



Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda

November 22, 2022

St. Albert, Alberta

7:45 pm

virtual meeting link: <http://meet.google.com/oqw-zeyj-gzy>

- **Call to Order**

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:45pm

- **Welcome and Land Acknowledgment** - Virtual Attendance and Introductions

- Kelly Ternovatsky
- Helen Nowell
- Monique Waters
- Christy Verveer
- John Allen
- Alynn Clenndening
- Amanda Crouse
- Jessica Cardozo
- Jill Webb
- Kathy Topinka
- Melanie Dromarsky
- Richelle Robinson
- Tara Kwasney
- Vanessa Johnston
- Johnathan Skuba

Approval of the Agenda

Kathy moved to approve, Richelle seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

Kathy moved to approve, Jessica seconded. Motion carried.

Teacher Report - Kinder teachers: Christy Verveer


- Using the Jolly Phonics Program In Kindergarten , cycling through the alphabet 4 times throughout the year
- Zones of regulation program, talk about feelings and navigate through their feelings

- We thinkers program - a series of books
- Materials are needing to be replaced: puzzles, cubes, counters, pattering materials for numeracy, good steam centers. Able to purchase a castle building center for this year thanks to fundraising efforts.
- Opportunity for families to donate items - toys or books to the school in great condition.

Trustee Report - John Allen

- Rally for Education - 3 trustees attended the rally
- 2 trustees attended a fundraising event
- Bellerose had their awards, Paul Kane had their awards
- ASPA general meeting, attended by Christy
- No big highlights or surprises from last meeting
- Tomorrow will be another public board meeting
- Policies up for stakeholder review: Whistle Blower Protection Policy
- Kelly inquired about student protection (mask mandates) - will be following AHS guidance

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Review JMD School Council Bylaws - amendment to election ballot (Kelly)
 -  JMD School Council Bylaws
- Amendment to Bylaw 2.4, section c
- **2.4 Election of Parents to Executive School Council**
- c. When more than one parent is vying for any one Council Executive position, elections will be by written ballot, *or in the event of a virtual meeting format, a virtual ballot*. Each person entitled to vote will print on the ballot the name of each nominee that the person wishes to be elected to the Council.
- **Kelly made a motion to amend the school bylaws, seconded by Amanda. All in favor, motion carried.**

New Business

- No new business to report

Policy Review - [Policy Review main page](#)

- [A-170 Whistleblower Protection](#)
- [D-110 Certificated Staff Placements and Transfers](#)
 - Open for stakeholder input until January 9; final draft January 25
- [D-170 Employee Recognition](#)

- [D-630 AR Staff Expenses](#)
 - Open for stakeholder input December 15 - January 26; final draft February 8

Chair Report - Kelly Ternovatsky

- See Chair report at the end of the meeting minutes.

Administration Report - Helen Nowell

- See Administration report at the end of the meeting minutes.

Next Meeting Date - January 24, 2023 7:45 pm

Adjournment

Kelly adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm

Chair Report

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Provincial - Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

- I completed the Engagement Task Force survey regarding [Specialized Learning Supports and General Communication](#)
- ASCA online auction is happening this week
 - <https://email.boxclever.ca/t/r-l-tjtdjrn-bhlhyuyjdk-j/>
 - closes Friday November 25 1pm

District - St. Albert Public Schools

- Council of School Councils (COSC) - meeting November 30

Local - JMD

- I will complete staff holiday gift cards with a candy cane
- Staff Christmas Card suggestions - google form
- Some families have asked if there is a possibility of the Christmas Concert being switched to virtual, as they see assemblies and Praise services being shifted
 - What is the policy for holding assemblies, clubs
- School Council Engagement Grant \$500 will be shared again this year
 - Brainstorm ideas

Administration Report

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- VBall - So proud of our teams! Jr boys & girls Sr Boys & Girls (B side final)
- Interviews - great success!
 - Alternative contact methods used
 - Next interviews are in Term 2.
- Reconciliation
 - Assembly on Nov 4th - Christina Hardie & Sharice Cardinal
 - Metis Week Nov 7 to 11th - finger weaving (Arts and Cultural Foundation)
- Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov 9th at 10:30am
 - Moved to virtual
- Outbreak
 - Nov 7 ends Nov 24th
 - Need to get absences under 10%
- Season of giving
 - November to Dec 9th
 - Collecting new toys to donate to the St. Albert Kinsmen Club
 - Also accepting new touques, mittens and scarves
 - Our Giving Tree is up and we look forward to watching it grow with all the love of the season!
 - Staff collecting for a family hamper
- December in Our Town Show
 - At the Alliance church
 - K to 6 - gr 6 actors & JH Band
 - Show is split A-L Nov 30 and M-Z, Dec 1st
 - Nov 29 rehearsal at school with no spectators
 - Tickets - \$5 each - 4 per family to start - extras put up for sale after a period of time TBD
 - 500 capacity per show
 - Fundraising group
 - Best seat in the house
 - Best spot in the lot

- Coffee bar will be volunteers from the church - if they choose to do so

- Important dates ahead:
 - Early dismissal Dec 23rd

- Christmas Break Dec 24 to Jan 6th
- Back to school Jan 9th No early dismissal in January
- Dec. 22 ski day grades 4-9
- Term 1
- Progress Reports come home Jan 27th
- January 31st - Pd Day
- New term begins February 1st
- What would School Council like to do with the \$500 grant
- Round Table discussion for Stand for Education. Pre-register and it is on December 1, 2022 at this link: <https://standforeducation.ca/>
- Information about plans from the HOA plans for the rinks within the gated areas
- hoa@melcor.ca

Parent Reminders:

- St. Albert Public Schools Board meeting November 23, 3:30 pm
 - Full agenda and link to livestream are available on our website: https://www.spschools.org/board_governance/board_agenda
- Please join the *J.M. Demko School Parent Community* on Facebook!



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