

Jennie Elliott School Council Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

In Person Meeting at JES Learning Commons with option to attend online via MS Teams.

* Indicates written report/attachment provided

1. (7pm) Call to Order
2. (7pm) Review of Agenda
3. (7pm) Approve Minutes from meeting as presented (or as amended)*

Ryan, Geoff

4. (7:05pm) Teacher Presentation

Grade 5 - "engineer in Residence" was developed by grade 5 teachers with a local resident engineer that approached Lucene with the idea. The experience was positive, great learning from STEM activities led by the engineer. Beginning was organizing and planning, then learning about gr 5 science curriculum to ensure their program was aligned with the curriculum. Kids were looking forward to the monthly visit throughout the school year. Lessons were introducing a concept, students planned and designed to solve the issue, then build and test. Reflection of the engineering at the end. Introduce broad variety of engineering paths, brought in all their own equipment, materials. All of the engineers were female. Ryan asked about how to vet "residents", it is a CBE process for WCB, insurance, etc. Teachers appreciated it because the residents did most of the work, they didn't have to do any prep other than scheduling. No \$ came from school, all volunteer work. Engineers in Residence is the name of the program.

5. (7:15pm) Principals Report – Lucene Tahmazian

Enrollment down in Kindergarten, partly/possibly because of full day kindy offered in the neighbourhood. JEES doesn't have the capacity to do a full day kindergarten. Have used more classrooms for what is currently in place. Gr 1 enrol up, children that didn't do K enrolling. First year we are seeing this K drop. Drop is being seen in full day K programs as well. Much more retention from gr3 to 4, less kids going to Connect or Girls School. Receiving out of boundary requests, unable to fulfill due to capacity. Would like to combine "welcome back" and "meet the teacher" day. Fencing and picnic tables are on the agenda to do next year, will be discussed later in the meeting. 4 staffing vacancies going into next year. Move from FT to PT temporarily offered to teachers for one year, has led to detachments. Lucene still Acting Principal. No change or info available on return of S Ogilvie.

6. (7:30pm) Financial Report

a. Review of Treasurers Report*

- Dance was success, over \$5k in revenue, plus on site sales of \$1857.30 for a net of close to \$6k

- DJ was a volunteer, offered to do again next year
- Gala was ~\$15k
- Has led to more money to spend next year than expected
- Casino funds have a spend deadline, council raised money otherwise does not
- Received \$1000 anonymous donation

7. (7:35pm) Committee Updates

a. Fundraising Committee

- Alicia
 - Planning for next year, sent out survey to parents
 - 89% feel just right, most of the rest say too little. Noone saying we do too much. 48 responses.
 - People interested in specific committees
 - 87% of respondents received their info from Lucenes email
 - Council should explore using the schools new website to push traffic to Council website
 - Shared a potential sched for next year, to be discussed over the summer
 - Book fair was highest attended event, then fun lunch (87%)
 - Lots of participation in multiple events
 - Interest in all fundraisers repeating next year
 - Additional events will need more volunteers.
 - Some interest in additional events, purdys, apples, art cards
 - Gr 6 bottle Drive potential, **needs parent from gr 6 to captain**

b. Fun Lunches – Jenny (absent)

- Seems to have been a very trouble free year, no complaints
- Final day asked to move to play day to incorporate the one day a month.

c. Spring Dance – Eva/Robyn

- Was a great evening, went really well. Lots of excitement, great DJ.
- Some people just showed up, need to do the ticketing different next year for capacity management
- Do we look at a bigger venue for next year? Draw is partly because it is at the school
- Cleaning paid for by JESC, that was acceptable.

8. (7:55pm) COSC Meeting – April 23

- Marg Beeston\Geoff Matthews

- Largely a budget update/capital info session. CBE funding increased total, but down per student. Decrease in funding across the board.

9. (8:00pm) New Business

a. Need to start thinking about what next year's Council will look like.

i. If you want to take on a key role, please reach out.

b. Year End Teacher Appreciation Committee

- 3 volunteers taking charge, plan is done. In gym on June 14th for all teachers at once.

- School is asking about doing two sessions so some of the support staff can attend that otherwise would not have been involved due to timing.

- Event is a meal for the teachers

c. Project Funding, potential budget adjustment

- To be rolled into AGM for approval

- Budget included in AGM meeting last year

d. What are our options for Logo apparel?

- Offering/order was done this year, looking into different vendors

- Can we put it on the council website? Currently CBE website merch page, can't be done by council for vending. Could use a t shirt for welcome night!

e. Need an option for better viewing of teacher presentations at council meetings

- Ryan O to investigate and action

f. Potential for AI to take meeting minutes

- Actioned by Geoff

g. Year recap of council activity

- Jeff B to action

10. (8:10pm) Upcoming Important Dates

a. Kindergarten Orientation – May 30th

b. Meet the Teacher/Welcome Back combined on September 19th

11. (8:10pm) Adjourn – Ryan O 2nded Danny Campbell.