

Jennie Emery Elementary  
Parent Council Meeting  
November 27 2024

1. Call Meeting to Order - 7:02 PM
2. Welcome and Introductions - Danie Lawrence, Nicole Kaminski, Toni Klassen, Fallon Ritchie, Shandra Westerhoud, Emily Dubnyk, Chris Spanos, Sharon Rutledge, Debbie Laternus, Kim Booker, Nora Chomistek (Virtual)
3. Review of Agenda
  - a. Additions/Edits - Adjust 6.a-d should be under 5.d
  - b. Approval - 1st Toni, 2nd Fallon, Approved
4. Review of Minutes
  - a. Additions/Edits - None
  - b. Approval - 1st Fallon, 2nd Danie, Approved
5. Reports
  - a. Chairperson - Last month Danie helped with the news letter to assist Kristy. A lot of cheques were signed this last month including clearing up the bus invoices that were missing. Playground was completed on Saturday by the Kinsmen and they got it done in record time. Concrete is done and the benches are here for the spring. The remainder of the project will be completed in the spring.
  - b. Principal - Attached
  - c. Palliser Trustee - Attached
  - d. Friends of Jennie Emery
    - i. Treasurer - Month end bank balance: \$124,217.42 with \$29,171.97 of that spoken for.
    - ii. Fundraising
      1. Kinette Bingo dates January 17th 2025
        - a. Confirmed volunteers (Danie, Kim H, Mike H, Fallon, Emily D, Toni)
        - b. Time is 4:45 until 10PM
        - c. Signup Genius to come

2. Review of Christmas concerts (Dec 18 & 19th)
  - a. Volunteers
    - i. Popcorn sales, 50/50 helpers (this will just be to help with the existing progressive 50/50)
    - ii. Signup Genius to come
  - b. Popcorn - Emily will be taking care of this.
  - c. Front Row Raffle - We are going to go forward running this.

- iii. Review 50/50
  1. Please post again everyone! It's going well
  2. Draw will be Dec 20th

6. New Business

- a. Secretary Position - Was posted in the news letter again. No interest at this time.
- b. Review Hot lunch date December 10th 2024
  - i. Confirmed Volunteers Kim B, Shanda, Danie, Fallon
- c. Other: One School Once Book - This is going to happen and will start February 3rd.
- d. Snow removal was brought up. Chris has reached out to Palliser already to express concern. Debbie is also going to bring this to Palliser. The school does have salt and should be putting this down when needed.

7. Next Meeting: January 29th 2025 @ 7:00PM

8. Adjournment: 7:38 PM

## Principal's Report

- Thank yous:
  - Playground success!!!
  - Parent Volunteers continuing to help with events, field trips, in the classroom, volleyball club, hot lunches, etc.
  - Bake Share, Care Cupcake Sale
  - Support with the Food Drive
  
- November Highlights:
  - Halloween Activities: Parade and Sock Hop, Grade 3s toured the Health Centre
  - Remembrance Day: student work displayed, dressed to impress, grade 3 speakers, some classes visited the Cenotaph
  - Grade 3 Volleyball Club wrapped up - thank you to our parent volunteers for helping with the practice sessions
  - Choir underway
  - Grade 3 Auditions for Christmas Concert
  - Grade 2 field trip to the Civic Square
  - Hot Breakfast for all students
  - Food Drive to support the Coaldale Food Bank
  
- Upcoming Activities:
  - Grade 1 Field Trip to the Galt (Dec. 3)
  - December Student Led Assembly (Grade 2s - Dec. 6), and Colour Day Spirit Day (K:Blue, 1:Red, 2:Green, 3:White, Office: Gold)
  - Hot Lunch for all students (Dec. 10)
  - Angel Tree
  - Christmas Concert (A-L on Dec. 18 and M-Z on Dec. 19)

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Report submitted by Trustee Rutledge

Board Highlights from November Meeting

1) The Palliser School Division, serving a geographically expansive and culturally rich region, is committed to fostering strong relationships with all members in the division. To support this goal, the Board has established an Engagement Committee tasked with informing, consulting and collaborating with school communities. The Engagement Committee will host three public engagement evenings, inviting stakeholders to explore their vision for the schools and the Division. The Board wishes to foster meaningful dialogue by gathering feedback from the participants to help with the decision making process to create a shared vision for the future. The Palliser School Division website will offer further announcements on the Board's Plans here: [Palliser School Division Board Strategic Planning](#)

2) The Board reviewed the Annual Education Results Report as part of Alberta's Assurance Framework, which aims to build public trust to ensure the education system meets student needs and fosters success. The Division continues to surpass provincial averages, with positive feedback from both parents and staff. However, one area of concern is student sentiment toward learning and engagement in school. School staff and Division leadership are working closely to identify strategies to address this concern. The report is scheduled for approval at the next Board meeting (Dec 10) pending the integration of additional information from audited financial statements. Once approved, the document will be made available on the Palliser website by Nov 30, 2024.

Next scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, Dec.10, 2024