

Jennie Elliott School Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024 at 7:00pm

Attending: Helen Ha, Margaret Beeston, Geoff Matthews, Ryan Olivier, Ashely Harris, Luzerne Tahmazian, Jamie Popowich, Kim Nelson, Stephanie Chatt, Eva Friedley

1. Call to Order
 - a. Call to order at 7:05
2. Review of Agenda
3. Approve minutes from meeting as presented
 - a. Approval of minutes made by Margaret, seconded by Eva
4. Teacher presentation - Grade 4 Team
 - a. Grade 4 field trips include the orchestra, science centre and most recently the landfill
 - i. Kids saw composting facility and landfill vehicles
 - b. Story telling residency in the near future and the plan is to incorporate garage band composition to accompany story telling
 - i. Opportunity to tie in tech such as animation to accompany story telling
 - ii. Artists in Residence to incorporate crafts such as puppets and masks
 - c. Flexible grouping with literacy and math, working alongside with other teachers in the school doing targeted support
 - i. Started a couple weeks ago but seeing positive response and growth
 - ii. Flexible grouping grounded in solid research, targeting needs of smaller groups of kids
 - iii. 3 classes in Grade 4
5. Principals report - Lucene Tahmazian
 - a. Learning Plan surveys show a small uptick in parent response, great opportunity to speak up and give your perspective
 - i. Another survey is available on the sense of belonging
 - ii. Trying to get a better perspective of the different cultural groups in our school and understanding our population's background
 - iii. Both surveys are available until the end of this week
 - b. Class Placement Process Presentation
 - i. Creating cohorts start at the beginning of the year, with 6-7 iterations
 - ii. Primary focus is matching students with peers who promote cooperative and cohesive learning
 - iii. Specific teaching requests are not considered for a number of reasons, however we attempt to ensure they have at least one friendly face
 - iv. Placement is a year long process - survey sent out in weekly email which allows parents to give feedback
 - v. Presentation slides will be sent out in weekly update

6. Financial Report
 - a. Review of Treasurers Report
 - b. Fun lunches amounts earned sent by treasurer
 - c. Payment received for gala ticket sales ~\$3200
 - d. Generally, budget is on track

7. Committee Updates
 - a. Jennies Night Out Gala - April 5th, 2024
 - i. Focusing this week on collecting items for classroom baskets, still a significant need for items - Grade 4,5,6 lacking
 - ii. Getting a fair amount of silent auction items, sold ~60 tickets
 - iii. Flyers and letters need to be approved by Lucene
 - b. Spring Dance - April 18th, 2024
 - i. A month away in the process of putting stuff together for the dance
 - ii. Can easily pivot and remove draw prizes component of dance
 - iii. Ticket sales goes live April 2, after spring break
 - iv. \$5/ticket, first come first serve - capacity of 550 but option to put concession outside, weather pending
 - v. Need social media promotion for tickets and volunteer signup
 - vi. Grade 6 help with concessions
 - c. Fun Lunch
 - i. Edo's price is higher than the other options and profit is low, so Edo prices need to increase next year
 - ii. Need social media reminder before monthly fun lunch

8. February COSC Meeting
 - a. Community of school council meeting on February 22, 2024
 - b. Summary of meeting: discussed education plan, K-6 social study curriculum
 - c. Link for social study survey will be posted on blog post on [jennieelliot.ca](https://your.alberta.ca/k-6-curriculum-engagement/survey_tools/public-feedback) and Instagram
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 - d. Next meeting is June 5, 2024

9. New business
 - a. What council will look like next year
 - i. Ryan will continue attending meetings but in a less formal role
 - b. Year End Teacher Appreciation Committee
 - i. Reach out to Jeff Babich to join committee
 - ii. Email account contain separate contact list with parents interested in volunteering in this committee
 - c. May 30th evening Kindergarten info session
 - i. Open house, not a formal presentation
 - ii. Great opportunity for parents to sign up for school council emails

10. Upcoming important dates

- a. Next meeting April 16th, 2024

11. Adjournment at 8:10

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Ryan seconded by Eva

Submitted by Helen Ha