

Stanley Jones and Alice Jamieson Academy Parent Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Location: Online Meeting (due to CUPE Local 40 Strike)

Time: 6:30 PM

Attendees (20):

Kristen Holm, Anna Johnston, Krista Bartlett, Maureen Souply, Corinna Patterson, Bill Weaver, Jake Smith, Paul K, Natalie Shaw, Megan Waldie, Heather S, Frances Wasylenko, Cate Hydeman, Lesley K, Meghan Boyd, Christina van der Lugt, Lisa Range, Michelle Speta, Alix Clark, Michelle Feragen

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the previous meeting minutes
 - **Moved by:** Heather S.
 - **Seconded by:** Paul K.
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2. Ms. Patterson - Phys. Ed and Wellness Learning Leader Update

- **Camp Chief Hector and River's Edge:** Students from K-9 participated in these experiences.
 - **Fitset Ninja:** This program saw high engagement, especially from students who typically do not engage in gym class.
 - **Swimming:** AJA students, Grades 1/2 and 3/4 have participated, with Grade 5/6 coming up soon.
 - **Wellness Day:** Planned with Ms. Sellars and the wellness committee. Volunteers will be needed; please watch for email communications.
 - Looking forward to more outdoor activities as the weather warms up.
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3. Principal's Update

School Planning Survey:

Ms. Johnston and Ms. Bartlett are collecting feedback for the SJ and AJA school planning process and are encouraging parents to participate in the school planning survey.

Why the Survey is Important:

The School Planning Survey is a key component in shaping the future direction of the school. It will help guide decisions related to the school's development plan, budget, and fees. By participating in the survey, parents ensure that the school's goals and priorities reflect the needs of the families, and their input will directly impact the planning process.

Before Completing the Survey:

Parents are encouraged to review the following documents to better understand the context of the survey:

- [School Improvement Results Reporting](#)
- [School Development Plan](#)
- [Report to Parents/Guardians on Fees](#)

These reports will provide valuable insight into the school's achievements, ongoing initiatives, and financial planning, allowing for informed feedback in the survey.

Survey Link and Participation:

The survey can be accessed through this link: [School Planning Survey](#)

The survey will be open until mid-March, and all parents are strongly encouraged to participate.

Participation was lower than anticipated last year, and the school is hoping to engage more families this year to ensure a broader range of feedback. Parent input will directly influence the school's goals and resource allocation.

Questions?

If parents have any questions or need further information before completing the survey, they are welcome to contact [Anna Johnston](#) or [Christa Bartlett](#), who are available to assist and provide any necessary clarifications.

Budget Overview:

- The school's budget is based on an enrollment of 486 students.
- Majority of the budget goes toward staffing (26 teachers, 5.1 support staff, 2.9 admin).
- After paying staff, there is approximately an extra \$55K to cover the remaining costs.
- **School Fees:** Efforts are being made to keep fees manageable. Feedback on the fees can be provided via the survey. Approved fees can be accessed on the CBE website.

New Music Teacher Update: Due to district-wide challenges in hiring, the school has not been able to secure a full-time music teacher. A part-time band teacher has been hired for the PM and is working with the grades 7,8,9 AJA students.

AM Music Teacher Vacancy: The position remains vacant. A retired teacher with a specialty in music has been providing guest instruction.

4. Additional Updates

- **Learning Grounds Update (Lisa):**
 - The Learning Grounds Committee has brought their plans and conceptual drawings forward to the CBE and are going through the design approval process.
 - They have found a volunteer to build and maintain a website for the project.
- **Healthy Hunger (Fun Lunch Program):**
 - Fun lunches for grades 1-9 are held twice a month on Wednesdays. Volunteers are always needed to assist with sorting and distributing lunches. A 30-minute commitment is required (10:30 AM). Please contact: maureenouply@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.
 - Extra lunches can be donated by parents when ordering online. Sarah in the office uses the money donated to order additional lunches for kids in need.
 - Please note that Healthy Hunger is also a fundraising initiative that raises money for the school.

5. Fundraising Updates

- **Stanley Jones Casino Fundraiser:** Scheduled for the May long weekend. Volunteers are crucial for this event. Click the link below to sign up for a Casino Shift.

Link: [Casino Shift Sign-Up](#)

- **No Fuss Fundraiser:** A joint fundraiser between Stanley Jones and AJA. Please share the fundraiser information with your people and consider making a donation and help raise money for our school. Volunteers are also needed to help organize and run this event next year.

Link: [No Fuss Fundraiser](#)

6. New Motion: Learning Grounds Steward

- **Motion:** To create the position of Learning Grounds Steward as a formal role within the Parent Council. Note: A manual will be created for this role and what it entails.
- **Elections:** Lisa Range and John Bailey hold this position at the moment. The position will be elected at the AGM in May, with annual elections thereafter.
 - **Motion to approve:**
 - **Moved by:** Paul K.
 - **Seconded by:** Heather S.

7. Next Meeting

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM
- **Location:** Tentative, hoping to return to regular meeting space.

8. Motion to Adjourn

- **Moved by:** Lisa Range
- **Seconded by:** Christina van der Lugt