

Jennie Emery Elementary  
*Virtual* - School Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:05 PM
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - Toni Klassen (Secretary / Treasurer), Sharon Rutledge (Trustee), Debbie Laturus (Trustee), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Megan Leusink (Vice Principal), Jadene Robinson (Teacher), Holly McNair
3. REVIEW OF AGENDA
  - a. ADDITIONS – New Members and move ASCE School Council Grant to the School Council Meeting.
  - b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1<sup>st</sup> Toni, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nikki none opposed. Approved
4. REVIEW OF MINUTES
  - a. APPROVAL OF APR 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – Nora sent Toni her revisions. 1<sup>st</sup> Curtis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nora, none opposed. Approved.
5. REPORTS
  - a. TRUSTEE – See attached.
  - b. PRINCIPAL – The school has a new sign in procedure. Now instead of physically signing in there is now a QR code for people to sign in. For those who are not able to use this feature they do have some chrome books available for those to use.
  - c. CHAIRPERSON – We survived our first year as a new board. Looking forward to next year.
6. NEW MEMBERS – The Society has decided to remove the parent reps as there does not seem to be a need for this position. In the past this position was needed however, the way communication is working nowadays it is not needed.
7. ASCE SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANT, \$500 – Looking to get this scheduled for the middle of September after the AGM which is scheduled for September 12, 2022.
8. NEW BUSINESS – None
9. NEXT MEETING – September 21, 2022
10. ADJOURNMENT – 7:23 PM

**JEES P/C Meeting  
June 07, 2022 Trustee Report**

**May Board Meeting Highlights**

1. Dr. Browning presented the **English Language Learners** report. We have 3,370 students identified this year, an increase of 70 students, with the largest number in Calgary, over 500 students in Lethbridge area schools, over 100 students in Vulcan area, and 331 students in colony schools. The focus of the program is on key areas of oral language, vocabulary and content area literacy. Palliser has coordinated professional learning opportunities with other school divisions specific to English language. The team has created a new early Literacy Assessments Framework, which is helping students receive credits while obtaining the level of English proficiency necessary for high school courses. Palliser is working with multiple agencies to support new families coming to Canada.
  
2. The annual **Education Plan** was accepted by the Board and will be shared with stakeholders and Alberta Ed. This year's plan is aligned in response to the new Ab. Ed. Assurance Framework. Palliser's broad areas of focus this year include Wellness, Literacy and Numeracy.
  
3. Things are looking up, literally, at the **Coaldale High School and Recreation Centre** with anticipated school opening in September 2024. Construction is on schedule and the steel is currently being erected. Ward Bros. provides regular updates that are shared on the Palliser School Website and social media platforms.

**Open Houses for the public** were held on May 24 at RIBMS and May 25 at KAHS from 6:00 to 7:30. Members of the public learned about the design of the school from the architects. Unfortunately, there was poor community attendance.

