

**Jennie Emery Elementary
School Council Meeting
Wednesday – April 19, 2023**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – 7:01 PM

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Toni Klassen (Treasurer), Joisa Tillack (Secretary), Debbie Laturus (Trustee), Curtis Uyesagi (Principal), Megan Leusink (Vice Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Danie Lawrence, Shanda Westerhoud, Holly McNair, Chris Spanos (Future Principal)

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**
 - a. ADDITIONS – None
 - b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1st Toni, 2nd Holly, none opposed. Approved.

4. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**
 - a. APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – 1st Danie, 2nd Nora, none opposed. Approved.

5. **REPORTS**
 - a. TRUSTEE – See attached.
 - b. PRINCIPAL – Changes for next year with the opportunity of being the new principal at Kate Andrews High School. Introduction of Jennie Emery’s new principal Chris Spanos as of Fall 2023.
 - c. CHAIRPERSON – None. Council of Council Meetings is on May 4th.

6. **ASCE GRANT** – Further discussion concluded that May 10th will not work after all. Sign-up sheet is required to obtain number of participants. The following dates are possibilities: May 12th, 13th, 26th, 27th, June 2nd or 3rd.

ACTION: Toni to confirm details with Sportsball and Purple Carrot.

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

8. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday – May 23rd, 2023 at 7pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:27 PM

TRUSTEE REPORT:

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Board Highlights

Human Resource Services

The Human Resource (HR) Services Department provides support and services in a multitude of areas including employee on-boarding, teacher and support staff allocations, employee contracts, and substitute and casual employee processes. HR Services coordinates professional development, union negotiations, workplace investigations and staff evaluations. The team serves 1761 employees and casual/sub employees across the division including 1101 contracted employees (613 Certificated Staff, 488 Support Staff), and 660 casual employees and substitute teachers.

Family School Liaison Counselling Program

The Family School Liaison Counselling (FSLC) team supports students in mental health and wellness. Areas of support include anxiety, depression, grief and loss, symptoms of trauma, education issues, peer issues and crisis support, to name a few. Fifteen full and part time FSLCs and 4 practicum students make up the team. Government grant funding promised in Fall 2022 has allowed for increased access to mental health support for student, family, and school team(s) and has allowed the division to hire a Youth Systems Navigator, two Family Systems Navigators and a Consulting Clinical Psychologist to increase the supports available.

Palliser Joins Southern Alberta Pathways Partnership

Five school divisions from southern Alberta, along with Palliser, have formed a partnership with Lethbridge College, Career Transitions, local business, and industry partners. The Southern Alberta Pathways Partnership is a collaborative effort that has created a career pathways model that leads students through a series of exploratory and dual credit courses, allowing them to explore potential careers, engage them in learning at the college level and experience hands-on learning.

Board Approves 2023-2026 Capital Plan

The 2023-2026 Capital Plan was approved by the Board. Finding a solution for projected overcrowding at Coalhurst Elementary and underutilization at Coalhurst High School is the first priority of the division. Right-sizing County Central High in Vulcan and modernizing Sunnyside School are the next priorities. The full capital plan is available online at [2023-2026 Capital Plan](#).

Palliser Raises Funds for Terry Fox Foundation

The Terry Fox Foundation has sent a letter of thanks to the Palliser School Division acknowledging the tremendous generosity of Palliser school communities in support of the 2022 Terry Fox Run. Eighteen Palliser schools raised over \$13,000 for the Foundation.

Mental Health Pilot Project in Full Swing

Positive mental health is a critical component of academic success and as such, Alberta Education has provided an investment to support mental health pilots in school and enhance existing efforts. Palliser is a recipient of funding that will increase student access to mental health supports and resources. The funding provides for a multi-tiered approach over two years to assist with the delivery of mental health supports for families in the division. With the assistance of the division's Wellness Navigator, the team of Family School Liaison Counsellors (FSLCs), Making Connections Workers and partnerships with Alberta Health Services and other external agencies, needs are identified and resources and support are made available to families in need.

Literacy and Numeracy Update

Dr. Adam Browning, Director of Learning, presented the annual report on Literacy and Numeracy. The report covered the work the Division has done in the 2022-23 school year, including developing an assurance framework for literacy. This framework supports schools with research based assessments and interventions. Palliser students from Grades 1 to 4 have demonstrated significant growth in early reading and numeracy measures. Teachers and administrators from across Palliser will participate in a division-wide literacy and numeracy symposia in May, 2023. Looking to the 2023-24 school year, the Division will continue to support the literacy assurance framework and establish a numeracy assurance model to support schools with assessments and interventions.

