



## Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda

May 31, 2022

St. Albert, Alberta

6:45 pm

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

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### 1. Call to Order at 6:45pm

### 2. Welcome - Virtual Attendance and Introductions

- Amanda Crouse
- Angela Rudolph
- Helen Nowell
- Jessica Cardozo
- Jonathan Skuba
- Karla Kozuchowski
- Kathy Topinka
- Kerry Ho
- Kerry McPhail
- Kimberly Wright
- Kim Giacetti
- Les Kirchner
- Monique Waters
- Tara Kwasney
- Vanessa Johnston
- Vanessa Steinke
- Kelly Ternovatsky

### 3. Approval of the Agenda - Jessica moved to approve, Vanessa J seconded. Carried

### 4. Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting - Kim moved to approve, Angela seconded. Carried

### 5. Teacher Report - Fine Arts Team (Karla, Kerry) Laura and Kim

- Drama:
  - Goals for Drama - Reboot the Theatre Sports club for Jr. High and possibly enter competitions if ready. Have older grades perform for younger grades and/or mentor younger grades in drama. Help teachers, esp. K-3, meet new ELA outcomes through drama and team with them on that. Continue to build the drama program in Junior High - be the St. Albert equivalent of Victoria School so drama kids in St. Albert will come to us instead of there.
  - Needs: Lighting stands, cables, finish getting the rest of the curtains to complete the black box theatre, continue building mic collection, AND need free standing curtains for backstage when presenting in the gym.
  - Grade 7-9: Focusing on the 7 disciplines of drama
  - Play production: Alice in Wonderland, June 9
- Digital Arts:

# Digital Arts

Students in grade 7, 8 and 9 experiment with iPad apps, Google Drawing, and programs similar to Photoshop




to create modern compositions that are inspired by different artistic styles such as Surrealism, Cubism, Impressionism, Typography, and Pop Art.

Students also take part in school initiatives that involve design, such as the Ukrainian Pin design the Alice in Wonderland program cover, and the yearbook.

● Art:

# Art



We were excited to have our options back to normal this year! Students focused on drawing, painting, mixed media, and sculpture projects. We are hoping to showcase our art more next year with a JMD art show to fundraise for the art program. We will also continue participating in the District Art Show (Spring 2023).

- Would like to fundraise through a Fine Arts night to raise money for a kiln
- Usually there is an art club (eg: art journaling etc...), and theatre sports club and we will start these up next year but could not given Covid precautions

**6. Trustee Report - Kristi Rouse**

- Trustee Engagement Topic: no topic this month, just a thank you to Trustee Rouse for her time and expertise that she shared with our school community this year!

**7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- None

**8. New Business**

- Covid update - phased out St. Albert Public Schools reporting. JMD will continue to provide updates however reporting is not required on the parents' end.
- Field trips - yearly fee of \$80 from grades 1-9 which equalizes opportunities across the school. First ever overnight field trip - Grade 6 going to Birch Bay. All grades other than gr. 6 heading out to Mme Waters' wilderness school.
- Final get together - June 13 inviting school council contributors to Les' house at 6:45pm. Address will be sent out to those who RSVP.

**9. Policy Review** - *no policies under review*

**10. Chair Report** - Kelly Ternovatsky

- See report

**11. Administration Report** - Les Kirchner

- See report

**12. Next Meeting Date** - September 27, 2022, 7:45 pm - AGM

**13. Adjournment** - 7:52pm

**Parent Reminders:**

- All parents/caregivers of Alberta K-12 students are invited to complete a survey examining the impact of COVID-19 on their child's education and social/emotional wellbeing:

[ASCA Parent Survey on COVID-19 and Students](#)

*Survey closes July 11, 2022*

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



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## **May 2022 - Trustee Kristi Rouse - Report to School Councils**

### **CURRICULUM**

Curricular Services Director Catherine Coyne has attended elementary school council meetings to update parents, families and the community on the division's implementation plans.

On **May 2**, Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 hosted the second of a two part series of trustee engagement events to deliberate governance considerations as school divisions prepare implementation plans for new K-6 curriculums for English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics and Physical Education and Wellness in September 2022. Similar events will likely be held more regularly through the fall to provide input and share information on how rollout is progressing.

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.

On **May 17**, the Minister of Education announced that updated draft curriculum can commence piloting in September 2022 for Science, French First Language and Literature, and French Immersion Language Arts and Literature.

