



Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda May 2024

St. Albert, Alberta

May 28, 2024 7:45 pm

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Kelly Ternovatsky at 7:45pm.

2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment - Virtual Attendance and Introductions

Amanda Crouse

Audrey Stevenson

Denise Gavinchuk

Heather Langdale

Helen Nowell

Jessica Cardozo

Kathy Santrock

Kathy Topinka

Kelly Ternovatsky

Kim Armstrong

Kim Glacetti

Jill Webb

Nick Steinke

Richelle Robinson

Tara Kwasny

Valerie Sanderson

Wendy Schaar-Ney

3. Approval of the Agenda

- please note - contact Council using sc-chair.jmd@spschools.org

Valerie Sanderson moved to approve, seconded by Jessica Cardozo.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

Valerie Sanderson moved to approve, seconded by Jessica Cardozo.

5. Teacher Report - Heather Langdale

- A big thank you to the parent volunteers for all of their help & support.
- End of the year exams - June 18, 19, 20

- Project apart assembly on June 21

6. Trustee Report - Kim Armstrong

Trustee Report attached.

7. Administration Report - Mme Nowell / Mrs. Shaar-Ney

- A thank you from Helen for all of the parent support
- Kathy Santrock will be the 2nd assistant principal for next year
- Mrs. Janner working on the yearbook layout
- Field trips underway: community walks, trout release, etc.
- Fun days for May & June scheduled for Fridays (Beach Day, PJ Day and Jersey Day)
- Air quality index guidelines have been put in place, on days where index reads 7 or higher, students will remain indoors
- PATs- Grade 6 language arts and math was cancelled, students will only be writing one exam this year due to pilot
- Grade 4's are preparing garden
- Curriculum work is underway
- Track meets underway - great participation
- Ben Stelter Day - what a success! Raised just over \$2900, \$2200 from the cake walk
- Band showcase was last week
- Division concert band is rehearsing and presentation is tomorrow evening
- Play production is being worked in, presentation is on June 7
- Pride week - flag will fly
- Kinder 60 students registered - 31 english, 29 in Logos
- Students received a JMD backpack
- Staffing and timetabling is underway
- Information for next week will be available week 2 or 3 of June
- Challenges with receiving information back regarding options for next year
- Sue Anderson is the incoming principal, will be visiting the school on Thursday
- Year end celebrations: Grade 9 Farewell, Farewell on the end of the day on the 25th. June 24th is for Junior High - movie morning, Food trucks are coming: Kona Ice (all kids), grades 4-9 will be able to purchase from other food trucks. Honors breakfast is planned for June 21st.
- Elementary participating in movie days
- Progress reports will release on June 27th, hoping to also provide homeroom details before the end of June

8. Chair Report - Kelly Ternovatsky

Chair report attached.

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Staff Appreciation Lunch - Kelly

- ASCA AGM - advocacy resolution summary - Kelly
 - [Annual General Meeting: Alberta School Councils' Association](#)

10. New Business

- No new business at this time to discuss.

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

- No policies under review at this time

12. Adjournment - next meeting AGM September 2024 - TBA

Kelly Ternovatsky adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Trustee Kim Armstrong Report

05-15-2024 School Council Notes
Public Board Meeting May 15, 2024

05-15-2024 Agenda

The board presented a certificate to Sabina Ogrodiuk, first year teacher at Leo Nickerson Elementary School, in honour of being St. Albert Public Schools' nominee for the 2024 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

The board adopted the recommendation arising from the Board Preparation meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

- Recommendation: To amend the trustee handbook regarding the section on board leaves of absence to include trustee communication while on leave.

The board received as information a report outlining the key initiatives led by the Student Services and Inclusive Learning teams. Student Services and Inclusive Learning Teams Presentation 2024

The board declared June 10th to June 14th as Pride Week in St. Albert Public Schools.

The board received as information the schools 'and division services' resource and distribution allocation for 2024-2025.

The board provided direction to prepare the final draft:

- The board provided direction to administration for the preparation of the final draft of

Board Policy E-120, Selection of Teaching and Learning Resources and the accompanying regulations.

The board received as information documentation approving an international field trip to Japan for Paul Kane High School's Grade 10 - 12 students during April 18-28, 2025 or November 3-12, 2025.

The board approved the international tuition fee, registration fee, and health insurance fee to be non-refundable with the exception of cases where the Government of Canada prevents Access.

The board approved the division wide student fee listing for the 2024- 2025 school year.

COSC -

- Career Pathways Education - Presentation
- Advocacy

Meeting with the Minister of Education's Chief of Staff
Long Service Awards -

Joint City/School Boards Annual Meeting -

ASBA Zone 2/3 - MLA Function - April 8th

Public presentation of the Division Capital Plan to City Council - May 21,2024

Public School Boards Association of Alberta - Former Trustee Dumont is being presented a provincial recognition award.

