

**Jennie Emery Elementary
Parent Council Meeting
March 26th 2025**

1. Call Meeting to Order - 7:00 PM
2. Welcome and Introductions - Toni Klassen, Danie Lawrence, Fallon Ritchie, Kim Booker, Amy Kerr, Chris Spanos, Sharon Rutledge, Debbie Laternus
3. Review of Agenda
 - a. Additions/Edits - None
 - b. Approval - Kim, Fallon
4. Review of Minutes
 - a. Additions/Edits - None
 - b. Approval - Kim, Fallon
5. Reports
 - a. Chairperson - I have pre-made some facebook posts to stagger over the summer for things like Oliver's labels and the bottle depot. I have also talked to a number of Palliser representatives about the ASCA grant and we were told we are able to buy items for the swag bags with this money but we need to include purchasing a book that is directed for the parents. Palliser also recommended putting in the Edsby "how to pamphlet" in the swag bags. Some more reporting on the playground has also been completed along with some work on next year's Gala.
 - b. Principal - See attached.
 - c. Palliser Trustee - See attached.
 - d. Friends of Jennie Emery
 - i. Treasurer - February's ending bank balance was \$60,856.39 with \$26,896.89 of the allocated leaving a balance of \$33,959.50 unallocated. We received \$500 for our previous volunteer time at the Bingo with the Kinettes in January.
6. New Business
 - a. Teacher appreciation committee update - The Committee is still working on planning.
 - b. Playground Update - We may have found a way of getting a larger tree but this would cost us more like \$1,500.00 which we do have funds for. Starting next week Nora should be able to start working more on the outstanding items. Chris met with Palliser and they are going to take the benches along with the concrete. This part of the project is going to be completed as soon as Palliser has the time. Chris is also going to ask Palliser if they are able to get a garbage can for us.

- c. Bake Care Share Update

ACTION: Toni to send out the volunteer invites next week and Amy is to be sending Toni the gym schedule.

- d. Swag Bag Update

ACTION: Danie and Chris are to be looking to see how many JEES bags they have for this project.

- e. Fun Day

- i. Create Committee - Tabled for next meeting.

- f. Beef fundraiser review - Cronkhite Beef Company, no upfront cost and we get 50% of the profit. There is a one month turn around once orders have been placed. We would be responsible for pick-up and delivery of the meat. This is the be sent to FOJE.

- g. Other

- i. 50/50 Update - We are not doing so well at this time and as we are not going to be any in school events that will draw in parents as we did in December we would like to make flyers for teachers to put into each student's agenda.

ACTION: Toni is going to make a flyer for the 50/50

- 7. Next Meeting - April 30 2025 @ 7:00 PM

- 8. Adjournment - 7:57 PM

Principal's Report

- **March Highlights:**
 - [Rachelle - Edwin Parr](#)
 - Book Fair
 - Parent Teacher Interviews and EL Open House
 - Atrium Beautification (new picnic table and portable soft seats)
 - Gr. 1 Basketball Club
 - Sock Drive
 - Westwind Thunders
 - Assembly, Western Day, Sock Hop
 - OSOB launch
- **Information and Discussion Items:**
 - ASCA funds
 - Art Extravaganza at the public library > April 8 to May 26
 - Playground project
- **Upcoming Activities:**
 - Next Assembly and Neon Spirit Day (April 11)
 - Spring and Kindergarten Grad Photos (April 14 & 15)
 - Cupcake Sale (April 15)
 - Kindergarten Library field trips (April 28 & 29)

March Board Highlights ~ Trustee

Bus Service Update

New transportation regulations set by Alberta Education will impact the distance at which students qualify for busing services in the 2025-2026 school year. Under these changes, walk limits will increase to 1.6 kilometers for K-6 and 2.0 kilometers for grades 7-12 students. The Palliser School Division Board of Trustees recognizes that these changes will impact many families. To assist families with these changes, the Board has committed to maintaining the current level of bus service for students presently accessing Palliser buses. Clarification of the new transportation regulations will be forwarded to parents in the new school year. The Palliser School Division remains committed to exploring solutions that provide the best possible transportation support for students and families.

Human Resources and Payroll Update

The Board received the Human Resources report, highlighting continued improvements in staff retention for both teaching and support positions. Additionally, there has been a significant increase in the number of teachers registered as substitute teachers, strengthening the Division's ability to provide classroom support.

The Board also received positive updates on support programs for new teachers and those aspiring to leadership roles. These initiatives, led by the Division's Human Resources and Learning Services teams, have received excellent feedback and continue to help attract, develop, and retain high-quality educators within Palliser.

Edwin Parr Nomination Announcement

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce their 2024/2025 Edwin Parr Award nomination. Rachelle Warchola teaches grade 2 at Jennie Emery Elementary School. Her engaging and hands-on teaching style has impressed staff, parents, and most importantly, students!

The Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award recognizes outstanding first-year teachers in Alberta who demonstrate excellence in teaching and a strong commitment to student success. The award celebrates emerging educators who make a meaningful impact in their classrooms and communities.