



## Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda

October 25, 2022

St. Albert, Alberta

7:45 pm

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

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### **1. Call to Order**

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:45pm

### **2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment - Virtual Attendance and Introductions**

- Kelly Ternovatsky
- Amanda Crouse
- Amanda Serra
- Carolyn Mckendrick
- Denise Gavenchuk
- Jonathan Skuba
- Devonne Skuba
- Helen Nowell
- John Allen
- Jessica Cardozo
- Jill Webb
- Kathy Topinka
- Kathy Santrock
- Melanie Dromarsky
- Richelle Robinson
- Tara Kwasney
- Valerie Sanderson
- Vanessa Johnston

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Jessica moved to approve, Jonathan seconded. Motion carried.

### **4. Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting**

Jessica moved to approve, Richelle seconded. Motion Carried.

### **5. Teacher Report - Kathy Santrock - JMDTV**

- Kathy thanked the council for purchasing the license to use Wevideo. Wevideo is used for video editing.
- Kathy shared some JMDTV segments and spoke about some of the segments (Wellness Wednesday, Feel Good Friday, Star Draws, etc.)
- The platform will be used to create the year end video and a video which will be used at the Junior High open house.
- Drama students will be working to create joke segments and commercials which will air on JMDTV
- A land acknowledgement video has been created by Kathy and will air on Tuesdays in lieu of the national anthem.
- Carmen Leibel from CTV will be coming to work with grade 5 & 8 students on public speaking.

#### **6. Trustee Report - John Allen**

- Trustee Allen provided an update on some of the most recent events:
  - Welcome Back BBQ (The 1st one in over 3 years yielded an attendance of about a 1000 people)
  - Certification Program for trustees - recently attended training
  - 1st Board meeting - details are posted on the district website, under governance
  - Reviewed policies and put some policies out to stakeholders for review: Smoking & Intoxication
  - Completed 1st round of school tours (A visit to Demko is scheduled for November)
  - Met with Minister of Education regarding school crowding within the division
  - Opening a replacement High School next month
  - Zone meetings have occurred
  - Public school board has had its AGM
  - Alberta schools general meeting is next week
- Kelly inquired about a potential 3rd High School in St. Albert. Trustee Allen responded that the city has set aside some land in NW St. Albert for a future school. There currently isn't any commitment from the government to build a new school. Another option could be to build an addition onto Bellerose, which would increase capacity but not satisfy the demand. There are some challenges with doing so... the land size and also not being able to add enough additional capacity.
- Kelly asked about how to advocate about the crowding curriculum funding. Trustee Allen encouraged council members and parents to advocate to the minister's office.

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Review JMD School Council Bylaws - to be approved at October meeting (Kelly)
  - [JMD School Council Bylaws](#)
- There was some discussion around adding a Junior High Rep to the school council. The group decided that it would be best to revisit this idea in one year's time.
- Kelly mentioned that an amendment may be needed to the current bylaws to include the option to elect council board members via a virtual option.

## 8. New Business

- Book Fair procedure - The book fair will be happening at the same time as parent interviews. The library will be closed during the fair and classes will have an opportunity to sign up for a time to come to the fair. Details will be noted in the parent planner.

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

- [B-150 Appeals](#)
- [F-110 Student Conduct](#)
  - Open for stakeholder input until December 8; final draft January 25

## 10. Chair Report - Kelly Ternovatsky

- See Chair report at the end of meeting minutes

## 11. Administration Report - Helen Nowell

- See admin report at end of meeting minutes

## 12. Next Meeting Date - November 22, 2022 7:45 pm

## 13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm

## Chair Report

October 2022

### Provincial - Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

- I will complete survey regarding [Specialized Learning Supports and General Communication](#)

- The feedback your school council parent representative compiles and submits is greatly appreciated to assist in education issues in Alberta.

### **District - St. Albert Public Schools**

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

### **Local - JMD**

- School Council Engagement Grant \$500 will be shared again this year
  - Brainstorm ideas

## **Administration Report - Helen Nowell**

- Stand Up for Education Rally
  - Non partisan, family friendly
  - Meant to kick off the next 7 months before the Provincial election to ensure that all parties and candidates have a clear platform of how their goals to improve public education
- October
  - Reminder about the Parent Planner
  - JH clubs up and running - Creator Club, Gym drop in, show choir, div 2 choir, Lego Club w/JH leaders, climbing club, Student Government
  - Eco School!
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- Principal/VP One-on-ones - met with EAs, upcoming meeting with Teachers
- Halloween Activities
  - Afternoon costumes for English program
  - JH Logos at alternate activity off site - the day is not frozen
  - All other activities are at the discretion of the teacher
- Roots of Empathy underway in Gr 2 classes
- Wilderness School
  - Gr 5S, E and 8KW off to do a cross age with kinder classes from another school

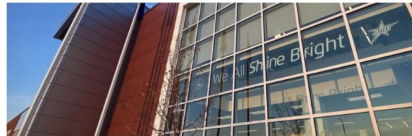
- VBall - jr boys and girls in SAPEC tournament this weekend, concession, Sr Boys & Girls leading into playoffs
- Canada Learns Code - virtual workshops all day Wednesday
- Interviews
  - November 2 & 3rd
  - In person, online or by phone
  - Specialists have open time and booking times
  - Term ends at end of January - Progress Reports come home Jan 27th
- Reconciliation
  - Assembly on Nov 4th
  - Metis Week Nov 7 to 11th
  - Arts and Cultural Foundation - presentation and finger weaving
- Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov 9th at 10:30am
  - Military guests, BoyScouts/Guides to wear uniforms
  - Families welcome
  - Letter for honouring families in the service/sharing photos
- 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 - volunteers or the church - not sure

**Parent Reminders:**

- Anxiety Presentation Hosted by the City of St. Albert: ***Childhood Anxiety: Helping Children Heal***
  - Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022
  - Time: 6 pm - 8 pm
  - Place: Arden Theatre
  - Cost: FREE
  - Who is it for: Parents, educators, child care professionals, caregivers, and mental health professionals
- Please join the *J.M. Demko School Parent Community* on Facebook!



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