



## Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda

January 24, 2023

St. Albert, Alberta

7:45 pm

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

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### **1. Call to Order at 7:47pm**

Kelly Ternovatsky  
Monique Waters  
Kathy Santrock  
John Allen  
Amanda Crouse  
Keri Ho  
Jessica Cardozo  
Jill Webb  
Kathy Topinka  
Richelle Robinson  
Tara Kwasney  
Valerie Sanderson  
Vanessa Johnston

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

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

Amanda Crouse moved to approve, Kathy Topinka seconded. Motion carried.

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

Jessica Cardozo moved to approve, Kathy Topinka seconded. Motion carried.

### **5. Teacher Report** - No Report Presented

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

- PSPAA Meeting - Continued training in governance for all trustees
- Education Plan Presentations Last Week - Every school is required to present education plan
- District's Education plan is available for viewing

- Recently met with local MLA's to discuss topics such as transportation
- ATA held induction ceremony
- Policies out for stakeholder review for tomorrow's meeting
- Feb 8 - next board meeting, motion to cancel that particular meeting

#### **7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Christmas Concert - feedback
  - Use of Jensen Lake skating surface update - Kelly
- Feedback about the Christmas concert was very positive!
  - Good timing for the Christmas Concerts to take place
  - Best seat in the house raffle was a success
- Helen reached out to the Jensen Lakes HOA regarding use of the skating rink
  - The Jensen Lakes rinks will not be available for school use
  - Would consider a day for school use in the future

#### **8. New Business**

- Nothing to report

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

- [F-610-AR, Administration of Medication to a Child/Student](#)
  - Final Draft - May 10

#### **10. Chair Report - Kelly Ternovatsky**

### **Chair Report**

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

- AGM and Conference April 22 & 23

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

- Stakeholders Workshop - February 16
- Council of School Councils (COSC) - meeting scheduled for Feb 2, postponed to a later date
- Last COSC meeting elections
  - Chair Taylor Schappert (Muriel Martin)
  - Secretary Kelly Ternovatsky (JMD)

- Highlights:
  - ASCA presentation
  - Taylor seeking guidance from pediatric dietician regarding lunch hour and screen time, will update at next meeting

### **Local - JMD**

- School clothing - update?
- Safety patrollers
- Will we participate in Family Literacy Day January 27?
- Sending well wishes to Helen, please let her know we are thinking of her!
- School Council Engagement Grant \$500 will be shared again this year
  - Brainstorm ideas - Perhaps an indigenous story teller?

### **11. Administration Report - Monique Waters**

## **January 2023 Administration Update**

### **Calendar**

- January 24-School Council-7:45 and JMD Fundraising: 6:45
- January 25 - Ski Day
- January 26- Kindergarten Information Evening 6:30 pm
- January 30-Last Day of semester 1
- January 31- Turn Around Day- no school for students
- February 1- First Day of semester 2
- February 1- Fine Arts Evening 6 pm
- February 9 and 10 - Teachers' Convention /CUPE Convention
- February 16 - Stakeholders
- February 20- Family Day
- February 28- JMD Fundraising 6:45 School Council 7:45
- February 22- Pink Shirt Day
- March 21-23-Book Fair & Interviews
- Spring Break- March 24-to March 31
- Easter Break-April 7-10
- PD Day- April 11

### **Administration Report**

- Current population - 589
- **ATA Induction:** Congratulations to Noah Cunningham and Hayley Saunders
- **Thanks:** Special thanks for all the support with Spiritwear and the fall fundraisers. Your support does not go unnoticed.
- **JMD Parent community:** We are grateful for the support of families as we navigate

changes and appreciate your patience.

- **Christmas Concert:** K-6 students along with Band students made this a successful event. Thanks to SAAC, Mrs. Banu & Mrs. McPhail.
- **Education Plans:** We, along with all district schools present. We were presented on January 16. This is the video we shared.
- **Kindergarten Information Meeting:** This will be on January 26 at 6:30 pm.
- **Progress Report Process:** Reports will come out January 31 and interviews will be March 20-23.
- **Indoor Days-** JMD's indoor policy is -20 (wind chill dependent) and we have the students stay in. We try to have a variety of activities - in the gym, STEAM Lab and Junior High lunchroom, as well as many clubs.
- **Stakeholders:** Looking for two parents to attend on February 16th.
- **Collaborative Team Meetings:** We have been meeting in grade levels and discussing support for students at risk and IPP's. We have set up action plans and check in to ensure these students have the skills and support they need to be productive learners. We will meet again in the spring.
- **Bus protocol on cold weather days:** The students go directly to their doors in the morning and get let in. After school they come to their buses and if there is a late bus, we wait in the front foyer of the school until the bus arrives.
- **Stakeholder Workshop:** February 16
- **Roots of Empathy:** Grade two classes are receiving this program. We are grateful for the support of Devonne Skuba and the mentorship she is providing Shelley Girard - our newest instructor.
- **Surveys:** Accountability Survey from the province and district survey will go out in February/March
- **Basketball:** hosted a tournament over the weekend.
- **Semester II:** New options start

**12. Next Meeting Date** - February 28, 2023 7:45 pm

**13. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

#### **Parent Reminders:**

- St. Albert Public Schools Board meetings are open to everyone
  - Next meeting is Wednesday, January 25 at 3:30 pm
  - Full agenda and link to livestream are available on the website:  
[https://www.spschools.org/board\\_governance/board\\_agenda](https://www.spschools.org/board_governance/board_agenda)
- JMD Fine Arts Night - Wednesday, February 1 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Please join the *J.M. Demko School Parent Community* on Facebook!



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