Information for parents on subject content by grade level can be found here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-subject-areas.aspx>

### **BUDGET**

Schools are finalizing their site budgets for consolidation with division departmental budgets for board approval and submission to Alberta Education by May 31. Some information on budget details around curriculum implementation funds have been received, but details about and post-pandemic mental health funding is still forthcoming.

### **OTHER**

The board presented its 3 year capital plan to St. Albert City Council on May 2, with an emphasis on planning for school sites if additional schools are to be built to meet enrolment needs of students, particularly as they approach high school.

Trustees and senior administration attended a joint meeting between the City of St. Albert and school boards with schools within the City of St. Albert on May 10.

The board commenced previously scheduled anti-racism training sessions on May 12, and a follow up session is scheduled for May 31.

Trustees presented 5 year service awards to staff at May 4 and 12 staff meetings. A long service banquet honouring staff with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service was held May 28.

Trustees, along with staff, will attend a performance of "New Blood" at the Citadel Theatre on June 1. A traditional indigenous smudging is planned in conjunction with a public board meeting in September.

Trustees and senior administration will attend conferences for both the Public School Boards Association of Alberta and the Alberta School Boards Association in early June.

### **May 25, 2022 Public Board Meeting Highlights**

- The board **presented:**
  - A certificate to Kim Miller, first year teacher at Ronald Harvey Elementary School, in honour of being St. Albert Public Schools' nominee for the 2022 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.
- The board **declared:**
  - May 29th to June 5th as Pride Week in St. Albert Public Schools.
- The board **approved:**
  - The Division Four Year Education Plan Priorities, Outcomes, Strategies, and Performance Indicators for 2022-2026 time period.
  - The 2022-2023 division budget.
  - The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 11, 2022.
  - the division wide student fee listing for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The board **authorized**
  - Locally Developed Courses for use in the division until their respective expiry dates.
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- The board of **adopted:**
  - Board Policy E-100, Programming for Students and the accompanying regulations.
  - Board Policy F-140, Health and Wellness of Students and Staff and the accompanying regulations.
  - Administration Regulation D-610-AR, Personnel Records.
  - Board Policy A-120, Trustee Code of Conduct and the accompanying regulations.

### **May 11, 2022 Public Board Meeting Highlights**

- The board **approved:**
  - The Alps Construction (2007) Ltd. tender in the amount of \$1,030,520 for the Elmer S. Gish C.T.S. 2022 upgrade.
  - The meeting minutes of the regular meeting of The Board of Trustees held April 13, 2022.
  - The special meeting minutes of The Board of Trustees held April 11 and 14, 2022
  - Additional fees for Bellerose, Paul Kane and Outreach dual credit course fee, Bellerose slow pitch fee, Lorne Akins climbing wall fee and High School Summer School outdoor adventure program fee for 2021-2022
  - The division wide student fee listing for the 2022-2023 school year
- The board **adopted:**
  - Board Policy A-150, Discrimination and Harassment
  - Board Policy F-130, Student Fees
  - Administration Regulation C-630-AR, Information Security and Acceptable Use of Technology
- The board **provided direction to administration for the preparation of the final drafts of:**
  - Board Policy A-120, Trustee Code of Conduct
  - Administration Regulations D-610-AR, Personnel Records
  - Board Policy E-100, Programming for Students

- Board Policy F-140, Health and Wellness of Students and Staff
  - The board **received as information:**
    - The schools' and division services' resource and distribution allocation for 2022-2023
    - Documentation from Andre Tremblay, Deputy Minister of Education, containing information regarding implementation, classroom piloting and supports for implementation of K-6 curriculum
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## Chair Report

May 2022

### Provincial - Alberta School Councils' Association

- Covid Survey from ASCA - open until July 11, 2022 - [ASCA Parent Survey on COVID-19](#)
- Recordings from the sessions at the ASCA Conference are now available for purchase from their website
  - Session handouts are available on the ASCA website

### District - St. Albert Public Schools

- COSC meeting May 26
  - Board is still advocating for a delayed implementation of the new curriculum, and for a year to pilot prior to implementation
  - Requesting to pilot:
    - grades 4-6 ELA and Math
    - K-6 Science and French Immersion
- I will complete the Year End School Council Report and submit

