

Jennie Emery Elementary
Virtual - School Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – 7:02pm
2. **PRESENT:** Amy Morice (Vice Chairperson), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Debbie Laturus (Trustee), Sharon Rutledge (Trustee), Nicole Kaminski (Teacher), Glenda Martens, Toni Klassen (Secretary), Suzanna Neufeld, April Hamilton, Tammy Bolstad, Nora Chomistek.
3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**
 - a. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 1st Nicole, 2nd Suzi, none opposed. Carried
4. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**
 - a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1st Glenda, 2nd Suzi, none opposed. Carried
5. **REPORTS**
 - a. TRUSTEE: See attached
 - b. PRINCIPAL:
 - i. New mission statement going to be released, “Jennie Emery is a place of positive relationships where we pursue endless possibilities.” New statement is updated to make is short and easy for the kids to understand.
 - ii. Purposed calendar for next year. Most dates are already set by the board. JEES has some extra dates/hours therefore more purposed days have been set forward in addition to these. We are trying to match up with RIBMS’s dates to make things easier on parents. Even with these extra days a few more are still needed the dates they are looking at are October 8th, June 3rd and January 3rd
 - iii. Update on snow removal concerns. Maintenance crew was asked to shovel snow away from the building. However, this does not seem to be resolving the issue of the ice as when the snow starts melting is it coming off the roof and puddling up to make an ice rink.
 - c. CHAIRPERSON: Early learning registration is now open. Advertisements have been placed on the radio along with posters put up around town. If anyone is interested in these posters to be put up they are available at the school.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
7. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 23rd @ 7:00pm via Google Meet
8. **ADJOURNMENT** - 7:31pm

JEES Parent Council Meeting Trustee Report

January Board Meeting Highlights

- 1. COVID-19 Update:** There has been a reduction of confirmed cases since AHS has changed their process for assessment whether staff are close contacts on a case by case basis. Definitions have changed and the term 'watch' will no longer be used, but **Alert (1-4 cases)** and an **Outbreak (5 or more cases)** to make communication for parents, staff and community easier to understand. Travel restrictions imposed on January 25 will impact all people with a mandatory 14 day quarantine for those attending school, daycares or workplaces.
- 2. Transportation Report:** Dave Shaw reported that Palliser operates 57 daily routes, transports 1,850 students every day, and travels over 1.9 million kilometers every year. Palliser has installed 51 out of 57 buses with cameras and outfitted all buses with GPS and tablets with software that handles log books, daily inspections and fuel tracking.
- 3. Occupational Health and Safety Report:** Provincial inspectors were sent to 7 schools for random inspections to ensure that safety requirements are being met. All received excellent reports. Palliser has adopted a Working Alone Procedure in order that individuals working alone in schools and properties can do so safely.
- 4. Policy Update:** Trustees approved Policy 4 -- Trustee Code of Conduct and Policy 11 -- Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. In review is Policy 12 -- Appeals and Hearings Regarding Teacher Matters. The draft policies are posted on the Palliser website.
- 5. October 2021 Elections:** Trustees are elected every four years. The next General Election will be held on October 18, 2021. Election packages are available for pick-up at the Palliser Education Centre.
- 6. Trustee PD Opportunities:** The Board has committed to monthly professional learning sessions and will be hearing a presentation from Kristen Krien, Palliser's Indigenous Success Coordinator at the next Board Meeting.

