



JESC & JEPSA

Meeting Minutes

Monday April 24, 2017

7:00pm Jennie Elliott School Library

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Kathryn called the meeting to order at 7:06.

ATTENDENCE

Carolyn Mawhinney

Jennifer Partridge

Sarah Smith

Caroline Bruggencate

Kathryn Hegal

Emma Rae

Chris Aylesworth

Tanis Greenlaw

Robin Drinkwater

- 1) Approval of Agenda
 - a. The April 2016 Agenda was approved by Jen Partridge.
- 2) Approval of March 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes
 - a. The March 2017 Minutes were approved by Caroline Bruggencate
- 3) Reports and Updates
 - a. Co-Chairs (Presented by Kathryn)
 - i. Vacant Volunteer Positions for 2017-2018 School Year. Please look for more information coming soon- including options, hours, time commitment, etc.
 1. **Fun Lunch Coordinator**- We are looking for 1-2 people to take on Fun Lunches. This requires a monthly time commitment and daytime availability.
 2. **Family Picnic**- This is a minimal time commitment in September for the Welcome Picnic and in June for the Farewell Picnic
 - ii. Photography. Currently evaluating 4 different companies for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - iii. Family Picnic- will be held on Thursday, June 22. It will be a great way to wrap up the end of the school year!
 - b. Administration (Presented by Chris Aylesworth and Tanis Greenlaw)
 - i. Congratulations to Mrs. Greenlaw – Tanis has been promoted to principal of Eugene Coste School in Haysboro. She served our school community exceptionally well and was a positive agent for change. Tanis is brimming with ideas, and a champion for all students. We are working on a



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transition plan as her departure will be before the end of the school year. We will miss her. She has been a wonderful friend and colleague.

ii. School/Budget Update – Welcome to Kim Gjerdrum in TASC.

The drop of 170 students (who will transfer to the Griffith Woods School) coupled with our current numbers below projections, plus funding cuts has seriously impacted our school. Our school is also significantly affected by bussing changes next year. Staff cuts include 5 teachers including our music specialist, 4 educational assistants, 1 lunchroom supervisor and one office position. The 4 remaining educational assistants had their hours significantly reduced. We have 55 students identified as having unique learning needs. We will continue to do our best with the resources available.

We will once again be doing a school within a school model next fall due to the late opening of Griffith Woods School. Their staff will be here and Battalion Park School. Planning is in the early stages.

- iii. Lacrosse – We did circus arts for the last few years and decided to do something new. We are using a company called Elev8. Circus arts will not be completely cut out as Mr. Parsons will now be instructing the unit.
- iv. Volunteer Tea – May 12. The theme will connect to Canada's 150th birthday. A school-wide group photo is in the works to commemorate 150 years- possibly in June or September.
- v. Kindergarten Orientation May 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Kids will spend more time getting familiar with the school and classrooms. The transition will be easier on the new students. Griffith Woods families will also be participating and registering at our school.



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- vi. Teacher Representative – Robin Drinkwater- The Grade 4's blew everyone away with their Alberta Theme Park Model at the Learning Celebration. All 3 classes were grouped together to collaborate on the project. They spent many, many hours using critical thinking skills, working and reworking models, communicating ideas and ironing out all the kinks. It was a great opportunity to work together and problem solve. Overall they did a fantastic job!

- c. Treasurer (Presented by Gwen Schmidt)
 - i. Update: The Perogie fundraiser brought in over \$2,900. Fun lunches have raised over \$13,000 so far, not including April, May, and June Total fundraising is around \$35,000, far surpassing the goal of \$12,000 for the 16-17 school year.
 - ii. There have been many issues with the ATB account accepting cheques/deposits. Looking into switching to a new bank for September.
- d. Fundraising Coordinator (Presented by Joanne Cook)
 - i. Prairie Gourmet Perogie Fundraiser had over \$13,000 in total sales. It was an easy fundraiser and delivery was fast and organized.
- e. Volunteer Coordinator (Presented by Tina Nikolaou)
 - i. Play Day is scheduled for June 26.
- f. Special Lunches Coordinator
 - i. 2017 Coordinator(s) are needed as both Carla and Kerri will be moving to the Griffith School next year. One person is possibly interested in sharing the position.
- g. Community Liaisons
 - i. Lakeview –Family Fun Day is coming up on May 27th.
 - ii. Discovery Ridge- Block parties are coming up the weekend of May 27 & 28. The Stampede breakfast will be replaced by a Stampede BBQ on June 11.

- 4) New Business- None

- 5) Next Meeting – May 29, 2017. The new principal from Griffith Woods, Rhonda Choate will hopefully attend.

- 6) Adjourn at 8:01 pm.



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- 3) Reports and Updates
 - a. Co-Chairs- There is a call out for a Casino Coordinator for 2018.
 - b. Treasurer- Casino funds have been received, and the school raised \$67,013.45. Casino funds may be spent on Residencies, books, technology, musical instruments, and TASC classroom upgrades.
 - c. Casino Coordinator- The next Casino will be held November 2018.
- 4) Next Meeting – May 29, 2017.
- 5) Adjourn – 8:02