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022**

**Wishing all of you a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. See you next September.**

Jennie Emery Elementary  
*Virtual* - Friends of Jennie Emery Elementary Society Meeting  
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:24 PM
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - Toni Klassen (Secretary / Treasurer), Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Sharon Rutledge (Trustee), Debbie Laturnus (Trustee), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Megan Leusink (Vice Principal), Jadene Robinson (Teacher), Holly McNair
3. REVIEW OF AGENDA
  - a. ADDITIONS – Remove the ASCE School Council Grant and add New Members.
  - b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1<sup>st</sup> Toni 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzi none opposed. Approved.
4. REVIEW OF MINUTES
  - a. APPROVAL OF APR 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – Nora sent Toni her revisions. 1<sup>st</sup> Nora, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly none opposed. Approved.
5. TREASURER’S REPORT – The balance as of the end of May is \$56,945.47. Cheques written that are yet to be cashed totals \$4,469.89 and \$7,434.46 that has been allocated for fieldtrips we have yet to be invoiced for. Toni has requested approval to purchase some more stamps Suzi advised her that such purchases do not need approval and she is good to get them.
6. GYM PADDING – No updates to report.
7. EVENTS FOR THE YEAR
  - a. POPCORN – Rona no longer sells popcorn so Nora needed to order it online again which should arrive June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. FUN DAY (JUNE 15) – Megan informed the Society that the school is no longer allowed to use Air-Filled Fun Structures so this is no longer an option. Megan showed the Society some other ideas that she found such as a Star Catcher. In the past the Society would provide three play structures however, more money was made in the past. The climbing wall was also suggested but each group will be too large to have in the room. A dunk tank was suggested and was a favorite. Toni was assigned to look into getting this booked. Toni has rented this in the past and it was only \$200 to rent and the Coaldale Fire Fighters filled it. Megan put forward a motion to approve a \$300 budget for the dunk tank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Toni, none opposed. Approved. The school has some Glitter Tattoos but some more are needing to be purchased in order to have enough for each student. Nora put forward a motion for \$100 budget for glitter tattoos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzi, none opposed. Approved.
  - c. NEW ITEMS – None
8. INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND UPDATE – Nora spoke to Play Quest about the warranty issue and they have assured us that this will not be an issue. Both of the owners of Play Quest are certified engineers and they can authorize these alterations. Play Quest put forward another piece of equipment that we could get however, it is new to them and has never been used in Canada. The Society watched a video of the equipment and agreed that the original plan is best. Some EA’s

asked if it was possible to strap the wheel chairs onto the cruiser as there is a student who likes to take their brakes off but unfortunately this is not an option.

Nora found two more grants that are due September 15<sup>th</sup> one is the Blue Cross Community Grant and the other is CFEP. For these we will need some letters of support one from the principal, a teacher who works with the kids needing this equipment and one from a parent of a student who would use the equipment. Toni also sent Nora information on the Coaldale Community Wellness Association who does two grants per year. The Kinsmen and Kinettes is another one that Nora will be looking into.

The Society agreed that a fundraiser should be done next year for this project. There is some concern that we do not have enough funds for some of these grants as they are more of a matching program. Curtis informed us that they will usually take donated labor into account when looking at how much we are contributing. Once we have a better idea of what is all needed the Society will be getting quotes to do the groundwork from other companies as that is the majority of the cost associated to this \$150,000 project. Next school year the Society will put together something to present to the parents of JEES with the hopes of making parents aware of what is going on with the playground.

9. LUNCH PROGRAM – An official decision as to if this project will go ahead or not will not be decided until August. The program that Curtis started at his last school is still going and thriving. The plan for the \$7,000 that was requested from the Society is more of a loan that he plans on giving back once the program is up and running. If the program is not self-sustaining then it will not be something that will continue. Parents have expressed concern that the local businesses will not get to take part in Hot Lunches any longer and that their kids would not have interest in the Lunch Program.
10. GRADE 4 FAREWELL – There was a misunderstanding with the funds for the farewell. With Toni and Nora being new this year they were under the impression that the extra \$5 for their fieldtrip funds included the farewell. This is not the case the extra money is for their fieldtrip since it is their last year they get extra funds for a bigger trip. Grade 4 also did not use the Scientists in School funds this year so this money will be more than enough to cover their farewell and the extra funds they need for their fieldtrip. Nora put a motion forward to reallocate these funds to the farewell and fieldtrip, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nikki, none opposed. Approved.
11. NEW MEMBERS – Next year we will be looking for a new Co-Chair and Secretary. Nora put forward that we should also have a Fundraising Coordinator and a Hot Lunch Coordinator (TBD). For the beginning of next year council would like to “advertise” the Society a little better to try and attract more parents. A few events at the beginning of the year for us to attend would be the first day of school and the meet the teacher night. Having some sort of handout for the parents to see what the Society is about and time commitments would be a good way to start searching for new members.
12. NEW BUSINESS - None
13. NEXT MEETING – September 21, 2022
14. ADJOURNMENT – 8:35 PM