark met with the city and the recommendation was to not break the park into two sections because of the size of it. There is a lot of patch work that has been done at our park (which is common) and it's looking more and more like both parks should be replaced.

- We need to fundraise about \$100,000 (minimum) to \$150,000. The total cost for the park will be approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000. It is important to find out exactly what the park is going to cost.

-We are hoping to have the money by March 2025 to build for summer 2026.

- The \$125,000 provincial grant is not guaranteed and we need to be aware of this.

- Some developers will come to take a look at our fall zones. We are hoping to do a park with an inclusivity design.

- To conclude, we will focus on corporate sponsorship and leave the school community for a while.

12. **Yearbook Committee**

Nothing to Report.

13. **Next meeting** is Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025.

14. Adjournment at 8:05 pm.

## **Trustee Report**

On behalf of the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' Board of Trustees, I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the Board of Trustees Electoral Ward Boundary Review. After a thoughtful review process and community engagement, the Board made its final decision at a special public board meeting held on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

### **Outcome:**

The Board has approved Option A as the new electoral ward structure for the Division. This decision will maintain a seven-trustee structure with:

- 5 Trustees representing Ward 1 (St. Albert)
- 2 Trustees representing Ward 2, which will now combine the current Ward 2 (Morinville) and Ward 3 (Legal).

### **Other Options Considered:**

During the review, the Board also considered other options which were not approved:

1. Option B: Reducing the number of trustees to 6, with:
  - 4 Trustees representing Ward 1 (St. Albert)
  - 2 Trustees representing Ward 2 (combined Morinville and Legal).
2. Option C: Reducing the number of trustees to 6, with:
  - 5 Trustees representing Ward 1 (St. Albert)
  - 1 Trustee representing Ward 2 (combined Morinville and Legal).
3. Maintaining the Status Quo: This option retained the current ward structure with 7 trustees and no changes to boundaries. It was not selected because it does not address the changing demographic realities across the Division.

The Board's decision to adopt Option A reflects a commitment to maintaining robust representation for all communities while balancing the demographic realities across the Division.

### **Why Was this Review Conducted?**

The Government of Alberta mandates this review every four years before an election year to ensure electoral boundaries reflect demographic and geographic changes and provide equitable representation for all communities.

**Learn More:**

Visit the [Board of Trustees Electoral Ward Boundary Review webpage](#) for additional information about the review process.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this important process. Your feedback was invaluable in helping guide the Board's decision.



## Admin Report for JJN School Council Meeting Nov. 20/2024

### FAITH NEWS

- Remembrance Liturgy on Nov. 8th with Father Jack led by our grade 3 students. We are thankful for all of our families and community members who were able to join us!
- Advent Liturgy is on Dec. 3 at 9:15am. Our ever so cute kinders are leading this liturgy and we are excited to have SAP's youth coordinator to join us as well! All are welcome!
- Getting ready to celebrate Jesus' birth with a knock your socks off musical called "Dude You Hear What I Hear?" on Monday Dec. 9th at Sturgeon Valley Baptist Parish. A letter will be going home this week with all of the details.

### ACADEMIC NEWS

- Honoured to host author Christy Jordan-Fenton, who has written many books, one of which is called Fatty Legs, a book read by our grade 6's. She captivated all grade levels and we loved having her share her stories live with us.
- Book Fair was a success! Thank you to our families who supported our book fair. We sold a total of \$7786.30 of product allowing the library to purchase 108 new library books, 24 new classroom books and receive \$1094.24 in cash to purchase library books from other vendors.
- Our First Nations, Metis and Inuit teachings are in full swing! We are focussing on learning about the 13 moons. Mrs. Palsitt is our school lead and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role. Keep an eye out for posts on our socials and be sure to join us for our short and informative assemblies each moon cycle.
- Academic interventions are happening at JJN! We are focussing on bridging the gap with our grades 2-6 students during our first treatment block of time. We will be targeting support for grade 1's in the future once they spend time learning literacy and numeracy skills.
- Our rec academy students have been very busy honing their skills at curling, gymnastics and even bowling.
- Leadership skills with our grade 5 and 6 students is certainly growing! They did an amazing job hosting the Halloween carnival. Their maturity was amazing and the littles had a blast. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us as well that day!
- Won a \$500 Community Inclusion grant to support our work with Truth and Reconciliation!

### FEEDBACK

- Calendar feedback for 25/26 and 26/27
  - Shelby Moser [smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca)
  - Darren Skalski [dsalski@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:dsalski@gsacrd.ab.ca)

## **F&F of JJN UPDATE - November 19, 2024**

Our bank balance is currently **\$47,445.98**.

Funds earmarked for the playground are **\$40,055.33**. Awaiting the cheque to come in from art card sales and that will go towards playground total.

Our insurance has been paid for the year in the amount of **\$1,023.00**.

Awaiting October's Healthy Hunger cheque.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

We will be starting a 50/50 on Friday, November 22nd. Ticket sales will run from Nov 22 - Friday, December 20th. Proceeds from that will go towards the playground build.

We received a \$5,000 corporate donation for the playground this week.

### **EVENTS**

Our costume ball will be held this Friday from 6-8pm.

Our next meeting will be **Friday, December 6th!**