

**J.J. Nearing School Council Minutes
February 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order at 6:33pm.

2. Attendance: Mark Kay, Grace Kully, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Scott Raypold, Darren Skalski, Shelby Moser, Kaitlyn Boyko, Ashley Reichart, and Joe Becigneul.

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. Adoption of Agenda

First: Kaitlyn Boyko

Second: Grace Kully

7. Review & Adoption of the Minutes from January 22, 2025.

First: Ashley Reichert

Second: Kaitlyn Boyko

8. Administration Report (Shelby Moser & Darren Skalski)

See Below

9. Trustee Report (Joe Becigneul)

They just appointed the superintendent contract for the next 5 years. The board has also requested a new school in Riverside from grades K-6. The proposal of a school in Riverside was talked about in depth during the meeting. We touched on the possibility of the public school proposing a high school and how that would affect our division's "piece of the pie" financially. As well, St. Albert is growing quickly as is GSACRD and the

need for new schools is constant. Currently, we have some classrooms that are very large in size and others that are smaller. The trustees have also formed a student board for their opinions (hoping to include high school, junior high and elementary students). A faith based committee has also been introduced. The next board meeting in Monday, February 24th, 2025.

10. Families and Friends Report (Kaitlyn Boyko)

See Below

11. Chairperson Report (Mark Kay)

Nothing to Report

12. Committee Reports

- a. Yearbook - The pictures have started to turn in and the process has begun
- b. Compassionate Friends - Vacant
- c. Partners in Prayer - Every class participated this year for the first time ever
- d. Major Projects Committee - Playground - Mark has started to talk to the city about applying for a grant from the city. The committee has started to go out to businesses to ask for money in support. Please also see the Families and Friends Report for fundraising efforts.

13. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30pm.

14. Adjournment at 7:27pm.

Admin Report for JJN School Council Meeting Feb. 19/2025

FAITH NEWS

- Celebrating the life of J. J. Nearing on his birthday on Feb. 14.
- Shrove Tuesday Lunch catered by Knights of Columbus. Students will be asked to bring their own plates and forks.
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy @9:30am. All are welcome! Grade 1's are leading.

ACADEMIC NEWS

- Beach Day was a huge hit and a great day to reminisce about warmer days!
- Teacher's Convention was a great recharge for our staff! We have returned with many new strategies to try in the classroom.
- VJM Basketball Extravaganza was a blast for our grade 6's. We spent an evening cheering on the senior girls Basketball team who won against Lois Hole school.
- Ski Day rebooked for Mar. 17 '25!
- Moon Assemblies continue to help guide us to learn more about indigenous

teachings.

- Running Room Games qualifiers on Feb. 24.
- Feb. 26:
 - Gr. 6 to VJM to try out their options
 - Open House @ 6:30pm
- Updated Kindergarten Registrations:

As of Jan. 22 '25	As of Feb. 18 '25
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◦ 14 Morning ◦
4 Afternoon ◦ 9
full day

◦ 16 Morning ◦
5 Afternoon ◦ 11
full day

FEEDBACK

- Shelby Moser smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca
- Darren Skalski dskalski@gsacrd.ab.ca

F&F of JJN UPDATE – February 19, 2025

Our bank balance as of today's date is **\$82,352.06**.

Healthy Hunger to date we've made \$2,260.71. All hot lunches are now scheduled till the end of the year. A huge thank you to Carly for continuing to organize all of that for us!

Exciting playground donation updates from this past month:

Bright Dental: \$5,000

Tierra Construction Inc : \$2,400

Milestone Diagnostics \$20,000

We have **\$73,966.33** earmarked in our account for the playground.

Usable money in our account right now is in the amount of **\$8,385.73**.

EVENTS

Our next event is fast approaching which is a family Ski Night at Sunridge. In

partnership with Neil M Ross, Bertha Kennedy and Holy Family. It will be held March 1st from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$30 each. We have 125 tickets to sell and can potentially make a profit of \$2280 if we sell all our tickets. So far we have 29 tickets spoken for and we need to sell 49 to break even. If we make any money on this event the proceeds will go towards our playground.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 27th**.