Alberta School Boards Association - Spring General Meeting

Helen Nowell - Admin Report:

JMD Administration Update- May 2024

- Fundraising: Huge thank you for your support with ongoing campaigns. Spell-a-thon wrapped up May 1st. Positive support from families. JH Concession challenges to get it going. Track and field concessions are well stocked and fairly priced. Hot lunch and Plant Drive Thank you for ongoing support of technology, literacy and numeracy, field trips, PE, Arts, Music and so much more!
- Congratulations to Kathy Santrock: She will be Demko's Second Assistant Principal next year!!
- Yearbook: Marie Jahner is working on all the layouts. We hope to get yearbook sales posted shortly. Cost TBD.
- Field trips: Walks in the community, St. Albert Heritage sites and multiple other community learning opportunities such as Trout Release and Riverwatch. Spring Clean-up began last week and is ongoing. We are also doing some clean up in the

community.

- Fun Days: Create spirit and positivity for Fridays in May/June. Beach Day, PJ Day, Jersey Day. Next is Anything But A Backpack Day!
 - JMDs Got Talent - Period 4 on Wednesday, June 26. Grades 4-9 will sign up in a Google Classroom and we will create a live show along with videos that will be run on JMDTV for those that cannot perform in person.
 - Air Quality Index Guidelines: Guidelines have been developed by the division so Principals can make better decisions about outdoor activities and try to be consistent in our approach. On days where the AQHI rating is 7 or higher, students will remain indoors and windows will be closed to prevent outdoor air pollutants from entering the building. On days where there is an advisory, admin will check the AQHI at the beginning of the day and again before morning recess and lunch.
 - PATs for Grade 6s and 9s - Part A of Language Arts 9 took place already. Other exams scheduled. See list at bottom of page.
 - Outdoor Garden: Grade 4s are planting inside in preparation for outside. We will be planting vegetables and our Three Sisters Garden in the next few weeks.
 - Curriculum: Curriculum sessions ongoing in the areas of ELA, Math from 4-6 new next year; also Science K to 3. Now planning for Social Studies classes to pilot the new curriculum for 2024-25
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- Track meets: The JMD Junior High track day, Division Track Meet took place. elementary 4-6 meet upcoming Great attendance and participation. Concession/food delivery a hit!
 - Ben Stelter Day and Cake Walk: May 27th. Fantastic event! We raised just over \$2900.
 - Spring Showcase: Mrs. Banu showcased the work her band and music students worked on throughout the year.
 - Division Concert Band: Rehearsal tomorrow afternoon; Show tomorrow night - New location ES Gish school.
 - Play Production: Mrs. McPhail's Play Production option will present on June 7th at 6:30pm. All families are welcome to attend.
 - Pride Week: June 10 to 14th Pride flags will be flown at schools across the division. A letter from the division will be shared with families. Teachers are collaborating on information that will be shared with families of what activities and lessons will take place per division. This is to help parents understand what will be taking place in the class, and what is typical for each division and each program.
 - Registrations: 60 kindergarten students (31 English, 29 Logos). Kindergarten Blast Off! was a great success. Current number for the school is 629 for 2024/25
 - Next year: Staffing and draft timetabling are in full swing. Getting options information from parents took time. No teacher/class assignments to share yet.
 - Incoming Principal: Mrs. Sue Anderson is visiting the school on Thursday to meet the staff, tour the school and say hello to classes.
 - Year End Celebrations and Events:
 - Family BBQ June 20th 5-6:30pm

- Honours Breakfast June 21st 8:30am
- Project of Heart Assembly on Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21st
- Food Trucks Grades 4-9 June 24 at 11:30 am
- JH Awards night: June 24 at 6:30 pm
- Grade 9 Farewell: June 25 at 3:30pm
- JMDGT - JMD's Got Talent assembly: June 26 at 11:15am

PAT Schedule for May/June 2023

No Grade 6 ELA, Math due to new curriculum

No Grade 6 Science due to piloting curriculum

May 13, 2024 Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A

June 12, 2024 Grade 9 Math Part B

June 13, 2024 Grade 9 Math Part A

June 18, 2024 Grade 9 Math Part B

June 19, 2024 Grade 6 and 9 Social Studies

June 20, 2024 Grade 9 Science

Chair Report

May 2024

Provincial - Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

- ASCA Conference (26 & 27) and Annual General Meeting - April 28
 - New ASCA President is Kerry Boddell from VJM, St. Albert

District - St. Albert Public Schools

- Council of School Councils (COSC) - May 2
 - Discussed collaborating between schools to invite all parents to workshops using ASCEG funds

Local - JMD

- Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Possible list of teachers who are not returning/retirements

Parent Reminders:

- St. Albert Public Schools Board meetings are open to everyone
 - Full agenda and link to livestream are available on the website: [St Albert Board Agendas](#)
- Please join the *J.M. Demko School Parent Community* on Facebook!

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