

Jennie Emery Elementary
School Council Meeting
Wednesday April 23rd, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:05 PM
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Toni Klassen (Secretary / Treasurer), Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Debbie Laturus (Trustee), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Megan Leusink (Vice Principal), Glenda Martens, Holly McNair
3. REVIEW OF AGENDA
 - a. ADDITIONS - None
 - b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1st Glenda, 2nd Toni none opposed. Approved
4. REVIEW OF MINUTES
 - a. APPROVAL OF MAR 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – 1st Nora, 2nd Glenda none opposed. Approved.
5. REPORTS
 - a. TRUSTEE – See attached.
 - b. PRINCIPAL – Curtis went over some changes that have taken place in the school. First, he showed council the wall that was removed in the learning commons opening it up more for the students. Opening up the learning commons encourages more active engaging learning spaces as opposed to just sit down and read. Along with this there is a Lego wall, some mushroom chairs and new book cases. The council was also showed the sensory room which is also the location of the new climbing wall that went up last year.

It was also questioned if the playground was going to become more of an open play anytime soon. Council was informed that it is something the school has been talking about and will possibly make changes come next year. There have been a few different ideas of how this might look but nothing has yet been decided.
 - c. CHAIRPERSON – Nothing to report.
6. NEW BUSINESS – None
7. NEXT MEETING: May 11th, 2022 – Virtual
8. ADJOURNMENT – 7:27 PM

April Board Meeting Off-Campus Programming

Palliser School Division offers collaborative learning opportunities and partnerships between school and community partners. Opportunities include Work Experience, RAP, Green Certificate, Explanatories and Dual Credit with post-secondary partners including University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge College, SAIT, NAIT, Ambrose University, Prairie College, Olds College, and the University of Calgary. Five schools are piloting a Transition to Life (Post-Secondary) Course, two schools are piloting a culinary course and FarmEd offers an immersive, place-based education centred on Agricultural practices and “farm to table”. The Trades and Vocational Education Committee (TAVE) is co-chaired by our division and developed the strategic framework aimed at building students’ trades, apprenticeships, and vocational education knowledge and experiences.

Wellness

The Wellness goal of the division focuses on students becoming literate in mental health, gaining knowledge that will provide them confidence in their pursuit of living a healthy life. In the past year, there has been an increase in Family School Liaison Counselors (FSLC) team support. The Coordinator of Counseling, along with the team of FSLCs, provide one to one and group counseling to students in anxiety, trauma, grief and a multitude of other areas. The team supports schools through responding to crises and the Making Connections Worker are liaisons between families, schools and community. In the past year, there were over 748 classroom presentations related to wellness.

Literacy

The division-wide literacy team carries out the Literacy Framework which emphasizes the key areas of Oral Language and Vocabulary, Disciplinary Literacy, Balanced Literacy, and Digital Literacy across grade levels and subjects. Experts in these areas have supported leaders in developing professional learning and aligning school-wide approaches to literacy. This year, staff attended over 40 division-wide professional learning opportunities related to literacy. Emphasis has been placed on strategies to further support staff with implementing changes in the K-3 English Language Arts curriculum.

Numeracy

A numeracy team has been established to engage leaders, teachers, students and community to further the division’s numeracy framework. Focus will continue on key areas of elementary numeracy: number sense and fluency, mathematical reasoning, visual mathematics, problem solving, and rich tasks. An online platform will allow staff to share resources, plans and projects across the division.

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Friends of Jennie Emery Elementary Society Meeting
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 - a. ADDITIONS - None
 - b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1st Glenda, 2nd Toni none opposed. Approved.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES
 - a. APPROVAL OF MAR 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – 1st Nora, 2nd Glenda none opposed. Approved.
4. TREASURER’S REPORT – March’s ending balance is \$56,278.51. The amount of funds that are yet to be spent on field trips and Scientists in School totals about \$10,877.50 with an additional \$2,087.50 in outstanding cheques. In the month of March, the sound equipment was purchased for a total of \$261.45 which came in under the budgeted amount of \$400.00. The grade 4’s are the only classes that I have yet to see requests for field trips and Scientists in School.
 - a. GRADE 3’s REQUEST FOR EXTRA FUNDING – It was requested for some extra funding for the Grade 3’s to attend The Troyanda Ukrainian Dancers. It has been decided that Council will pay with the balance that the Grade 3’s have left in their field trip funds and the remainder will be paid by the school. An exact amount is yet to be determined as they have yet to submit for one field trip that has been planned.
5. GYM PADDING – No update at this time.
6. EVENTS FOR THE YEAR
 - a. HOT LUNCH - Online ordering has been set up and is underway.
 - b. TEACHER APPRECIATION – A presentation was made by the subcommittee showing the ideas they had for appreciation week. The group requested \$1,500 which was voted in favor of unanimously.
 - c. FUNDRAISING-GROWING SMILES - The fundraiser is underway and off to a great start. It was requested that a reminder be sent to parents via GlassDojo and Facebook.
 - d. FUN DAY – JEES is working on finalizing the day this will be hosted once this has been decided the planning can begin.
 - e. NEW ITEMS - None

7. ASCE SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANT, \$500 – A couple workshops that were brought forward were, School Council Purpose and Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose. It was agreed that the School Council Purpose would be a great one to put on for both current members and potential future members. Motion put forward by Nora to enroll in JEES Parent Council in the Council Purpose course, 2nd by Toni none opposed. Approved
8. INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND UPDATE – Council just received the proposal from PlayQuest. Council has agreed that option one works best with what we currently have. Council has agreed that plan “A” is the one liked better, but before moving forward a few questions need to be answered. One item that needs to be looked into is if adding additional equipment affects the warranty on the current equipment. Council would also like to see if we can add activities to the ramp for the kids. Nora is going to apply for the local grant which is due at the beginning on May.
9. NEW BUSINESS - None
10. NEXT MEETING: May 11th, 2022 – Virtual
11. ADJOURNMENT – 8:46 PM