

**Jennie Emery Elementary - Parent Council Meeting
February 26th 2025**

1. Call Meeting to Order - 7:01 PM

2. Welcome and Introductions - Toni Klassen, Danie Lawrence, Nora Chomistek, Fallon Ritchie, Shanda Westerhoud, Amy Kerr, Chris Spanos, Debbie Laturnus, Sharon Rutledge

3. Review of Agenda

- a. Additions/Edits - None
- b. Approval - Fallon, Shanda

4. Review of Minutes

- a. Additions/Edits - None
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5. Reports

- a. Chairperson - Not much of an update, just a few events coming up that we will talk about later in the meeting.
- b. Principal - Attached
- c. Palliser Trustee - Attached
- d. Friends of Jennie Emery
 - i. Treasurer/Banking - Not a lot of activity this month, one hot lunch and we received funds from the bottle depot. The balance as of the end of January is \$58,912.79 of which \$26,624.26 is allocated leaving \$32,288.53 unallocated.
 - ii. Fundraising/Upcoming FOJE update - Going to do another 50/50 for the end of school year along with another bake, share, care day.

6. New Business & Updates

- a. Secretary position - Open, no takers
- b. Playground Update
 - i. Project completion Date: April 30, 2025 (rough date)
- c. Kinetite BINGO (March 19th 2025)
 - i. Toni, Danie L, Dani W, Rachelle, Kim B

ACTION: Danie to possibly set up a signup genius to get more volunteers.

- d. Teacher Appreciation committee update (May 5 - 9) - No update at this time.

ACTION: Shanda to start a group chat with other committee members.

- e. ASCA Funds update
 - i. Meeting/Idea date TBD with R.I.Baker - Still in the works
 - ii. Edsby user training evening - Palliser is going to provide this for free and they will reach out with options.
 - f. Bake care share update (April 15th 2025) - Signups are coming for this.
 - 7. Reach outs - This was voted down by FOJE.

 - 8. **Next Meeting:** March 26th 2025 @ 7pm
 - 9. **Adjournment:** 7:42 PM
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Principal's Report

- **February Highlights:**
 - o Community Outdoor Skating (Jan. 30th)
 - o February Assembly (Grade 2s)
 - o 100th Day of School
 - o Hot Breakfast for all students
 - o Basketball Club

- **Information and Discussion Items:**
 - o ASCA funds
 - o Grade 1-3 Report Cards feedback

- **Upcoming Activities:**
 - o Scholastic Book Fair (March 3-7)
 - o Parent Teacher Interviews (Grade 1-3 March 6&7; Kindergarten March 17-20)
 - o Early Learning Program Open House (March 6)
 - o Gr. 1 Basketball Club (3 weeks beginning the week of March 10)
 - o Westwind Thunders (March 11)
 - o Assembly, Western Day, Sock Hop (March 14)
 - o One School One Book (March 24)

JEES P/C Meeting
Feb 26, 2025

Board Highlights from Feb Meeting

The govt, Adjusting Bus Services, has announced planned changes to walk limits for the 2025-26 school year of 1.6 km for elementary students and 2.0 km for secondary students. The new proposal will impact up to 250 students in Coalhurst and Coaldale. The Board was presented with 3 Options and provided direction to Administration to support Option 1 of maintaining current service for the 2025-26 school year. A final decision will be made at the March Regular Board meeting.

The Technology Dept. has implemented Esports which offers regional tournaments and global competitions opportunities. To ensure a structured, safe experience for students, the Tech Dept. has standardized Game selection & Safety, Secure accounts and Software and Nintendo Switch consoles being tested to help smaller schools Participate.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents both opportunities and challenges in education. The Board and IT team will continue exploring its impact, ensuring responsible integration into our schools.

Palliser's Counselling Team includes 15 full & part time Family School Liaison Counsellors (FSLC) and 8 full time & part time Making Connections Workers (MCW). Referrals to FSLC are for anxiety, peer issues, family/primary support group issues, depression, grief and loss, educational problems and crisis support. The team also assess student threats of violence and risk to others, support families with community resources and support school staff through consultations and presentations.

Bell Let's Talk Day was implemented division-wide to support mental wellness. New emotional support services were launched in two colony schools. Social-emotional programming is expanding with parenting courses piloted, as well as ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) support groups being introduced for parents and children. Priorities for next year include enhancing high school counselling, expanding trauma-informed classrooms and increasing social-emotional learning for all student development stages.

Next scheduled Board Meeting is March 11, 2025