



St. Albert

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Council Yearly Report to the Board of Trustees (deadline June 30)

School: Joseph M. Demko

School Year: 2022-2023

Executive Members:

- Kelly Ternovatsky, Chair
- Amanda Crouse, Co Chair
- Jill Webb, Secretary
- Members At Large: Jessica Cardozo, Jonathon Skuba, Richelle Robinson

Dates of Meetings:

- September 27, 2022
- October 25, 2022
- November 22, 2022
- January 24, 2023
- February 28, 2023
- April 25, 2023
- May 23, 2023

List the standard or routine topics or agenda items typically covered at your meetings (e.g. Principal Report, Policy Review, etc.).

- Old Business / New Business
- Policy Review
- Trustee Report from John Allen
- Administration Report
- Teacher Report
- Chair Report

As per the Alberta Regulation 94/2019 School Councils Regulation 14(1) and St. Albert Public Schools Board Regulations G-100-BR, School Councils, please summarize the activities/major topics the School Council covered this school year (e.g. budget, achievement test/diploma exam results).

Using the School Council Engagement Grant, our Council hosted an evening of Indigenous storytelling and drumming with local resident Ryan Arcand. We chose this event as it met the grant criteria including *engaging parents on important local issues; supporting multi-cultural and Indigenous families; and parent resources and workshops on important topics.*

Our Council was involved in a number of advocacy issues on behalf of families. Letters were written to the Ministry of Education regarding: restoration of funding to the Alberta School Council Association; requesting consideration for public health protocols during respiratory outbreak status; and to continue revisions on the draft curriculum to focus on logical sequencing, developmentally appropriate content, critical thinking skills, and diversity and inclusivity.

During the provincial election campaign, our Council encouraged our parent community to be politically active and engaged. We shared information and resources from both St. Albert Public Schools, and the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) designed to help families seek information and gain insight about party perspectives. Critical issues in public education were highlighted, such as mental health supports, funding, inclusion, and infrastructure. We hope this information allowed our community to make an educated vote!

Our Council has worked with ASCA by participating in ASCA's School Engagement Task Force, and have involved our parent community by sharing surveys created by ASCA. These surveys are designed to guide ASCA's advocacy efforts and reflect the parent voice in education.

If your School Council, excluding Fundraising Societies, handled any fundraising, please attach a financial statement related to the money handled. Include how the funds were used.

- none

Kelly Ternovatsky

School Council Chair (or designate)
(signature)

Helen Nowell

Principal
(signature)

Date: June 15, 2023