



Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda

April 26, 2022

St. Albert, Alberta

7:45 pm

virtual meeting link: <http://meet.google.com/buc-hhwj-kzz>

1. Call to Order - Kelly at 7:45pm

2. Welcome - Virtual Attendance and Introductions

- Amanda Crouse
- Angela Rudolph
- Catherine Coyne
(District Office)
- Brad Shillington (Gr
6 & Phys Ed/
Outdoor Pursuits)
- Kerry Ho
- Jessica Cardozo
- Kathy Santrock (Gr
5 English)
- Kathy Topinka
- Katrina Pilon
- Kelly Ternovatsky
- Les Kirchner
- Marianne Barrett
(District Office)
- Monique Waters
- Richelle Robinson
- Tara Kwasney
- Vanessa Johnston
- Vanessa Steinke

3. Approval of the Agenda - Motion to approve by Kathy T, Seconded by Jessica, Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting - Motion to approve by Kerry, Seconded by Jessica, Carried

5. Teacher Report - Kathy Sandtrock and Brad Shillington- Technology update

- JMDTV Daily Announcements (Gr 5 students and staff prepare O'Canada, Daily Announcements, STAR Draws, Jokes of the Day)
- Kids are enjoying creating these videos and having fun!
- TV screen announcements
- Updates on Twitter and JMD Website
- Intentionally try to ensure that technology enhances teaching and not replace it

6. Curriculum changes: Catherine Coyne & Marianne Barrett - District Office

Moving Forward with Continued Advocacy

Even as we begin the implementation process, we will continue to

- Advocate for an additional pilot year with finalized documents
- Highlight the structural challenges (timing, resources)
- Provide feedback on content, developmental and age-appropriateness as we implement the curriculum
- Engage with publishers for resources that meet the needs of students and teachers

Your advocacy can continue too!

- Families are encouraged to continue advocating as well, writing to your MLAs and communicating with the leaders
- Appreciation expressed for transparency and optimism about implementation while also continuing advocacy and feedback.

7. **Trustee Report** - Kristi Rouse, featuring Catherine Coyne - Director of Curricular Services

- Trustee Engagement Topic: The government recently announced that the new curriculums for Math, English Language Arts, and Physical Education & Wellness will be implemented in September for students in Kindergarten - grade 3 (PEW in K-6). Families are wanting to know how/if teachers will be adequately prepared to teach this new material, and how the Board is ensuring that St. Albert Public Schools is prepared to support students and staff in light of this short time frame.

8. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- School Council Engagement Grant Update - Kelly
 - Spoke with other councils about what they are using the grant money - most are doing a mental health workshop, some are building resource libraries, some are taking in the ASCA workshops. We are the only school doing a Numeracy night which people really liked!
 - Custom invite attached at end of Agenda
 - ACTION:** Kelly will update the invite and use a Google Form instead
 - [Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks](#)
 - [Family Numeracy Workshops](#) in-person workshop May 12

- Volunteers: Kelly, Amanda, Richelle, Tara, Kathy, + staff
 - Set up at 5:00 pm
 - Clean Up and Sales 7:45 - 8:15 pm
- Staff Appreciation Committee
 - Kelly, Jessica, Amanda, Vanessa S
 - Last year we included staff for the online school as they were based out of the JMD building - lunch for 65 staff. Because Demko has grown so much we are hosting lunch for 60 staff which is fabulous.
 - **ACTION:** Margie will send out a donation request again on Friday

9. New Business

- Meeting Dates/Times for 2022-23
 - Consider having Fundraising Committee always at 6:45pm and School Council at 7:45pm on the last Tuesday of the month
- New email address: sc-chair.jmd@spschools.org
- Math-a-thon update: pledge forms sent out. Pizza prize for top fundraisers.
- Registration update: ~150 people came to Open House. ~550 registered, 30+ students in Logos Kindergarten which will likely result in 2 classes. Grade 7 numbers are also increasing. Getting families from the area north of the Holiday Inn. Logos programs are growing; even grade 5 next year is growing. Reputation is growing, thank you to parents.
- Covid Tracker by the District is slowly being pulled back. Continuing to update the JMD Parent Planner on a weekly basis.

10. Policy Review - *no policies under review*

11. Chair Report - Kelly Ternovatsky

12. Administration Report - Les Kirchner

May consider doing a Div 1 field day as well given that Track is for Gr 4-9.

13. Next Meeting Date - May 24, 2022 at 6:45 pm (no June meeting, September AGM TBA)

14. Adjournment - 9:02pm

Parent Reminders:

Please join the *J.M. Demko School Parent Community* on Facebook!



**FOLLOW ALONG WITH
THE JMD PARENT
COMMUNITY GROUP
ON FACEBOOK**



J. M. Demko School Parent Community



Family Math Games Night Joseph Demko School St. Albert

What it is:

Come spend an evening playing a variety of math games! Each registered family will receive a packet of math games and some manipulatives to play along with the presenter, and a selection of family-friendly resources will be available onsite for purchase. Bring your best energy! Prizes are awarded for participation!

