

Stanley Jones & Alice Jamieson School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31, 2026

Time: 6:30 - 7:33pm

Location: Stanley Jones School Learning Commons

Attendees: Krista Bartlett (Principal), Anna Johnston (Vice Principal), Kristen Holm (Chair), Jake Smith (Vice-chair), Christina van der Lugt, Megan Waldie, Michelle Speta, Maddie Bemrose, Meghan Boyd, Heather Smith, Frances Wasylenko, Michelle Ferozen, Maureen Souply, Elouis Niven, Mauri Oldford (secretary)

Quorum (attendees outnumber staff): attained - evidenced via attendance form.

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement & Introductions

- Eloise Niven (Grade 4 student): Provided a land acknowledgement - great job Eloise!!!!
 - Kristen Holm (Chair): welcomed all.
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2. Approval of Previous Minutes & Today's Agenda

Motion	Moved by	Seconded by	Vote Passed or Not Passed
To approve the Feb. 24, 2025 meeting minutes without amendments and approve today's agenda. Amended agenda to include Healthy Hunger and No Fuss Fundraiser results.	Heather	Michelle	None opposed. Motion to approve the minutes and agenda have passed.

3. Principles Update

1. Principals Update:

- a. Sept 2025 projections were 440 students, we currently have 428. 2026 projection is 452 students. However, Anna and Krista are monitoring the situation and have heard from some parents that they are moving away so expect to see some decreases.
- b. Provincial budget details only provided on April 23rd - much later than usual. As a result, we will only have info on student numbers, budgets and teachers for 2026/27 in the May School Council meeting.
- c. We have received funding for one complexity teacher this year/next. Looking to hire the right teacher with the skillset to match our needs in a full time, temporary position. Do not

- want to pull any existing teachers from their classrooms for this temporary role. Also looking to attain funding for 2 additional educational assistants but working through that process now. One education assistant is coming back from Mat leave so would have three total in the school to work with the various classrooms.
- d. Ms Patterson: Wellness day is May 8th.
 - i. **Action:** Looking for volunteers to help out or run sessions. Please contact her at: cojpatterson@cbe.ab.ca
 - e. AJA celebration of learning is April 9th. It will incorporate learnings from their recent big Quest theatre residency that is upcoming.
 - f. SJ 3/ 4 Celebration of learning is coming up in April.
 - i. **Action:** Kristen will connect with dates for celebrations of learning events to continue to promote school council and spread the word. Consider putting up no fuss posters if still have them.
 - g. Grade 5 / 6 highlights: lots of field trips, activities going on. Teachers are also brainstorming ideas to have a little more of a celebration for grade 6 graduates beyond the typical pizza party and hallway clap out of the school - details to come soon.
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4. Updates on Established/ Ongoing Initiatives:

1. **Movie Nights (Christina Van der Lugt):** Date set (May 8th, doors open 6:30), working on the details now. (license, food, communications, movie choice, etc.). Plan to send out info/updates in weekly emails. Getting a movie license is a non-negotiable as it is a legal issue.
 - a. Suggestions from council: Consider using suggested donations via cash or the No Fuss Fundraising QR code. Funds from this event will go to SJ as the main audience. Include a 5 minute intro to school council initiatives at the start of the evening.
 - b. **Action:** Looking for 10-12 volunteers to run the movie night event (event lead, concession table lead, AV lead, 2-3 people for admission table, two for concession table, 2-3 floaters for crowd management, 2-3 back-ups).

2. Unplugged Canada Initiative (Fran, Michelle and Morgan):

We are on track to start sending out communications in April with back-pack flyers and a message in weekly emails. Plan to create two flyers (Grades 1-4) and (Grades 5-9) that are age appropriate. Have a longer term goal to have a presence at the back to school BBQ in September.

