

Jennie Emery Elementary
Virtual - School Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 15th, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:04 PM

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Toni Klassen (Secretary / Treasurer), Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Nadine Indenbosch (Vice-Chairperson), Nikki Kwiakowski (ELP Rep), Sharon Rutledge (Trustee), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Nicole Kaminski (Teacher), Holly McNair

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

a. ADDITIONS - None

b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - 1st Nora, 2nd Toni, none opposed. Carried.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES

a. APPROVAL OF JAN 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – 1st Nora, 2nd Nicole, none opposed. Carried.

5. REPORTS

a. TRUSTEE – See Below

b. PRINCIPAL

i. JEES needs to put in their 2022 / 2023 school hours for approval.

ii. Basketball for grades 3's and 4's is ending and after the break we will start with the 1's and 2's.

c. CHAIRPERSON

i. Learned that we have a mail box at the school!

ii. The bylaw changes have not been submitted yet but will be done before the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS – School emails seem to not be working. Requested that the school council meetings are put on the “Next Week” announcements.

7. NEXT MEETING: March 15th 2022

8. ADJOURNMENT – 7:12 PM

JEES Parent Council Meeting
Feb 15, 2022
Trustee S. Rutledge Report

1) The Board sent the **2022-2023** draft calendar to stakeholders for review. After much discussion, the **Board approved the calendar** for the upcoming year. Schools will post their individual school calendars to their websites as soon as they are approved by administration.

2) The Palliser School Division **Technology Services Department** is focusing on providing students and staff with the tools needed to ensure high-quality learning environments. Palliser students have access to approximately 6,800 Chromebooks which is better than one to two students. Every teacher and instructor has a Chromebook. Palliser student records have been uploaded into the Provincial Access to Student Information (PAS) database. All staff records and business records are being digitized and stored.

3) Last August 2021, the govt. announced providing \$1 million to help School Councils improve and strengthen engagement with parents. Under section 55 of the Education Act, roughly 2,000 public, separate, Francophone and charter schools are required to have a School Council. The government, naming it the **Alberta School Council Engagement Grant**, is providing \$500 to each P/C group for the 2021-2022 school year. Uses for the money include workshops and information sessions for parents on various topics, parent resources, and programs to support families with English and Indigenous learners, just to name a few.

4) Work continues on the **new school and recreation centre in Coaldale**, with piles and foundations done, steel scheduled to arrive in March, updated pictures will be on social media, and extra funding of about \$5 million dollars (due to high prices of materials) was approved by the government.

Next scheduled meeting of the Board is March 1, 2022.

Jennie Emery Elementary
Virtual - Friends of Jennie Emery Elementary Society Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:13 PM

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Toni Klassen (Secretary / Treasurer), Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Nadine Indenbosch (Vice-Chairperson), Nikki Kwiakowski (ELP Rep), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Nicole Kaminski (Teacher), Holly McNair

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

a. ADDITIONS - None

b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - 1st Nicole, 2nd Nadine, none opposed. Carried.

4.. REVIEW OF MINUTES

a. APPROVAL OF JAN 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – 1st Nora, 2nd Nadine, none opposed. Carried

5.. TREASURER’S REPORT – Not much to report this month. One cheque was cashed in the amount of \$161.25 for a Taber Swimming field trip. We also received the \$500.00 for the ASCE Grant. This leaves us with a balance of \$57,793.57 in the bank at the end of January.

Scientists in the School’s cost is actually \$230 per workshop as opposed to the previously approved \$220. Motion put forward by Toni to approve the extra \$10 per class for the Scientists in the School. 2nd Nora, none opposed. Carried.

6. GYM PADDING – In addition to the gym padding we are also looking into mats for under the climbing wall which we are hoping to get a grant for. As for the gym padding Curtis is still waiting on answers.

7. EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

a. HOT LUNCH (Suzi) – We were supposed to have one in February which did not happen. We do have one planned for March which the group is trying to make happen.

b. TEACHER APPRECIATION – Looking to create a sub-committee for this. This will consist of Nora, Holly, and possibly Jade (not at the meeting this month).

c. FUNDRAISING – Previously we decided that a spring fundraiser was not needed, but considering we are looking to make additions to the playground we should consider having one. A few ideas that were passed around where: gift cards, popcorn, cookies and plants. Nicole suggested Growing Smiles which was liked by the majority of the group. Nora is going to look into them and start the processes.

d. NEW ITEMS – None

8. ASCE SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANT, \$500 – Tabling until the next meeting. No ideas at this time.

9. INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

a. Coaldale Community Program Grant – Due May 4th

- We are still needing to meet up with the Palliser representative which Curtis is to arrange this. The purpose of this would be to discuss the location of the purposed equipment. Nora is going to start looking into and put paperwork together for the grant.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. A few teachers are interested in a program called Bookflix, this is an E-Book program that not only is a place where kids can read but also do activities. The issue with the program is that you cannot buy it for just one class you need to buy it for the school. The cost associated with this is roughly \$15 per student. However, Bookflix just launched a promotion where you can get the program from now until the end of the school year for \$300 (not sure if this is Canadian or US). The group has denied this request for this year.

11. NEXT MEETING: March 15th, 2022

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:51 PM