Report submitted by Trustee D. Laturnus

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Friends of Jennie Emery Elementary Society Meeting
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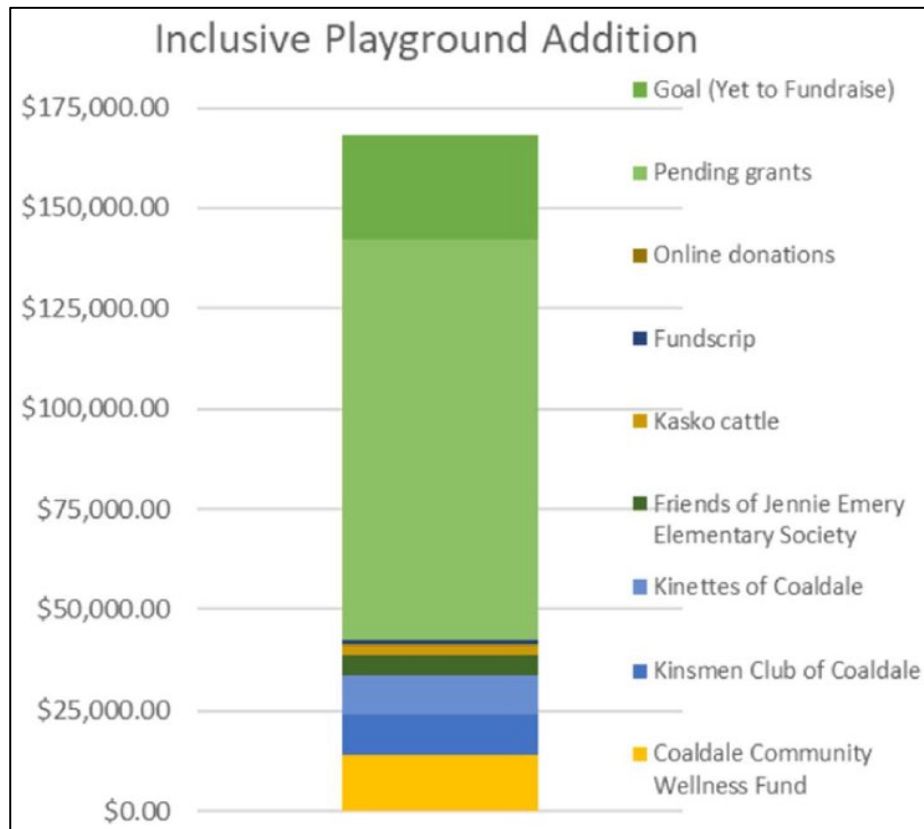
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4. INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND UPDATE – New quote acquired with an amount of \$165,669.09. New donations for the playground include: \$10,000 from Kinettes of Coaldale, \$2,500 from Kasko Cattle, \$100 from Coaldale Food Market, \$200 from Ming’s Restaurant

Coaldale Fun Run would also like to make a donation amount to be determined after the event.

Waiting on contact information for McCain’s to send a donation request letter.



5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – End of March balance = \$81,858.12. \$72,145.92 of that balance is spoken for field trips and playground. \$10,368.83 is the remaining balance available. \$100 donation from Coaldale Food Market and a few more came in April but pending more information.

Toni requesting buffer on bus information on forms until we figure out a more accurate number. Curtis brought up SchoolCash Online issue with refunds not going through. Lunch Program to be discussed next year by future principal and vice principals to figure out if they're going to continue. Money allocated for the Lunch Program will be reassessed at a future date.

ACTION: Curtis to give update for next meeting regarding the refund issue and to find out if we get charged for refund transactions. Danie to discuss SchoolCash process with Nicole Odenbach. Toni to look at last year's bus information to get a more accurate number.

6. **FUNDRAISING**

- a. SCHOOL CASH LINK – Opt-out link is ongoing and currently not doing well.
- b. COALDALE FOOD MARKET FUNDRAISER – Sold a total of \$8,275 gift cards. 5% of this total will go towards the Friend of Jennie Emery Elementary Society which should be an amount of \$413.75.
- c. GROWING SMILES (MAY 10TH) – A total of 62-63 orders were purchased from previous years and this year we are at 26-28 orders so far.
- d. PIZZA 73 – March 31st Pizza Day fundraiser total was \$295.

ACTION: Danie to assess and decide if fundraiser will be repeated in September.

- e. CUPCAKES – Fundraiser total received was \$755.45. Overall good feedback with lots of parent involvement.

Notes for next year's fundraiser are:

- i) Select a date outside of Easter to not overlap with classes' Easter parties
 - ii) Friends of Jennie Emery Elementary Society to bring and provide plates in addition to napkins
 - iii) Have parents help with children arriving from the bus to help with carrying cupcake containers
 - iv) Have other options like muffins, Rice Krispy squares, cookies, etc.
- f. PRIME TIME FUNDRAISER – Two different phone numbers were contacted which resulted in one out of service line and the other with no answer.

ACTION: Danie to contact Prime Time to find out more information on cost per box and details about how it would work. Table for next meeting.

7. **EVENTS FOR THE YEAR**

- a. JEES CLOTHING (AFTER READING WEEK) – No delivery yet, waiting on update.
- b. NEW TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 8-12) FUNDING REQUEST – Theme for this year will be: "Thank you for BEE-ing amazing". Donations received towards something else and not for food. "Dress Like a Teacher Day" planned for Friday - May 12th along with "Hive-Five a Teacher Day".

- c. FUN DAY UPDATE – June 21st is the selected date. Toni created an attentive schedule which requires finalizing by the committee of volunteers. Swirl has been booked by Curtis. Curtis plans to book Fire Department but this will not be a station as we may only have them for less than half an hour. Slip N Slide is a maybe with Sprinklers as an option.

ACTION: Curtis to update us on how long Fire Department can stay at Fun Day and Toni to revise the schedule based on that. Toni to arrange a meeting with Committee to finalize details.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. SKATING – Question was asked why the children never go skating. It was said that ice time is hard to get and not all children have equipment.

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