Benefits for Kids:

A fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills at home!

Children who are secure in their math skills will grow in self-esteem and have greater success in school

Benefits for Parents:

A motivating, simple and economical homework support that reinforces concepts taught in school

Your presenter will provide you with strategies, tips and tricks to help your child with math fluency

Games Reinforce:

- Counting
- Basic Facts: $+$, $-$, \times , \div
- Problem Solving
- Place Value

Thursday, May 12th, 2022

WHEN:

K - Grade 2: 6:00 - 6:45 PM Edmonton Time

Grade 3 - 5: 7:00 - 7:50 PM Edmonton Time

April 2022 - Trustee Kristi Rouse - Report to School Councils

CURRICULUM

On **March 3**, Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 hosted the first in a two part series of trustee engagement events to deliberate governance considerations that school divisions need to prepare for ahead of the Minister of Education's direction to implement new K-6 curriculums for English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics and Physical Education and Wellness in September 2022. Part 2 of this series will take place on **May 2** guided by the input received from participants.

K-3 English Language Arts and Literature along with Mathematics, and K-6 Physical Education and Wellness Curriculums were made available on **April 13** so that division implementation plans, teacher professional development and resource acquisition may commence. News release:

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=82345661B5300-CB57-0922-7DEF28F231D359B0>

On **April 14**, the Minister announced that a telephone town hall would be held on **April 20** at 6:30 pm to discuss release of curriculums for implementation and other education matters. Link was available here:

https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/opinio6/s?s=EDUC_TTH_APR20

Our division is continuing to advocate for delayed mandatory implementation, and is offering to instead pilot the curriculum in 2022-23 with thorough feedback. Advocacy from parents, community members and school councils has, and will continue to be, effective and welcomed.

BUDGET

While the provincial budget was released February 24, school divisions did not receive pertinent details until March 24. Of particular interest to the division is a new requirement to maintain reserves at a specified level after August 31, 2023. This will significantly impact individual school and division operations. Information on budget details around curriculum implementation funds and post-pandemic mental health funding is still forthcoming.

COVID

Administration continues to closely monitor the Covid situation in schools and commenced rescheduling events that were postponed from January and February, including school education plan presentations which took place on April 11 and 14.

OTHER

On **April 4**, Minister LaGrange confirmed that diploma exams will be administered for the rest of the school year in April, June and August 2022, at a temporarily reduced weighting of 10% for the 2021-22 school year only. Similarly, Provincial Achievement Tests will also be held.

A presentation for parents and stakeholders by Kevin Cameron, "Understanding and Managing the Social, Emotional and Traumatic Impacts of a Worldwide Pandemic" was held Thursday, March 17 at the Arden Theatre.

Junior high open houses wrapped up on April 13.

The board will be participating in previously scheduled anti-racism training sessions in early May as well as a joint meeting between the City of St. Albert and school boards with schools within the City of St. Albert.

April 13, 2022 Public Board Meeting Highlights

•The board **approved**:

- The transition to the correct spelling of Keenooshayo Elementary School to Kinosayo Elementary School
- The student transportation fees for the 2022-2023 school year as contained on Appendix I
- The schedule of contractors and rates for the provision of student transportation services during the 2022/2023, 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years as contained on Appendix I

- The regular minutes of the Board of Trustees held March 9, 2022
- The minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 16, 2022

- The board **provided direction to administration for the preparation of the final drafts of:**
 - Board Policy A-150, Discrimination and Harassment and the accompanying regulations
 - Board Policy F-130, Student Fees and the accompanying regulations
 - Admin Regulation C-630-AR, Information Security and Acceptable Use of Technology

- The board **received as information:**
 - A report highlighting progress made on Outcomes 2 and 3 from our division's 2021-2024 Three-Year Education Plan
 - Documentation from Andre Tremblay, Deputy Minister of Education, containing updated information on the 2022-23 Funding Manual for School Authorities and school authority funding profiles for the 2022-23 school year
 - The quarterly financial report for the six months ended February 28, 2022
 - Its letters to the Minister of Education

Chair Report

April 2022

Provincial Update - Alberta School Council Association (ASCA)

- ASCA Conference was held virtually April 22 + 23, AGM April 24
 - Great opportunity for parents from across Alberta to connect and share their thoughts and feelings on critical issues in education
 - Will be provided links to recordings - I will update our Council when they become active
 - Board Elections were held and Brandi Rai re-elected as President, Shelley Odishaw re-elected as Vice President
 - [Advocacy resolutions](#) regarding
 - weighting for Diploma Exams at 10%
 - Policy review for operations and maintenance funding
 - Restoration for funding of ASCA

District Update - St. Albert Public Schools

- Division emails for each Council - sc-chair.jmd@spschools.org
- Thank you to Director of Curricular Services, Catherine Coyne, for joining us tonight