### JMD

- School Council Engagement Grant - \$500 grant was put towards Family Math Night was a big success!
    - 30 families in K-2 session
    - 20 families in 3-9
      - Note that is it a busy time of year with spring sports operating in evenings
  - Staff Appreciation Lunch is tomorrow
    - Everything is ready to go
    - Little Bear Gelato fundraiser, scoops and pick up pints
  - Thank you to this wonderful community of families and staff, for all of their thoughts, time, and engagement in our school this year! Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing you again in September!
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## JMD School Council Administration Update - May 31, 2022

- **Thanks:** Thanks for your patience, resilience and feedback during these unprecedented times. Also, thank you for your support with the ongoing fundraising campaigns, the plants, gelato, hot lunch and Math fundraisers. We are also looking forward to our Staff Appreciation Luncheon on June 1. We truly value your support with the Math Night . Thanks for your generosity and kindness.
- **Yearbook:** The year book will still be published and Mrs. Kozuchowski and the Digital Arts class are working on it. It will be available in the Fall.
- **Celebrations:** We are moving forward with presenting certificates and a pizza lunch for Academic Achievement in junior high. Awards will be given this year on June 27 at 7:00 pm. We renamed our Athletic Award the Glenn Mack Athletic Award in honor of Glenn, our former PE teacher. Grade 9 Farewell is tomorrow at 11 am.
- **Registrations:** We have had about 40 new families register at this point and 56 kindergarten students. Our total is 560 as of today. That is 60 more than last year at this point.
- **Agendas/Friday envelopes :** We have ordered agendas for grades 1-6 only and Friday envelopes will only be for Kindergarten next year.
- **Next year:** Staffing and timetabling are in full swing. We have the following new hires/transfers/changes for next year:
  - Cassandra Kompf to grade 3 Logos
  - Kim Cunningham to grade 3 English
  - Jodie Ewasiuk to grade 5 Logos
  - Heather Kerbes/Jill Lang - Grade 1 English job share
  - Heather Langdale to grade 8/9 Logos LA/SS
  - Jaclyn Hluchuk continue in Kinder Logos (most likely- two classes of Logos)
  - Grade 4 English (still to fill)
  - Grade 8 Math/ Grade 6 LA - Noah Cunningham
- **Satisfaction Surveys:** Thanks for completing these. We have received the feedback and they were very positive overall.
- **Playground:** the buddy bench and picnic table will be placed by Sarasota Homes free of charge.
- **Outdoor Garden:** Mr. Oevering and his students will be building two more planters that are 4ft by 10ft by 2 ½ ft planter boxes that will be placed near the entry to the staff



parking lot. Raspberries and plants out front have been seeded. Last year we received donations of lilies, rhubarb and herbs that are looking healthy. Students and staff will be planting veggies and we have started planting our Three Sisters garden. Our school is currently filled with plants started by various classes.

This year we were a hub pick-up site for St. Albert and north Edmonton for the Grow Alberta program. Grow Alberta has provided seed kits to our students that include lettuce, cucumber, carrot, bean and sunflower seeds along with soil.

- **Supplies:** Going with School Start who will deliver to your door and you can customize the list. Last year we added Chomebooks to the grades 4-9 list as a suggested supply.
  
- **Class Configurations:**
  - Single classes in Logos from K-9 at this point except for kinder and grade 3
  - Single classes in English from K-9 except the grades 1, 3 and 8 at this time
  
- **One on Ones:** These will be happening with support and teaching staff over the next couple of weeks. We discuss highlights, challenges, PD and moving forward. Excellent feedback and use this for planning purposes moving forward.
  
- **Wilderness School:** all classes except the grade 6's will be going out to the school. Everyone has been having a good time.
  
- **Calendar**
  - JMD Elementary Meet- June 1
  - Grade 9 Farewell - June 1
  - Junior High Dress rehearsal for Play production (pm)-June 6 (at school in the pm)
  - June Play production -June 9 at 1:30 and 6:30 pm Elementary classes can attend the 1:30 show
  - Elementary Division Meet- June 14
  - Grade 9 Part A Math: June 15
  - 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
  - August 31 and September 1 - Staggered entry for 1-9 students
  - First day- September 2
  - August 31, September 1 and 2 - Staggered entry for K students
  - First Day for Kindergarten Students - September 6

