

Jennie Emery Elementary School
Parent Council Meeting
January 29th 2025

1. Call Meeting to Order - 7:04 PM
2. Welcome and Introductions - Danie Lawrence, Shanda Westerhoud, Fallon Ritchie, Debbie Laternus, Amy Kerr, Toni Klassen, Chris Spanos, Sharon Rutledge, Danie Walsh, Michael French
3. Review of Agenda
 - a. Additions/Edits - None
 - b. Approval - Toni + Fallon
4. Review of Minutes
 - a. Additions/Edits - None
 - b. Approval - Fallon + Danie L
5. Reports
 - a. Chairperson - We are still currently working on the reporting for the playground. Danie L has been working with FOJE in getting the one book one school going which is scheduled to run from March 24 - April 7. The annual report has been completed and sent in to the government which was completed by Danie L and Fallon. More ASCA funds have been received which need to be decided what we would like to do with it. Weibs has the perogies ready for sale which we will be getting a portion of the sales. Hot Dog Day was also a hit which seemed to go over well with both the kids and teachers, we are hoping to have another on this year. In December we had the Christmas Concert which the FOJE participated in again this year.
 - b. Principal - Attached
 - c. Palliser Trustee - Attached
 - i. At our previous meeting snow removal was brought forward as a concern. When talked about at the January meeting it was said that Dennis Dirtworx is contracted to do snow removal for Coaldale now.

- d. Friends of Jennie Emery
 - i. Treasurer/Banking - Month end bank balance: \$57,900.01, with \$27, 233.74 of that spoken for. The cupcake sale brought in \$512.65 along with the Christmas concerts popcorn and front row sales bringing in \$752.00. Our 50/50 raffle went very well with a total of \$4,510.00 worth of tickets sold with a profit of \$1,763.02 after fees.
 - ii. Fundraising/Upcoming FOJE update
 - 1. VIP Hot Lunch Day & Breakfast - Breakfast is in February and the next Hot Lunch Day is May 14th
 - 2. The next Bake Share Care Day is April 15th

Action: Toni to make a signup genius to be sent out.

- 3. Hot Lunch - has been going well.
- 4. Oliver's Labels and the Bottle Depot are still open.

6. New Business

- a. Review Christmas Concert - Done
- b. Teacher Appreciation week May 5th - 9th 2025 - Budgeted \$15 / Head
 - i. Committee: Danie Walsh to head this and find those who are willing to help.
- c. ASCA fund
 - i. Join with R.I Baker (two sets of funding each)

Action: Meeting to be setup with R.I Baker and JEES

- ii. Committee - Not needed
- d. Playground Update
 - i. Remaining Funds - \$8,573.01 of that \$5,000.00 of this was gifted by the FOJE.

Action: To be brought forward to the FOJE meeting. Possibly to spend this on a garbage decal out with the FOJE logo.

- ii. Reporting - Yet to be completed by Nora
- iii. February start date reminder email
- e. Knette BINGO date
 - i. March 19th 2025 need 5-6 volunteers: Toni, Danie L, Fallon?, Danie W, Rachael

Action: Danie L to send out an email to confirm.

- f. Parent council SWAG bags
 - i. Committee: Toni and Danie L
- g. Bouquets/Reach Outs
 - i. A gift card to the loft

Action: To be brought forward to the FOJE meeting

- 7. Next Meeting: February 26th @ 7pm
- 8. Adjournment: 8:20 PM

JEES P/C Meeting
January 29, 2025
Board Highlights from Dec 2024- Jan 2025

Palliser School Division's Early Learning Program provides valuable learning experiences for 3 and 4-year-olds through play based learning, literacy and numeracy development and social-emotional learning. The Board is addressing the challenges of rising student needs with support provided by speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and family oriented programs. To inquire about an early learning program at your local school, please contact the school directly.

Palliser made progress in Occupational and Safety by implementing facility inspections including air quality assessments and playground safety checks across several schools. The Division is working with the counselling team to launch a Pilot Behavioural Reporting System in Calgary and Vulcan schools. Staff and students can report concerning and positive behaviors using a familiar software platform allowing for a quick response.

The Division's Transportation Services operates 85 buses, transports 2,400 students daily across 63 routes travelling over 1.9 million kilometres annually. The "Think of us on the Bus" continues to raise awareness for safety supported by law enforcement. Despite rising fuel costs and a shortage of spare drivers, the transportation dept. Is closing the 2023-24 year with a small surplus due to subsidies and cost saving Measures.

The Board approved draft calendars for the 2025-26 school year for South, North and Islamic schools. School administrators will consult with their staff and community to determine a local calendar.

The Palliser School Division, like many others across the province, is facing a Budget Deficit for the 2024-25 school year due to funding challenges. A \$1.5 million funding loss from a grant clawback due to enrollment overestimations is responsible for much of the deficit. While initial projections indicated a \$4.4 million shortfall, cost saving measures such as unfilled positions, new hires at entry level salaries, and operational efficiencies have reduced the deficit to \$2.6 million.

Our priority is ensuring that the budget does not negatively impact students' learning or the support they receive in the classroom. We are carefully reviewing our expenditures and exploring every option available to protect classroom resources and maintain high quality education.

Principal's Report

January 29, 2025

- Thank yous:
 - Parent support
 - VIP hot lunch (December),
 - Christmas Program support and fundraiser,
 - Basketball club helpers,
 - Field Trips (Galt -gr. 1, Skating -gr. 3, Swimming -k,)

- December and January Highlights:
 - Christmas Program
 - Angel Tree
 - Field Trips
 - Gr. 1 - Galt Museum
 - Gr. 3 - Skating
 - K - Swimming
 - Dec. and Jan. Assemblies
 - Choir at the Hurricanes game (~70 students)
 - Basketball club (~100 students)

- Upcoming Activities:
 - Community Outdoor Skating Jan. 30th from 5:00-8:00pm
 - Grade 2 Outdoor Skating field trip - Feb. 5th
 - Grade 1-3 Report Cards available on Edsby - Feb. 7th
 - Palliser hosting Coaldale Community Engagement session at Jennie Emery - Feb. 13th at 6:00pm
 - February Student Led Assembly (Grade 2s - Feb. 14th), and Red and Pink Spirit Day to celebrate Valentine's Day
 - 100th Day of School on Feb. 24th
 - Hot Breakfast for all students
 - Jennie Emery school apparel online store with Public Image:
<https://jees2024.itemorder.com/> . Feb, 3-14