

Jennie Elliott School Council Meeting Agenda

February 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

* Indicates written report/attachment provided

Attending: Kathy Sushko, Alicia Dyck, Kate Kozowyk, Brandon Johnson, Geoff Matthews, Heff Babich, Courtney Joseph, Eva Friedley, Amy Olivier, Felicia Ng, Helen Hu, Danny Campbell, Margaret Beeston, Ryan Olivier, Lucene Tahmazian, Wanda Smith

1. Call to Order

- Call to Order at 6:33

2. Review of Agenda

3. Approve Minutes from meeting as presented (or as amended)*

- Approval of minutes made by Alicia, seconded by Eva
- Amendments to be documented in January minutes.
- Review the January minutes at the march meeting

4. Teacher Presentation - Grade 2 Team

- Residency explanation
 - Youth Singers
 - Lana Skauge
- March 7 will be a school wide assembly for grade 2 families to present/showcase the two residencies

5. Principals Report – School Planning Engagement - Lucene Tahmazian

- 2024 School Planning presentation from the CBE
 - This presentation will be shared in the Principals Weekly Update on Friday, February 23, 2024
 - Encouraged to read and review the presentation
 - Purpose of the presentation is to share information about school planning and gather feedback
 - Link to the Survey will be posted in the February 23, 2024 Principals Weekly Update
 - Survey will be open until March 17, 2024
 - Last year there were 30 responses
 - Parents are strongly encouraged to complete this survey
 - Updates will be shared on April 14, 2024

6. Financial Report

a. Review of Treasurer's Report*

- Casino Funds - Thank you Amy for your efforts
- Scholastic Book Fair - Thank you Alicia for your efforts
- Discussion about Special Project budget. Discussion will continue at the March Meeting.

7. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising Committee

i. Scholastic Book Fair

- Huge Success
- Sales \$17 405.50 (Scholastic Rewards \$8146.61)
 - Scholastic Reward money can be used by teachers for their specific needs in the classroom
- Shout Out to Catherine Watson, Kindergarten Teacher for her support
- Thank you for parent volunteers
- Students were excited to participate
- Next book fair will be in March (2025) and September (2025)

- ii. Spring Dance
 - April 18th, 2024
 - Presale of tickets (\$5.00/person)
 - Students need to be supervised by a legal guardian
 - Please consider having one parent attend. Allows for one more student to attend.
- iii. Cocktail Fundraiser/Gala Fundraiser
 - Friday, April 5, 2024
 - Tickets up for purchase in beginning to mid-March
 - Ticket Sale is \$60.00/person (Half the ticket price goes to the Venu)
 - Approximately 250 tickets available
 - Venu - Earl Grey Golf Course
 - Fundraiser for literacy and mathematical resources
 - Silent and Live Auction
 - Theme Baskets

8. New Business

- a. Reminder to parents that the council is composed of volunteers.
- b. Need to start thinking about what next year's Council will look like.
- c. If you want to take on a key role, please reach out.
- d. Other new business
 - i. Cocktail Fundraiser/Gala Fundraiser
 - Request for funds from the Gala Committee to purchase baskets
 - ii. Gift Cards
 - Over half of the Christmas Gift Cards were not picked up by families for various personal and unknown reasons.
 - All gift cards are for grocery stores
 - Motion to give the school \$200.00 in grocery gift cards, in lieu of \$500 budgeted by council, to be used for school snacks for students in need and return the remainder of the unused cards to the school for the 2024 Holiday Season.
 - Motion made by Margaret and seconded by Danny
 - Carried

iii. Communication

- Discussion about Parent Council communication strategies
 - Marquee Boards
 - In School bulletin boards
- Should council purchase an Owl Camera for Virtual Meetings

9. Upcoming Important Dates

- a. Next Meeting March 19th, 2024.

10. Adjournment at 8:30

- Motion to adjourn made by Ryan

Task List

- Discussion about Special Project budget line (\$10 000)
- Review the January minutes at the march meeting

Submitted by Kathy Sushko