

**School Council General Meeting Agenda**  
**April 23rd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to order at 6:31pm.**
2. **Attendance: Mark Kay, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Darren Skalski, Shelby Moser, Kaitlyn Boyko, Grace Kully and Joe Becignuel.**
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 March 25th, 2025 meeting**
  - First: Grace Kully
  - Second: Kaitlyn Kully
8. **Administration Report (Shelby Moser & Darren Skalski)**

See Below

5 Tenets of Catholic Faith

  1. Created in the Image of God (Rock your socks day, Humboldt's and cleaning up the neighbourhood)
  2. Catholic worldview (gathered on Thursday to celebrate the Last Supper)
  3. Our faith Permeation (during Lent, the grade 5's did the stations of the cross through the hallways)
  4. Witness (Mark 4 - Mass tomorrow will be celebrating tomorrow)
  5. Community (in 4 days, we were able to donate 1200 pounds of food to the foodbank).

**9. Trustee Report (Joe Becigneul)**

Met on April 21, 2025 - The board reviewed and approved the Action plan for 2029 and the school site in Cherot. We have decided to do a high school.

Appointed new external auditors to look at our audits.

Two flag poles were added to the division. They are the Treaty 6 and the Metis flags. They will fly beside the Canadian and Alberta Flags.

Essmy has been renamed to Esmy (they dropped the secondaire as they are no longer solely a high school).

Board chair Yeomans presented our capital plan to the city.

On April 15, the catholic school board had a meeting in Edmonton with 40 MLA's in attendance about Catholic education.

Alberta School Board Association meeting is June 3, 2025 and there hasn't been one zone concern brought forth yet.

The board's next meeting is April 28, 2025.

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

See Below

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

Nothing to Report

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

Next meeting is in May and once in June

**13. Major Projects Committee - Playground**

Nothing to Report

**14. Yearbook Committee (Reported by Darren Skalski)**

**15. New Business**

A. Elections

B. Math a Thon Prizes

C. Fees for Council Positions - Kaitlyn would like to motion to allow Friends and Family to provide an honorarium up to \$100.00 per Council Position for the completion of the year.

First: Kaitlyn Boyko

Second: Grace Kully

None opposed; motion carried

D. Proposed Dates for next year: September 17, 2025, October 15, 2025, November 5, 2025, January 21, 2025, February 25, 2026 , and March 11, 2026 , April 15th, 2026, and May 20, 2026.

**16. Next meeting** is Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:30pm.

**17. Adjournment** at 7:42pm.

## **Admin Report for JJN School Council Meeting Apr. 23/2025**

### FAITH NEWS

- Growing in Mercy with the Son
  - Mark 1 Created in the Image of God
    - We support all people throughout the world as we are all children of God. We recognized Rock Your Socks day in honour of World Down Syndrome Day, Jersey Day in honour of the Humbolt accident, Earth Day as we are called to care for our one earth.
  - Mark 2 Catholic Worldview
    - We gathered as a Catholic community on Holy Thursday to commemorate the last supper by the breaking of bread in every classroom, sharing of grape juice, and collective prayer all together.
  - Mark 3 Faith Permeation
    - During Lent, the grade 5 classes created the Stations of the Cross for the whole school. They also narrated it and posted it on our prayer slides each day as leaders in faith for the school.
  - Mark 4 Witness
    - We have Mass tomorrow afternoon along with Bertha Kennedy School to celebrate Easter. Thank you to our grade 6 students for taking on the readings and to Bertha Kennedy for leading with the music ministry.
  - Mark 5 Community
    - In four short days, we were able to donate over 1200 pounds of food to the St. Albert Food Bank in time for Easter.

### ACADEMIC NEWS

- Excited to announce that we are introducing a performing arts class at JJN starting next school year! This is in place of music and it will incorporate elements from singing, instruments as well as acting and potentially set design as well.
- Feature speaker: Kwesi Millington here to talk about resilience in kids and how to reach our kids today. We are working with HFCS, SAA, BK, NMR and AL!
- Telus World Of Science has taken over grades 2-6 at J. J. Nearing!
  - Mobile Planetarium: The inflated mobile planetarium offers an immersive and exciting experience to appreciate and understand our relationship with the sky.
  - Robotics: Students will experience the power of computational thinking with our Finch 2.0 robots! Inside our Robotics Lab, students will work through a series of challenges as they use their creativity to design instructions to make the Finches move, light up, make sounds, and perform!

## FEEDBACK

- - J. J. Nearing School Assurance Goal Feedback
    - My child can get help at school with problems that are not related to school work. -11.8%
    - What might be the cause of the dip?
    - Ideas for addressing this.
- Proposed Meeting Dates for next year:
  - September 17, 2025
  - October 15, 2025
  - November 5, 2025 (PTI's)
  - January 21, 2026
  - February 25, 2026
  - March 11, 2026 (PTI's)
  - April 15, 2026
  - May 20, 2026
- Shelby Moser [smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca)
- Darren Skalski [dskalski@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:dskalski@gsacrd.ab.ca)

## **F&F of JJN UPDATE – April 23, 2025**

Our bank balance as of today's date is **\$88,482.57**.

### **PLAYGROUND:**

Playground donation updates from this past month:

\$1000 from the Wong family.

As of today we have **\$79,347.58 earmarked in our account for the playground**.

We have agreed to provide the school with up to \$1500 for the playground equipment they motioned for at the last meeting.

We have also agreed to provide staff and students with Kona Ice on June 23rd fun day.

### **EVENTS:**

Calahoo Meats fundraiser is ongoing. Orders need to be in by Friday and pick up is just before May long weekend.

Math-A-Thon dates have been set and will run in May. Mark and I have been canvassing businesses for some extra prizes for that event to entice the kids to raise money.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 28th**.