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February Board Meeting

- 1. Community and Staff Engagement:** The Assurance Framework from Alberta Education places an emphasis on stakeholder engagement to establish locally developed priorities and to share progress and results related to those policies. The Division's Education Plan reflects these priorities and shares the progress toward achieving those priorities. The Education Act requires the engagement of parents, students, staff and other key stakeholders around planning. To this end the Division is creating survey tools to gain perspective from all the stakeholders. Please watch for these opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.
- 2. 2020/21 Satisfaction with Education in Alberta Telephone/Online Surveys:** The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers (telephone and online), principals (online) and school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000, ensuring that survey results for each of the 10 respondent groups are statistically representative. The survey responses are completely confidential, and no individual responses will be reported. Your participation is important, as it provides valuable information to help the ministry identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, thus helping to provide a more effective and accountable education system.
- 3. Technology Department Annual Report:** The Palliser School Division Technology Services Department is focused on providing students and staff with the tools needed to ensure high-quality learning environments. There is an ongoing focus on utilizing tools that promote efficiencies and improve the engagement of all stakeholders. The Technology Services Department continues to respond to the COVID-19 safety measures to ensure the continuity of learning and operations. Through the current year we have seen an increase in the number of Google Classrooms grow from just over 2,850 to just under 4,200. What is more astonishing is the amount of live online instruction that has occurred through Google meets with an average of close to 1,000 daily users through the year.
- 4. Indigenous Student Supports:** Kristin Krein is the Division's Indigenous Success Coordinator. She is a resource for students and staff and will facilitate Elder requests, answer questions, will provide site-based professional development, or First Nations, Metis, and Inuit student cultural activities. Please contact Kristin if you are interested in having her come out and share

Jennie Emery Elementary
Virtual - Friends of Jennie Emery Society Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – 7:32pm
2. **PRESENT:** Amy Morice (Vice Chairperson), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Nicole Kaminski (Teacher), Glenda Martens, Toni Klassen (Secretary), Suzanna Neufeld, April Hamilton, Tammy Bolstad, Nora Chomistek, Becky Gudmundson, Tanya Conrad
3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**
 - a. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 1st Nicole, 2nd Curtis, none opposed. Carried
4. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**
 - a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1st Glenda, 2nd Nora, none opposed. Carried
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** See Below
6. **FUNDRAISING:** DFS Spring fundraiser is a go. Glenda is looking into the details on timeline. Mention of fundraiser to be put in the upcoming newsletter. Once things are sorted out with DFS a flier will be sent home with students. Parents will have the option to place orders online or via paper copy. However, full catalogue is only available online. Orders can either be shipped to the school or the home of the student.
7. **HOT DOG LUNCH:** Went very well, the kids loved it. Came in under the approved budget (\$1,200) for a total of \$851.10
8. **FUN DAY:** What is allowed? Curtis to discuss with the teachers at next meeting to see how much time they are willing to contribute as this event may fall mostly on them pending COVID restrictions. With current restrictions parents are able to help with the preparation of the event also a possibility of having the event outdoors which might allow parents to help out. Discussion tabled until next month in hopes of having a better idea of restrictions.
9. **JEES CLOTHING:** Suzi looking into opening another online store. Once she hears back from the company we will all be notified.
10. **MARCH 15 DAY:** A day to celebrate one year since school was canceled due to COVID. Looking into getting the Coaldale Bakery to make some cupcakes or Rice Krispies for the students. These need to be packaged per class room as per current restrictions. Purposed budget: \$1000, approved 1st Glenda 2nd Tanya. All in favor, none apposed.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Padding for cinder blocks in gym needed, not funded by Palliser due to not being required. Wanted to help prevent the students from getting injured. About 32" is needed and will cost roughly \$7,000 plus GST and shipping. Palliser will cover the cost of the installation of these pads (this is to be confirmed and double check who Palliser orders there padding from to see if they potentially get a better price). Purposed budget: \$8,000, approved 1st Nicole 2nd Glenda. All in favor, none apposed.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 23rd @ 7:00pm via Google Meet

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:16pm

February 2021 Friends of Jennie Emery Treasures Report

February opening balance \$61,789.69

Total out \$1300.67 (Christmas supplies & Last year's Teacher Appreciation)

Total In \$3,000 (Donation from Kinettes & Kinsmens for one school, one book)

Closing balance **\$63,489.02**

BMO Feb bank Statement

		Balance Forward		\$61,789.69
Jan 26, 2021	CK	NO.390	\$103.94	\$61,685.75
Feb 1, 2021	CK	NO.389	\$1,196.73	\$60,489.02
Feb 4, 2021	CD		\$3,000.00	\$63,489.02

Please forward all payable receipts, requests & field trip requests for funds to Katie Siemens

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