



Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda

April 25, 2023

St. Albert, Alberta

7:45 pm

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Kelly Ternovatsky at 7:45pm.

2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment - Virtual Attendance and Introductions

Amanda Crouse

Denise Gavinchuk

Helen Nowell

Karrie Ho

Kathy Santrock

Kelly Ternovatsky

John Allen

Jessica Cardozo

Jill Webb

Kathy Santrock

Kathy Topinka

Monique Waters

Richelle Robinson

Valerie Sanderson

Vanessa Johnston

3. Approval of the Agenda

Kathy Topinka moved to approve, seconded by Valerie Sanderson

4. Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

Valerie Sanderson moved to approve, seconded by Kathy Topinka

5. Teacher Report -

- Ben Stelter Day: May 27 is Ben's Birthday, May 26th is designated to be Ben Stelter Day at the school.
- There will be 16 activities for students to partake in.
- School will be doing a silver collection.

- A cake walk is planned to fundraise funds... students can purchase a ticket for \$0.50 each and then cakes will be raffled off.

6. **Trustee Report** - John Allen

- Met with provincial candidates - current MLA's and candidates to seek position on education
- Attended Bellerose Bike a Thon - raised over \$200k in fundraising efforts
- New policy up for stakeholder review: Vendor Risk Management
- Door knocker will be shared with families

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- School Council Engagement Grant update - Kelly
 - 13 families attending engagement event, approx. 70 people
- Kathy will work with the kids tomorrow, April 26th on a script for the event

8. **New Business**

- School Fees
 - Helen presented proposed changes to fees for the 2023/2024 school year
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/17_nDUVKevZKWwpo2RvPeFpu3j7e4VHZo/view?usp=sharing

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

- [C-710, Vendor Risk Management](#)
 - Final Draft - June 21

10. **Chair Report** - Kelly Ternovatsky

Chair Report Attached
June 7th - Staff Appreciation Day

11. **Administration Report** - Monique Waters

- Admin Report Attached
- 65 Kindergarten Kids for next year
 - 630 students registered for 23/24 school year

Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

Parent Reminders:

- **JMD School Council Engagement Evening - April 27**
 - Join local St. Albertan, Ryan Arcand, for an evening of storytelling and Indigenous drumming

- JMD Gym

Chair Report

April 2023

Provincial - Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

- AGM and Conference April 22 & 23
- New, self directed School Council Learning Modules [Module Link](#)

District - St. Albert Public Schools

- Council of School Councils (COSC) - meeting scheduled for May 25

Local - JMD

- Engagement Event happening this Thursday with Ryan Arcand
- Staff Appreciation - will host lunch Wednesday, June 7

JMD Administration Update- March/April 2023

- **Fundraising:** Thanks for your support with ongoing campaigns, Hot lunch and Plant Drive as well as for your donations to support literacy and numeracy in the classroom. Also, thank you for your support at Open House, Easter rotations, Praise Service, Field trips and in class presentations.
- **Yearbook:** We have parents assisting Karla K. with the yearbook this year and we are very grateful.
- **Field trips are in full swing.** Great to have more experiential learning happening again.
- **Celebrations:** We will move forward with all awards at our awards night. We have decided as a staff to do awards night. June 20 at 7:00 pm.
- **Grade 9 Farewell:** This will be held on June 2 at 11:00 am.
- **Logos Farewell Praise service:** June 15th at 1:05-1:45
- **Registrations:** We have had about 40 new families register at this point and 65 kindergarten students. Current number is 630. Our goal is 650 students. Less than 30 returning registrations are outstanding. We're working on this everyday.

- **Option:** Information about choosing options was shared with our grade 6-8 families. We have 16 options being offered. (Academic Coaching, Coding & Robotics, Music - new this year)
- **Next year:** Staffing and timetabling are in full swing. No teacher/class assignments yet.
- **Satisfaction Surveys:** A reminder for parents to complete surveys:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZGYJYW>
- **Outdoor Garden:** We are planting inside in preparation for outside. We are grateful for the seeds that were purchased by the Fundraising Society. We will be planting vegetables and our Three Sisters Garden in the next few weeks.

Mindfulness week

Week activities:

- Community clean up (any day of the week)
- Virtual Read in or In person Read in
- Mindful Exercises: [mindful scripts](#)
- [Mindfulness resources](#) from staff portal
- Math Mindfulness- May 12

Monday May 1

- Mindfulness Monday
 - Mindfulness Activities and Viewing
 - [Mindful Moments](#)
 - What does it mean to be present
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5luOdcQA2Dw>
 - Cosmic Kids Yoga Breathing activities
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wsy2L9VvX90>
 - Class Dojo Activities Activity 1 - The Beast
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6CPzyqCff0>
 - Mindfulness activities Video -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqMRbAHANDY>
- Share a [Demko Stars Book](#)

Tuesday May 2

- Talking circle Tuesday and no bell day
https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/aswt/indigenous_pedagogy/documents/talking_circle_s_protocol.pdf
https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/aswt/talkingtogether/facilitated_talking_circle_fact_sheet.html

Wednesday May 3

- Hats on for Mental Health

Thursday May 4

- May the Fourth be with You- Be A STAR- What makes you a STAR? Dress Star Wear or Wars Art Activity-Design your own Mental Health Quote
<https://mentalhealthmatch.com/articles/anxiety/inspiring-mental-health-quote>

Friday May 5

- PJ Day and story time (Read in) Mental Health Focus

Curriculum: Curriculum in the areas of ELA, Math from 4-6 new next year; also Science K to 3. Our teachers will be attending sessions over the next month and a half in these areas.

Track meets: The JMD Junior High track day is May 8, the elementary 4-6 one is May 31st at Fowler Park.

Transition meetings: These are happening for our coded kindergarten students and for our more complex elementary and junior high students. For all students, they will take place at the June staff meeting.

Class configurations: At this point, we have two classes at every grade level, three classes at each grade level in junior high and in grade 4.

Congratulations: Edwin Parr Nominee Hayley Saunders; Long Service Recipients - 5 year celebrated at the May staff meeting (Miss Hagen, Mrs. Lelacheur & Mrs. Ludwig

Calendar:

- Education week- May 1-5
- Ryan Arcand- April 27
- JMD Junior High track meet at Fowler- May 8
- Praise Service - May 23
- JMD Elementary Meet- May 31
- Praise Service- June 15
- Grade 9 Part B - June 20
- Indigenous Day - June 21
- Awards Night- June 20 at 7 pm

PAT Schedule for May/June 2023

*All students may access up to double the time listed to complete the test.

Monday, May 15, 2023

(set by ABEd)

9:00 - 11:00

Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A

	9:00 - 10:20	Grade 9 English Language Arts K&E Part A
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 (set by ABEd)	9:00 - 11:00	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, June 14, 2023	30 minutes	Grade 9 Math Part A
Friday, June 16, 2023	60 minutes	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B
Monday, June 19, 2023	60 minutes	Grade 6 Math Parts A and B
	75 minutes	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
	75 minutes	Grade 9 English Language Arts K&E Part B
Tuesday, June 20, 2023	60 minutes	Grade 6 Social Studies
	80 minutes	Grade 9 Math Part B
Thursday, June 22, 2023	60 minutes	Grade 6 Science
	75 minutes	Grade 9 Science
	75 minutes	Grade 9 Science K&E
Friday, June 23, 2023	80 minutes	Grade 9 Social Studies
	75 minutes	Grade 9 Social Studies K&E

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 - Full agenda and link to livestream are available on the website: https://www.spschools.org/board_governance/board_agenda
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