



# JESC & JEPSA

## Meeting Minutes

Monday March 20, 2017

7:00pm Jennie Elliott School Library

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### JESC

Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:06.

#### ATTENDANCE

Milena Radzikowska

Joanne Cook

Beth Brownie

Kathryn Hegan

Emma Rae

Scharie Tavcer

Caroline Bruggencate

Jennifer Partridge

Sarah Smith

Chris Aylesworth

Tanis Greenlaw

#### 1) Approval of Agenda

- a. The March 2016 Agenda was approved by Joanne Cook and seconded by Jen Partridge.

#### 2) Approval of February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

- a. The February 2017 Minutes were approved by Joanne Cook and seconded by Jen Partridge.

#### 3) Reports and Updates

- a. Co-Chairs (Presented by Sarah)

- i. Vacant Volunteer Positions for 2017-2018 School Year. Please look for more information coming soon- including options, hours, time commitment, etc.

1. **Staff Appreciation Coordinator**- Thank you to Trudy Arbo and Caroline Bruggencate for taking on this role next year!
2. **Family Dance Coordinator**- This one-time event occurs in February each year with the help of Grade 6 students. This requires a minimal time commitment and evening or daytime availability.
3. **Fun Lunch Coordinator**- We are looking for 1-2 people to take on Fun Lunches. This requires a monthly time commitment and daytime availability.
4. **Secretary**- Thank you to Milena Radzikowska for taking on this role next year!
5. **Family Picnic**- This is a minimal time commitment once a year in the fall.
6. **Home Reading Coordinator**- Thank you to Scharie Tavcer for taking on this role!



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- ii. Photography. There is a call for a committee of 5-6 volunteers to evaluate 6 companies for fall pictures. Companies evaluated will include: Platinum, Rethink, Life Touch, Chinook Arch, Visual Hues, and possibly others. A decision will be based on quality, experience, ease of ordering, process, and value added. A decision will be made in April or May.
  
- b. Administration (Presented by Chris Aylesworth and Tanis Greenlaw)
  - i. School Update - Mrs. Sohaib in TASC is moving to Woodman J.H. We are interviewing for the position, with a spring start date. Ashley Tiller in TASC was nominated for an Edwin Parr Award. This award recognizes exceptional first year teachers. Ms. Tiller is a fabulous teacher and is used as a model for learning by the CBE. Mrs. Huntington is back in Gr. 3.
  
  - ii. Entrepreneurial Adventures - Gr. 5 students are working with BMO to put a business plan together. Their idea is to make products to sell to our student population. Proceeds will go to the Children's Hospital and Animal Rescue Foundation. There will be an event in May to showcase their products.
  
  - iii. Conferences- All conferences should include students talking about their work as well as face time with the teacher. Each class may have a slightly different approach.
  
  - iv. In-Line Skating – A recent parent survey indicated that 75% of respondents would like to try something new. Mr. Parsons is looking for options.
  
  - v. Volunteer Tea – May 12. The theme will connect to Canada's 150th birthday.
  
  - vi. Mindfulness – A CBE Learning Strategist has introduced mindfulness to the students at JE, which is bringing one's attention to the internal and external experiences occurring in the present moment. This will help the students and staff have a common language surrounding problems between students and anxiety. Please check out [SmilingMind.com.au](http://SmilingMind.com.au) to find age appropriate resources for mindfulness.
  
- c. Treasurer (Presented by Gwen Schmidt)
  - i. Update: Fun lunches have raised over \$12,000 so far. Total fundraising is around \$35,000, far surpassing the goal of \$12,000 for the 16-17 school year.



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- d. Fundraising Coordinator (Presented by Joanne Cook)
    - i. Prairie Gourmet Perogy Fundraiser has about \$5,000 in total sales, giving the school about a \$1,000 profit; however final tally has not been complete. Delivery is set for April 6.
  - e. Volunteer Coordinator (Presented on behalf of Tina Nikolaou)
    - i. Thank you to all who have stepped up to fill vacant JESC positions!
  - f. Special Lunches Coordinator
    - i. 2017 Coordinator(s) are needed as both Carla and Kerri will be moving to the Griffith School next year.
  - g. Community Liaisons
    - i. Lakeview –Family Fun Day is coming up on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Soccer registration is now open.
    - 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.
  - h. Parent Education Coordinator- No update
- 4) New Business
- a. Dress Code- concerns were raised by parent Milena Radzikowska. JE will have a rewrite of the dress code as it has not been revisited for some time. Please see the Dress Code Guidelines for Alberta Education below.
- Dress Code Guidelines Alberta Education
- i. Ensuring dress codes respect an individual's gender identity and gender expression. A flexible and gender-inclusive dress code recognizes that all students and staff have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression. Accommodating choices in clothing and general appearance is part of respecting the identity of individual gender identities and gender expressions. Indicator of this best practice in action • Schools and school authorities proactively review existing dress codes to ensure they are respectful and inclusive of the gender identities and gender expressions of all members of the school community (e.g., rules apply equally and fairly to all students and are not gender-exclusive, such as implying that a certain type of clothing, such as skirts, will be worn by one gender only).
- 5) Next Meeting – April 24, 2017
- 6) Adjourn at 8:12 pm.
- a. Motion put forward by Milena, seconded by Scharie.
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### JEPSA

Kathryn called the meeting to order at 8:12.

- 1) Approval of Agenda
  - a. The March 2017 Agenda was approved by Joanne Cook.
- 2) Approval of February 27, 2017 meeting minutes
  - a. The February Minutes were approved by Joanne Cook.
- 3) Reports and Updates
  - a. Co-Chairs- There is a call out for a Casino Coordinator for next year.
  - 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 dates will be released soon.
- 4) Next Meeting – April 24, 2017.
- 5) Adjourn – 8:16
  - a. Motion was put forward by Joanne.