

Jennie Emery Elementary  
Parent Council Meeting  
September 12th 2024

1. Call Meeting to Order - 7:03pm
2. Welcome and Introductions - Danie Lawrence (Chairperson), Toni Klassen, Joisa Tillack, Sharon Rutledge (Trustee), Chris Spanos (Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Nicole Kaminski (Teacher), Shanda Westerhoud, Kim Booker, Fallon Ritchie, Lillian Northcott, Nora Chomistek
3. Review of Agenda
  - a. Additions/Edits - FOJEES Meeting Date and Secretary Position added from 6e to 6f.
  - b. Approval - 1st Toni, 2nd Fallon, none opposed. Approved.
4. Review of Minutes
  - a. Additions/Edits - None.
  - b. Approval of June 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes - 1st Fallon, 2nd Kim, none opposed. Approved.
5. Reports
  - a. Chairperson - Hot lunch is being discussed and set up for the school year. Payment came through for the Bingo volunteer and a cheque was picked up over the summer.
  - b. Principal - Will reassess in the new few weeks if reschedule the canceled meet and greet BBQ will work. Enrolment numbers update: over 300 students with 280 from K-3. Approximately 315 with ELP students. Taking any feedback or suggestions for open house and meet and greet for next school year. Breakfast program will be led by Danie this year. (Action: Follow up with RI Baker's muffin Friday to help with breakfast program.) Classroom assignment has changed a bit. BGC have moved supplies to designated area which makes equipment accessible in the gym for PE and ease of clean up. Mandatory literacy assessments on their way and should be completed by end of next week. Edsby platform in discussion for being used as main platform to receive outcome based report cards. More information will be shared but for now Dojo will be used in the meantime. (Action: Discuss Edsby transition with Jackie

tomorrow.) Feedback regarding Edsby from parents at the meeting were not good.

c. Palliser Trustee - See attached.

d. Friends of Jennie Emery

- i. Treasurer - End of Aug 2024 balance is \$132,433.75. Total of \$91,585.34 allocated funds leaving us with \$40,848.41. Still outstanding: bus invoice. Otherwise everything else was paid off. Fun Day was under budget from last year (\$1000 was the budget and we spent under \$500).
- ii. Fundraising - TBA for the new year. Partnered with Kinettes for Bingo for a day, 10am-3pm and it gave us \$500. It's a fundraiser that needs no planning, was easy, free lunch and super fun. Will do gala prep in the background. Fundraisers will be minimal. Will still do cupcake sales, popcorn and 50/50 at Christmas. Suggestion to do volunteering at Casino which has been done in the past and provided a large sum of funds towards FOJEES.

## 6. New Business

a. Playground Director Report

- i. Rubber mulch would be about \$3K, to get the concrete plus a bench would cost about \$6K for two benches. Another idea would be a bench that wraps around a tree for about \$3K. No update on the signage yet as we have not found a place who can match the one that we currently have. Possibly going to get smaller plaques to put on the bench(s) instead of one big one. Chris to see if Palliser will come out to do the mulch and install / build the benches.

b. Hot Lunch Director Report

- i. No update at this time.

c. Pre set school year meeting dates 2024/2025 Year

- i. Include Google Meet links
  - 1. Oct 30 2024
  - 2. Nov 27 2024
  - 3. Jan 29 2025
  - 4. Feb 26 2025

5. Mar 26 2025

6. Apr 30 2025

7. May 28 2025

\*\*These will all be held in Nicole Kaminskis room at 7pm

d. ADHD Presentation October 2nd 2024

- i. Planning - Chris to confirm about booking and to get something posted on Dojo along with an RSVP link to get an idea on numbers. He is also to get Danie a contact from FSDS so she can inform them of the event.

FOJE: Request budget for snacks for the event.

e. FOJE Meeting Date - Sept 24, 7pm at Tim Hortons.

f. Secretary Position - No volunteers, Amy to post position on Dojo.

7. Next Meeting: Oct 30th @ 7PM

8. Adjournment: 8:41 PM

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## Highlights of Sept Board Meeting

### HOME EDUCATION UPDATE

Palliser's Home Education Program has undergone significant changes from a small number of students to a dramatic increase. The new program is operated through Palliser Beyond Borders under the leadership of Principal Jason Kwasny and Facilitator Laurie Zeinchuk. The program has focused on building a community of families committed to high-quality learning with meaningful experiences for students through field trips, in-person workshops in language / fine arts and Celebrations of Learning showcasing students talents and skills.

### INCLUSIVE EDUCATION UPDATE

Shane Cranston spoke of a new software platform to enhance support for inclusive education. It is hoped that this platform will enable support teams to collaborate more effectively and efficiently between staff, families and students to ensure continuity of support as students transition between grades, schools and beyond.

### CELL PHONES SCHOOL POLICIES

The Govt. of Alberta announced in June 2024, that require school divisions to restrict access to cell phones and other personal devices during class time. A survey conducted by the Govt. of Alberta prior to the new directive, revealed strong support from parents, guardians, educators, and even many students.

For more information on how Palliser is supporting this govt. Initiative, please refer to the document "[Cell Phone Policy Guidelines](#)" or contact your child's school.

**Special Note:** [The Air Quality Guidelines for Schools](#) has just been posted on the Palliser website. It can be found under Staff Quick Links, Parent Quick Links and on the Inclement Weather section of the Parents page of the website.

Submitted by Trustee Sharon Rutledge

Next Board Meeting Tuesday October 08, 2024