

Stanley Jones/Alice Jamieson Academy - School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Attendees: Lisa Nysten, Heather Smith, Meghan Boyd, Marty Adsett, Paul Keely, Julie Dort, Erik Lottermoser, Shivi Thusoo, Alicia Maxim-Welsh, Lisa Range, Kim Watkinson, Julia Bietz, Ashley Young, Mauri Oldford, Katie Jackson, Laura Moore.

1. **Land Based Acknowledgement** – Laura
2. **School Council Meeting Dates for 2024 Set:**
 - a. January 16, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 7.
3. **November 2023 Meeting Minutes** – Katie
 - a. Meeting minutes were approved by Kim. Seconded by Lisa.
4. **School Council Chair Changes/Next Year** – Katie
 - a. Katie Jackson (current Chair of SJ Parent Council) announced she is stepping down as SJ Parent Council Chair and will be asking for a new chair to take over next year. A big thanks to Katie for running the SJ/AJA Parent Council for many years as a volunteer!
5. **Teacher Spotlight – Jen MacDonald Teacher at AJA Grade 9**
 - a. Jen provided an overview of what is going on at AJA this year. She said there has been a speaker series from CPS. Feb/Mar/Apr AJA students will be working with Telus Spark, UofC Engineering and Fluor to design a solution to a real world problem. That will focus on International Women's Day. Great leadership and mentorship opportunities. There has been a robotics workshop going on that is "female focused project" with coding and robotics, where funding came from Parent Council. Jen thanked the group for this funding. It's an exciting time, hope to have the projects on display for the SJ/AJA students to see!
6. **Principal Update – Krista**
 - a. Met with CBE area director, (Melody), SJ has received additional funding based on enrollment and complexity. Melody toured the school recently and was impressed with student learning and teachers approach.
 - b. SJ will be hiring a 0.1 teacher for 10 weeks to target Grades 1-5. This is based on June data 2023. The new staff will start mid Feb-mid April 2024 and they will also be hiring a 0.5 teacher or EA position in Jan 2024.
 - c. Received complex funding after Sept 30, 2023 enrollment data from CBE, many new students from the Welcome Center.

- d. High School Registration – starting for AJA students, tours starting. Etc.
- e. Kindergarten and AJA Open House in Jan 2023 had a large turnout. Large interest in AJA, registration closes Feb 14, 2024.
- f. Kindergarten continues to grow, lots of interest!
- g. Athletics: wrestling underway, quad meet, hosting district meet in Jan 2023. Volleyball season, host in school now, 6 home games. Coaches will be seeing info.
- h. June 2023 Data – report cards, lens CC3 diagnostics, data board, supports.
- i. AJA Busing Issues – not an issue now. Busing has improvements. More transport. Looking to grow AJA next year.
- j. There will be a focus on balancing gender in SJ Grades 3/4 for a balanced composition within classes next year.
- k. SDP Overview – Walk Forward is posting on the school website. Holistic Model and Assessment. New curriculum, student/teacher/parent perception data indicate areas for growth. PD Day – Land Based Learning offers cross circular learning. 3 year Plan Overview.

7. Traffic Committee – Julia Bietz

- a. Update provided, the committee is working on active and safe routes to school. Survey coming. Walk About with the City of Calgary: looking at 3 interventions. 1) Signs in middle of crosswalk at 8th ave and 7th St, 2) Curb Extension added, temporary 3) Crossings areas at 6th St looking at adding a formal crosswalk here.
- b. Winter Walk to School – Feb 29, 2024! Snacks, selfie station, promote winter activity. Walking routes will get drawn up.

8. School Learning Grounds Committee – Lisa Range

- a. Exciting news, \$5000 has been secured from Parks Foundation through the Stella Grant for the SJ/AJA School Learning Grounds. Conceptual drawing stage, 2 proposals and 2 companies. Things are moving fast as the funding has to be used in a year.

9. Bylaws – Shivi/Katie

- a. Reviewed the school bylaws. Edits were circulated. Shivi to accept edits and clean up document and save it on the school website.
- b. Paul approved and Kim seconded. Motion carried.

10. School Council Engagement

- a. There is a budget to have someone come in a speak, short meeting, something engaging to boost parent attendance and interest in a relevant topic at SJ/AJA. Last year was a “student well being/social media topic”. Ideas are welcome.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

- a. Alicia adjourned the school council meeting. Laura seconded the motion.