- **Action:** if anyone knows someone that we could bring in to present to our parent community in regards to topics such as social media, phones, or the unplugged movement please reach out to parents.sjaja@gmail.com with contacts/suggestions for us to look into booking. Will pay via grant below.
- Request: Need help with messaging and looking to council for support as it turns out that Stanley Jones is blazing a new path in Alberta via this initiative - way to go team!!!!
 - Response: Members have indicated that they are available to assist in crafting messaging.

3. Learning Grounds Report (Kristen):

- Update: Sent flyers home with an update. Have raised \$75K, trying to get to \$150 to apply for a matching grant from Alberta. Planning to break ground at the end of school year 2027. Have a blue grass nursery fundraiser so if want to order plants, check out the QR code in the flyer that was sent home.
- To learn more, see the new website [Stanley Jones and Alice Jamieson Academy Learning Grounds Revitalization Project](#). and/or contact sj.learning.grounds@gmail.com
 - **Action:** Please volunteer. This is a huge opportunity that goes beyond the school and impacts the community as a whole.

4. No Fuss Fundraiser Final Report out (Mauri, Morgain, Melissa):

- a. **Fundraising Results:** We are very excited to announce that we raised **\$9230** this year!! Thank you so very much to everyone that participated, every donation adds up to making a huge difference to our kids. We plan to keep the QR code open for a period of time just in case people forgot or missed their opportunity to donate. Plan to bring out posters at events throughout the year next year to reach even more families.

Next step: Send thank you email and summary to School for distribution to the wider community along with link to school Council page for further donations: [No Fuss Fundraiser Donation Link](#)

5. Healthy Hunger (Maureen):

- a. Thanks to everyone who has helped so far this year! I've had a few people really step up with the amount of time they are committing and others come last minute when others were sick or had sick kids and I really appreciate it.
- b. The snack days are going well and we added more for January to May. Please make sure you check healthy hunger for any new dates.
- c. We have had a lot of donated lunches and snacks this year. Really speaks to the community and how generous it is. Thank you.
- d. A reminder that donated lunches aren't direct donations of an item but Sarah collects the money and uses it to order lunches and snacks. She ordered a bunch of extra popcorn so most kids got one. Again the generosity of the school community makes this possible.
- e. We had a request for Sweet Rice as a snack but it wasn't possible for this year due to scheduling. They are on the list for next year and they have completely gf donuts and food. They are also a locally owned company by a newcomer family and I'm really glad we can add them to the roster next year.

6. Traffic committee:

- a. **Bike to school day:** We would like to have one again. We need to select a date. Looking for volunteers to get involved to lead the bikes on the day. Christina, Mauri willing to help out.
- b. **Traffic speeding concerns:** still have issues with parents speeding in front of the school . Especially on 6th Street. We would like to do something.
 - i. Answer: Everyone phone 311 to request a crosswalk. It is the multitude of calls that creates change. The school continues to call but we make the difference.

- c. A parent wishes to run a school traffic patrol program and is inquiring with the Council.
 - i. Anna - remember ~5 years ago that this was brought up and believe there is a reason that we cannot do this at this location but will look into it and get back to council.
 - ii. Maddie: Will reach out to the Ward to check feasibility.
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5. New Business:

1. School Council AGM & Chair Succession (5 min)

Presenter: Kristen Holm

- Chair position open for next year; call for interested parents
 - Kristen needs to step away from the Chair position for next year as is taking a bigger role in the Learning Grounds Initiative. If interested, feel free to reach out with any questions.
 - Kristen offered transition and support to anyone interested as she will still be around, just cannot commit to the role this coming year.

2. Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant (5 min)

Presenter: Kristen Holm

- Need to decide where to use this grant. Has to be directed towards parent education and must be used this year or will lose it.
 - **Decision:** Will look to use this \$1000 grant on the unplugged Canada initiative. Will look to get a guest speaker in to educate parents on topics around cell phones, social media, etc.
 - **Action:** anyone with great experiences or contacts that could be a speaker please reach out to us.
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6. Announcements / Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

AGM (Council Elections): Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Motion to Adjourn moved by: Christina, Seconded by: Maureen, Vote: in favour, Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Mauri Oldford