

**Jennie Emery Elementary
School Council Meeting
Tuesday – June 13, 2023**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – 7:01 PM
2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Toni Klassen (Treasurer), Joisa Tillack (Secretary), Sharon Rutledge (Trustee), Debbie Laturnus (Trustee), Megan Leusink (Vice Principal), Jadene Robinson (Teacher), Danie Lawrence, Holly McNair
3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**
 - a. ADDITIONS –
 - b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1st Danie, 2nd Toni, none opposed. Approved.
4. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**
 - a. APPROVAL OF MAY 23rd, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – 1st Toni, 2nd Holly, none opposed. Approved.
5. **REPORTS**
 - a. TRUSTEE – See attached.
 - b. PRINCIPAL – None.
 - c. CHAIRPERSON – None.
6. **ASCE GRANT**
 - a. Cyber Safety Online Virtual Presentation for Parents (JUNE 19, 7PM) – President of St. Joe’s Parent Council reached out about splitting cost of this presentation which we agreed to.

ACTION: Megan to advise parents via Dojo to reach out to FOJES by Friday – June 16th if in-person needs to be accommodated.
7. **NEW BUSINESS** – None
8. **NEXT MEETING** – AGM Meeting on Wednesday – September 13th, 2023 at 7PM and Parent Council on Tuesday – September 19th at 7PM
9. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:17 PM

TRUSTEE REPORT:

JEES Parent Council Meeting

June 13, 2023

Board Highlights from June 2023

Jason Kupery presented an **Off-Campus/Engagement Report**. Dual credit students have been increasing since 2016 enjoying work experience in the community. As well, there are new opportunities in the culinary, farm education, financial literacy programs offered Gr. 4-12, carpentry skills, electrical training and auto mechanics, just to name a few. The Fire Academy in Coaldale recently had 12 grads complete their fire fighting skills and first responders courses.

Shane Cranston gave the **Wellness Accountability Report**. He emphasized the importance of being literate in mental health involving emotions, social and cultural differences and the skills to make good decisions. Completed data from Palliser students on their social and caring skills, citizenship and social learning showed high standards. The team is able to assess needs of students from Wellness Plans submitted by each school.

Anxiety and depression is lower at the younger grades but increases in the older students. The Nutrition Program is offering 1,000 students everyday with breakfasts and snacks. The family school counselors have been in contact with over 2700 students in need of support. The team has received 1,000's of dollars in successful grant applications.

Shane Cranston also presented the **Inclusive Education Report**. All children can learn and have a purpose. They need a sense of belonging and value the school experience. The goals for each student is strength based on "I can" Professional Development has been given to all staff and Ed Assistants to help with the beliefs and strategies to accomplish positive change. There are 1066 coded students an increase of 130. Severe students number 242, mild 768 and gifted 36 students. The challenges still remain in grant funding and the complexity of student needs.

Dr. Browning gave the **First Nations Metis Inuit Report**. In 2017, 118 students were declared Indigenous with 222 this school year. Data has shown that early learning programs in school has proved to be beneficial to their learning along with continuous enrollment in school.

On behalf of the Palliser Board we wish all of you a safe summer.

Report submitted by Trustee S. Rutledge

Jennie Emery Elementary
Friends of Jennie Emery Elementary Society Meeting
Tuesday – June 13th, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:19 PM

IN ATTENDANCE – Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Toni Klassen (Treasurer), Joisa Tillack (Secretary), Megan Leusink (Vice Principal), Jadene Robinson (Teacher), Danie Lawrence, Holly McNair

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

- a. ADDITIONS – Curtis between 8 and 9.
- b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1st Danie, 2nd Toni, none opposed. Approved.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. APPROVAL OF MAY 23rd, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – 1st Holly, 2nd Toni, none opposed. Approved.

4. INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND UPDATE – No updates from TELUS. Email received that CO-OP was not approved. If provincial grant is received, then we will have the total amount required for the playground.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – End of May balance = \$108,660. \$98,012.79 of that balance is spoken for. \$10,647.21 is the remaining balance available. Cheque received from Coaldale Food Market. \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Southwestern Alberta, \$15,000 from the Coaldale Fun Run, and \$200 from Ming's Restaurant have all been received.

To remind teachers to forward any invoices directly to Toni Klassen.

To suggest bulk transactions to avoid excessive fees from School Cash because currently each transaction has a fee which is costing us more money than necessary.

6. FUNDRAISING

- a. SCHOOL CASH LINK – Opt-out link is still live and ongoing.
- b. OLIVER'S LABELS – Set up completed and sent out to parents. There is no expiration date to this fundraiser code and will continuously work.
- c. GROWING SMILES – Nora was contacted regarding a refund which allowed an opportunity to express feedback on our experience. Response was that the rep will bring it up at their next board meeting and a response to Nora's email will be provided which has not yet been received. Next year, this fundraiser is suggested not to be repeated.

7. EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

- a. FUN DAY (JUNE 21st) – Stations planned and confirmed. Volunteer sign-up resulted in a large response of volunteers. Swirls Ice Cream to be arranged by Megan with Dojo reminder to parents to have child bring \$5.50 for ice cream.

8. FOJES BOARD MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR NEXT YEAR – No updates. Friends of Jennie Emery Elementary Society positions will require filling with terms ending for some of the board members. These positions include: Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Treasurer, Hot Lunch Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator (includes Gala) and Playground Director.

To note that with the current society/charity status, it is not recommended to shut down FOJES as the process to regain that status is very difficult.

School Cash allows restrictions to allow an administrator to be given access to run the Hot Lunch so a suggestion was provided to give this access to Hot Lunch coordinator and to allow us to continue with School Cash for next year and then reassess after the year.

Another suggestion for the new Hot Lunch Coordinator to utilize Sign Up Genius to allow parents an opportunity to volunteer to help with Hot Lunch and to also continue doing Hot Lunch once a month and then reassess in December to decide if we would like to run Hot Lunch twice a month in the new year.

ACTION: Danie to continue looking into School Cash access.

9. **HOT LUNCH** – Google Doc created by Danie which includes all the information required to continue Hot Lunch for next year. This also includes the School Cash information and numbers. For next year, the Hot Lunch will be announced once a month with the whole year planned ahead of time.

ACTION: Danie to send the Google Doc to the FOJES.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **WEBSITE UPDATE** – Suggestion to update the Fundraiser tab on the JEES website as well as to make the “Bell Times” more visible.

ACTION: Megan to look into the updates on the website.

- b. **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** – Staggered start over a few days. Possibility of having a booth of some kind with matching t-shirts at the First Day of School (Date TBA) with the suggestion to also do it during Meet The Teacher Night whenever that is announced.

MOTION: Budget towards \$500 for first day of school muffins. None opposed, approved.

ACTION: Danie to look into pricing out t-shirts and Cricut decals for the shirts.

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12. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:17 PM