

Jennie Emery Elementary School Council Meeting  
May 28th 2025

1. Call Meeting to Order - 7pm
2. Welcome and Introductions - Danie Lawrence, Fallon Ritchie, Amy Kerr, Toni Klassen, Nora Chomistek, Sharon Rutledge, Debbie Laternus, Candace Langworthy, Chris Spanos, Shanda Westerhoud, Joisa Tillack
3. Review of Agenda
  - a. Additions/Edits - 6.d Review the Alberta Education Email
  - b. Approval - Toni + Fallon
4. Review of Minutes
  - a. Additions/Edits - None
  - b. Approval - Fallon + Candace
5. Reports
  - a. Chairperson - Last report for the 2024/2025 year! A Lot of prep over the last month for June activities and cheque signing for all the June field trips. I have started to prepare for next year including the minutes needed for next year.
  - b. Principal - See attached
  - c. Palliser Trustee - See attached
  - d. Friends of Jennie Emery
    - i. Treasurer - May current balance is \$60,371.22 with \$22,309.80 allocated leaving \$38,061.42 unallocated. The beef fundraiser brought in a total of \$5,617.60! For this year we have raised \$12,247.00 to date.
    - ii. Fundraising - Cronkhite Beef pick up is this Friday
6. New Business
  - a. Secretary Position - No takers, tabled until next meeting
  - b. Position Review for 25/26 year
    - i. Chairperson - Open
    - ii. Vice Chairperson - 1 year left
    - iii. Treasurer - 1 year left
    - iv. Secretary - Open

- c. Over Summer Updates:
    - i. Parent council V. School Council bylaw updates
      - 1. Danie/Toni/Candace
  - ACTION: The Jennie Emery website needs to be updated with the Parent Council's name.**
  - ii. Swag Bags - Hand out on backpack drop off day
      - 1. Confirm date/volunteers - dates TBD
    - iii. Playground wrap up
      - 1. Reports, ceremony
      - 2. To be completed still is benches, sod and topsoil
      - 3. Pictures to be taken during fun day and Thank You cards to be completed for those who donated.
  - d. Alberta Education Recent Survey
    - i. Many questions are coming in from parents regarding this email but at this time there is no other information from Palliser on this topic.
  - e. Other/NEW
    - i. Grade 3 Graduation - There has been some comments coming from the community about parents reaching out to to them for donations
- 7. Next Meeting: September 24th 2025 @ 7PM
  - 8. AGM - September 11 7:00 PM
  - 9. Adjournment: 7:59pm
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### **Principal's Report**

- May Highlights:
  - o Staff Appreciation - THANK YOU!
  - o Crazy Hair & Hat Day and Assembly
  - o Staff vs Students Intramurals
  - o Disc Golf Club
  - o Early Learning and Kindergarten Developmental Check Ups
  - o K trips - Rehoboth and Library
  - o Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump (Gr. 3s)
  - o Bike Rodeo (Gr. 2/3s)
  - o Traveling lab coats (Gr. 1)

- Information and Discussion Items:

- Next year
  - 3 classes in grade 1, 2, & 3. Continuing to monitor K registrations. Each grade is hovering in the 60s for numbers, our enrollment numbers are down this year. We are currently sitting at 3 kindergarten classes but as numbers climb we continue to watch and could possibly move to 4 classes.
  - some changes coming with support staff and teaching staff in the next year, we continue to wait to solidify numbers for support staff in the coming weeks.
- French Immersion - interest for French Immersion in Coaldale? It would likely be a home room class that is taught en francais. Nora despises French immersion and is not a fan. Not sure there is a need for it. Families will likely search out a more established program if they are looking for this sort of programming.
- Start-up days and calendar
  - last steps of finalizing calendar for 25-26, hoping to send that out very soon. Kristy is also finishing and submitting all work for the agendas for next year.
  - Welcome back start up days with the school supply drop off / open house
  - dates will be decided in the next month and shared with families

- Upcoming Activities:

- Track & Field Day
- Fun Day
- Intramural Pizza Party
- TREX Visiting Artist (Nicole Riedmueller) - Gr. 2s
- Clay Viking Art Project Day - Gr. 3s
- Twin Day and Assembly
- Last Staff vs. Students Intramural game (Gr. 3s)
- Frank Slide Field Trip (Gr. 3s)
- YMCA Swimming (Gr. 1s)
- Petland Visit (Ks)
- Corn Maze (Gr. 1s)
- Remington Carriage Museum (Gr. 2s)
- Spray Park (Ks)
- Bowling (Gr. 2s)
- Pool Trip (Gr. 3s)
- Farewells
  - EL, K, Gr. 3s

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**Board Highlights from May Meeting**

The Board reviewed progress on the strategy to strengthen **Inclusive Education** by implementing a new Individual Program Plan (IPP) which is more efficient and offers staff to meet a wide range of student needs with more engaged family involvement.

The Board received an update on **Indigenous Education**. Students enrolled in the division tend to achieve higher results on provincial tests and literacy assessments. Trends in high school completion, fewer drop-out students and transition to post-secondary education is continuing to strengthen in a positive direction.

The **Division's Financial Update** shows a positive shift, with the projected deficit for 2024-2025 from \$1.36 million to approximately \$1.09 million. Additional funding supporting dual credit programming, enrollment growth and subsidized fuel costs, have helped to offset some key expenses.

Palliser's **Three-Year Education Plan** will discontinue the use of "Our School" surveys as they overlap Alberta Education surveys. Instead, schools will develop local surveys to gain more meaningful information.

**Have a wonderful and restful summer.**