



JESC & JEPSA

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 18 September 2017
7:00pm Jennie Elliott School Library

JESC

- 1) Approval of Agenda – approved by Tina Nikolaou
- 2) Approval of May 29, 2017 meeting minutes – approved by Tina Nikolaou
- 3) Reports and Updates
 - a. Co-Chairs (presented by Sarah Smith)
 - i. Welcome to new executive members—lots of new faces, some old folks in new positions
 - ii. There's a web site (look for everything there): newsletters, fundraisers, important dates, getting involved, bylaws: jennieelliott.ca
 - iii. Welcome back Family Picnic, September 14: \$100 in the black, earlier than prior years.
 - iv. Review of 2016 / 2017 Annual Report: so many things we've done and ways we've been involved yay!
 - b. Administration (presented by Chris Aylesworth)
 - i. C.A.: "Gaze on the magic of the kids and volunteers."
C.A.: "People who really care about public education."
 - ii. C.A.: Welcome to Hilary.
 - iii. Griffith Woods 'School Within a School' & construction update
 1. C.A.: Will craft a letter to explain how the school within a school will work since the questions are coming. Good start so far. Main goal is for everyone to feel welcome. A few challenges so far: bus hick-ups (working through it). We have two schools: the admin from the two schools support one another with the goal of seamlessness (eg. Picnic, family dance, Terry Fox day, etc.). Some things will be different (Phys ed teacher, music teacher, visions). Parallel worlds.
 2. Rhonda: Feels very welcoming and seamless so far.
 3. C.A.: Leadership opportunities for all grade 6 students, not just the JE students. Biggest challenge is space. No news about when GW will be open.
 - iv. C.A.: Smaller class sizes have been maintained. New hire Ms. Kirsch hired. But less educational assistant support this year. Thank you to Shari Tiller for—ongoing—helping out the last few weeks.
 - v. QA: Hard of hearing students joining JE—delayed till September 2018. No space.
 - vi. QA: After care issues—some parents have been left without it because of too few spaces. There are 640 kids in the school right now. It's the number one issue that CA hears about, but no solutions are forth coming—it's a space issue. The after school care that's at JE is run by a private company and that makes it challenging to influence what happens. No bussing to get students from JE to another after school care. CA: contact transportation for questions around adding another bus.



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- vii. Admazing Coupon books are now on sale in the front office
 - viii. Calgary Reads is at JE funded by school council. Contact Hilary to become a volunteer (30 min. to 1.5 h per week).
 - ix. Bell still doesn't work.
 - x. New wireless is being installed.
 - xi. QA: Could we sell swag as a fundraiser? CA Let's look into that.
- c. Treasurer (presented by Gwen Schmidt)
 - i. Review of 2016 / 2017 Spend
 - ii. Next meeting we will review the budget for 2017-18.
 - iii. QA: Money can be carried over into subsequent years and it will be from 2016-17.
 - iv. QA: Could GW share their music teacher? The class sizes are already too large for them. But the music teacher will help out for assemblies, PD days, etc.
 - d. Fundraising Coordinator (presented by Joanne Cooke)
 - i. Purdy's Fundraiser: mid to late November. Huge effort but very successful.
 - e. Parent Education Coordinator (presented by Scharie Tavcer)
 - i. April: Calgary Sexual Health folks are booked to talk about sexual identity, sexual health, sex etc.
 - ii. October: Ideas are swirling around. Eg. how you can be a positive leader in the world (making a good vibe in the room) (Mike); Sweat lodge with Hal from TsuTina Nation; on-line safety with the Calgary Police Service
 - f. Volunteer Coordinator: photo day in October will need volunteers
 - g. Special Lunches Coordinator: letters went out and an email will follow
 - h. Community Liaisons: Octoberfest coming up on October 21; issues around traffic continue.
- 4) New Business
- a. School Trustee – Julie Hrdlicka – CBE was under review. Observations around the financial situation of the CBE. "Looking forward to working with the Province to solve some of the challenges of our massive system."
- 5) Next Meeting – October 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Jennie Elliott Library
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JEPSA

Sarah Smith called the meeting to order at 8:20

- 1) Approval of Agenda
 - a. The JEPSA Agenda was approved by Tina Nikolaou.
- 2) Approval of May 2017 meeting minutes
 - a. The May 2017 Minutes were approved by Tina Nikolaou
- 3) Reports and Updates (presented by Sarah Smith)
 - a. Co-Chairs- There is a call out for a Casino Coordinator to oversee our next casino which will occur in November 2018.
- 4) Next Meeting – Monday, 23 October 2017 at 7:00 in the Jennie Elliott school library.
- 5) Adjourn – 8:28 pm
 - a. Motion was put forward by Sarah Smith, seconded by Tina Nikolaou.