JMD Update

- Staff Appreciation
 - Collecting donations April 1 - 30, staff lunch June 1
 - Committee: Kelly, Amanda, Jessica, Vanessa
 - Gelato update from Kathy?
- School Council Engagement Grant - Numeracy Workshop through Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks
 - In-person workshop Thursday, May 12
 - Volunteers: Kelly, Amanda Crouse, Richelle Robinson
 - Set up at 5:00 pm
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JMD Administration Update- March/April 2022

- **Fundraising:** Thanks for your support with ongoing campaigns, Hot lunch and Plant Drive as well as for your donations to technology, music and PE programming at JMD. Also, thank you for your support at Open House, Easter rotations, Praise Service, Field trips and in class presentations, and for the support of the Ukrainian Fundraiser was appreciated (over \$3000 raised).
- **Yearbook:** The year book will be published by the Digital Arts students.
- **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 27 at 7:00 pm.
- **Grade 9 Farewell:** This will be held on June 1 at 11:00 am.
- **Logos Farewell Praise service:** June 16th at 1:05-1:45
- **Registrations:** We have had about 40 new families register at this point and 54 kindergarten students. Current number is 540. Our goal is 550-75 students.
- **Option forms:** These will be shared during the middle of April for our students that have registered for junior high and will be due for the end of the week.
- **Next year:** Staffing and timetabling are in full swing.
- **Satisfaction Surveys:** We received our parent, student and staff satisfaction surveys back - they have been completed by the staff, parents and grades 4-9 students. Great results overall.
- **Professional Development:** Staff has participated in lots of PD these past few weeks - ATA PD Day - Wellness, Karen Lucas - literacy and Assessment and Indigenous ways of knowing by Sandra Herbst and Dustin Louie respectively.
- **Playground:** Estimates are underway for the placement of our bench and picnic tables.
- **Outdoor Garden:** We are planting inside in preparation for outside. We will be building more boxes for vegetables and will also be planting a Three Sisters Garden. We have bought some tools and dirt and have received some more grants to help us with our gardening endeavors.

- **Peace Poles:** These are completed by grades and will go near our K-3 playground which will be at the front of the school, north of the garbage area. The cost of this project is supported by the district (Wisdom and Guidance Committee).
- **Amazon Wish list:** Thanks for your donations of books. We have already had about 20 books donated and the students love that we are expanding our selection.
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** raised \$3000 for JMD from selling \$6000 of products!
- **Logos Virtual Book Fair:** April 29 - May 10 | www.livingbooks.ca/shop-now and enter the code JMDBOOKFAIR to place orders.

Mindfulness week

Week activities:

- Environment clean up (any day of the week)
- Read in
- Mindful Exercises: [mindful scripts](#)
- **All week:** Mindful quotes, acts and words

Monday May 2 - Music Monday

Tuesday May 3 - Talking Circle Tuesday and No bell day

Wednesday May 4 - Hats on for Mental Health and May the Fourth be with You- Be A STAR- What makes you a STAR? Dress Star Wear or Wars

Thursday May 6 - Art Activity-Design your own Mental Health Quote

<https://mentalhealthmatch.com/articles/anxiety/inspiring-mental-health-quotes>

Friday May 7- Wear your PJ's and Read In day - mental Health Focus

Curriculum: Our district is piloting the K-3 curriculum in the areas of ELA, Math and Wellness from K-6. 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 19, the elementary 4-6 one is June 1 in the morning at Fowler Park. Students attending division track meets will go May 24 and June 14 respectively for junior high and elementary.

Transition meetings: These are happening for our coded kindergarten students on May 4 and for our elementary and junior high students on May 13th. For all students, they will take place at the June staff meeting.

Class configurations: At this point, it looks like 2 classes per grade level except for four grade 3's, three grade 8's and three grade 1's.

Calendar:

- Education week- May 2-6 (Math a Thon) / Mindfulness Week
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zEGEF_2z8F_h-00mFEHtcpww-f-w43lekZvzUO183dk/edit
- Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks- May 12
- Transition meeting for coded kinders- May 4
- Transition meetings for coded elementary and junior high- May 13
- PAT grade 9 ELA part A- May 16
- PAT grade 6 ELA- May 18
- JMD Junior High track meet at Fowler- May 19
- Junior High Division meet: May 24
- Junior High Wilderness Day- May 25
- JMD Elementary Meet- June 1
- Elementary Division Meet- June 14
- Grade 9 Part a Math: June 15
- Praise Service- June 16
- Grade 6 ELA Part B- June 17
- Grade 6 Math Part A and B- June 20
- Grade 9 Part B - June 20
- Indigenous Day - June 21
- SS Grade 6- June 22
- Grade 9 Math Part B - June 22
- Grade 6 and 9 Science- June 23
- Grade 9 SS- June 24
- Awards Night- June 27 at 7 pm