



Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda
September 27, 2022
St. Albert, Alberta
7:45 pm

virtual meeting link:

1. Call to Order

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm

2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment - Virtual Attendance and Introductions

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| ● Amanda Crouse | ● Katy Rogal | ● Nikki Woodford |
| ● Amy Quiring | ● Kelly Ternovatsky | ● Nikki Evans |
| ● Helen Nowell | ● Kim Giacetti | ● Richelle Robinson |
| ● Jessica Cardozo | ● Marjorie | ● Tara Kwasney |
| ● Jonathan &
Devonne Skuba | ● Marney-Elzen-Ho
skyn | ● Vanessa Johnston |
| ● Jill Webb | ● Melanie
Dromarsky | ● Valerie Sanderson |
| ● Kathy Topinka | ● Monique Waters | ● Kelly Ternovatsky |
| ● Kerry Ho | | |

3. Approval of the Agenda

Kim moved to approve, seconded by Jessica. Carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

Jessica moved to approve, seconded by Richelle. Carried.

-Kelly discussed the route to add items to the agenda. Items can be emailed to:

Kelly Ternovatsky at sc-chair.jmd@spschools.org

Helen.Nowell@spschools.org

monique.waters@spschools.org

-Clarification question from a parent: What is the parent planner? Response: Email that comes to all families each week with highlights of school activities and includes the link to fundraising and parent council meetings


5. Teacher Report - No teacher report due to AGM. Will look forward to a teacher report in October.

6. Trustee Report - Stanley Haroun (with regrets, is not able to be present tonight)

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Meeting Dates - all meetings held at 7:45 pm, virtually
 - October 25, 2022
 - November 22, 2022
 - January 24, 2023
 - February 28, 2023
 - April 25, 2023
 - May 23, 2023
- Buddy Bench and picnic table: Thank you to the Skuba family for donating these items for our students. Thanks to the Topinka family for arranging installations through Sarasota homes, who donated the concrete and labour. A second concrete slab was poured adjacent to the other buddy bench for a potential future bench.
- Open House - feedback: Parent feedback to chair was positive. Families expressed excitement at the ability to be in the school. School staff reports that kids were excited, the ice cream was a hit so that families could exit and hang out and visit. Grateful for support staff who are familiar with families.

8. New Business

- Elections (Kelly)
 - Roles listed and positions explained by Kelly:
 - Executive Council - Chair: Kelly by acclamation
 - Co Chair: Amanda by acclamation
 - Secretary: Jill Webb by acclamation
 - 3 Members At Large: Offers to stand: Jonathan, Jessica. New nomination: Richelle Robinson and Kathy Topinka. Kathy withdrew so new members can be involved. Members at large: Jonathan, Jessica & Richelle by unanimous consent
- Review JMD School Council Bylaws - to be approved at October meeting (Kelly)
 -  JMD School Council Bylaws

- Should we reopen our bylaw subcommittee to examine how everyone gets a voice? Suggestion by Tara K to look at elementary and junior high specific roles
- Noon Hour options/clubs for Jr High (Kim)
 - Junior high students are looking for opportunities to spend the lunch hour in more flexible ways ie) clubs, reading, socializing with friends, some junior highs are expressing a desire to be autonomous from elementary students, potential for leadership or student council to plan “theme” days or school activities
 - Could a parent group or other consider opening the servery as lunch concession for Jr High
- Helen Nowell responded regarding being intentional and responsive about what we bring back. More information in her report.
- Discussion of potential formation of a junior high sub committee. Could meet in October to discuss ideas before they are taken back to staff. Kim and Helen to look at next steps.

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

- [G-140 Smoking on Division Property](#)
- [G-150 Impairment at School or Workplace](#)

10. Chair Report - Kelly Ternovatsky

Provincial - Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

- I attended UCP Candidate virtual conference Sept 26
- I have registered JMD for School Council Engagement Task Force through ASCA
 - Online surveys will be shared throughout the year
- Reminder: Rally for Public Education October 22, 1:00 pm at Leg

District - St. Albert Public Schools - *no updates*

Local - JMD

A few questions I've had:

- Orange shirt day on September 29?
 - *Confirmation of orange shirt day on Thursday. School will send a reminder to families.*
- Will there be a Food Drive next week/Thanksgiving?
 - *Not planned at this time*
- Will there be Halloween dress up and/or activities this year?
 - *to be discussed at the October staff meeting and shared with families*

11. Administration Report - Helen Nowell

- See report
- Jonathan had contacted Melcor regarding large vehicles passing through the school zone while students are arriving at school in the morning. Emails can be directed to Triona Cosgrave <tcosgrave@melcor.ca>. Although Edmonton has a bylaw that prohibits this before 9am, St. Albert does not.

12. Next Meeting Date - October 25, 2022 7:45 pm

13. Adjourned @ 9:15pm

Parent Reminders:

- **Cyber World Presentation:** What Happens When Youth Press Send?

Ronald Harvey Elementary School invites you to *Cyberworld: What Happens When Youth Press Send?* presented by the Saffron Centre. October 5th 6:30-8:30 at Ronald Harvey School

A presentation for parents and caregivers on practicing Internet safety with youths. We also discuss online child sexual exploitation and how to respond to it. Audience: Parents and Caregivers

Topics Covered: safe screen time tips, safety tips for different platforms (YouTube and Google), social media safety tips and terms and conditions (TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat), online gaming safety tips, Discord, livestreaming, pornography, sexting, communication, helpful tools, online child sexual exploitation and its forms, online grooming techniques, peer sexual exploitation, signs of online child sexual exploitation, tips for intervention

This presentation is for adults only. There is no childcare for this event.

If interested please complete the following survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WFVHQR3>

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



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