

Meeting Minutes: Stanley Jones and Alice Jamieson Academy School Council

Date: October 22, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Location: SJ-AJA Learning Commons

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

6:30 PM

- Jake Smith (Chair) called the meeting to order and acknowledged the land.

2. Roll Call & Quorum

6:32 PM

- Attendance sheet circulated to confirm quorum.
- Chair clarified quorum requirements and mentioned that details will be shared in the School Council introduction.

3. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

6:34 PM

- [Minutes from the September meeting](#) were shared in advance and available at the meeting.
- One correction: Clarification needed on the main contact for the Traffic Committee- Lesley Camelchuck
- No further corrections. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Staff Spotlight

6:35 PM

- **Presenters:** Ms. Frank (K), Ms. Rogall (K), Ms. Morgan (½)
- Highlights from Kindergarten and ½ classrooms:
 - Focus on **letter learning**, numeracy, and self-expression.
 - Engaging hands-on activities like ten frames and outdoor learning.
 - Continued work on **self-portraits** and exploring communities.
 - Social Science and Land Based Learning- Get outside every Wednesday to Visit their tree.
 - Teachers using the UFLI Foundations program. This is an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading.

- Grade 1 and 2 students have literacy rotations in the afternoon. All children across grade 1 and 2 are grouped based on reading levels.
- **Field Trips:**
 - In-school circus (Teachers Pet)
 - Offsite to **Telus Spark** and **Griffith Woods**.
 - Kindergarten field trip to Telus Spark on April 16, 2025.
- **Residency Programs:**
 - Jeff Stockton- Celtic Harpist and Storyteller
 - Planned **Wet Felting Artist in Residence** in January 2025.
 - **Celebration of Learning** Grade 1 and 2 scheduled for February 6, 2025. Kinder celebration of Learning will be in the spring. Details to come.

5. Principal's Message

6:55 PM

- **Meet the Teacher Night:**
 - Positive feedback on the food event and combined SJ/AJA format, but some mixed reviews on separating the schools.
 - Families expressed concerns about the cost. The school will review planning for next year.
- **School Development Plan:**
 - Each year, our school prepares a development plan with input from teachers, school staff, students and parents. We review many sources of data, including report cards, provincial achievement test results and school surveys
 - Reflecting on last year's progress and focusing on student achievement.
 - Last year's plan resulted in growth across K-4 student achievement. A more in-depth update to be shared in November School Council Meeting.
 - This year's school Development Plan will **Focus on Land Based Learning**, which is aligned with **Truth and Reconciliation**.
 - Through **land-based learning**, students connect and engage with the land surrounding Stanley Jones.
 - Plans to explore **Who Am I?** and **Who Are We?** Concepts
 - Note: a copy of the School development plan is on the bulletin board outside the office.

6. School Council Orientation

7:05 PM

- Secretary provided an [orientation to the School Council](#) for new members and reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the School Council. If you were unable to attend and

would like details on how school council works or have additional questions or comments, please contact Kristen Holm (Secretary) at parents.siaja@gmail.com

7. Committee Updates

7:20 PM

- **School Learning Grounds Committee:**
 - Subcommittee formed with 8 members.
 - Working on improving the school grounds and to support Land Based Learning
 - Next meeting: November 14, 2024, at the Community Hall (8:00 PM).
 - See [November meeting agenda](#) and [October meeting Minutes](#) for additional details
 - All welcome to join.
 - Background Info on the [Learning Grounds Committee](#)
- **Healthy Hunger:**
 - Healthy Hunger dates and ordering info can be found [here](#)
 - Looking for additional volunteers. One-time 45-minute commitment. If you are available, contact Maureen Souply: maureensouply@gmail.com
- **Traffic Committee:**
 - No updates provided

8. Old Business

7:29 PM

- **Clarification of School Council Meeting Dates:**
 - The dates for upcoming meetings were confirmed and shared
 - **Meeting Schedule:**
 - November 26, 2024
 - January 28, 2025
 - February 25, 2025
 - March 18, 2025
 - April 29, 2025
 - May 27, 2025 (AGM)

This information is available in the [School Council Orientation](#), which can be found on the School Council Page of the Stanley Jones Website. It can also be found on the school calendar your child brought home at the beginning of the year.

- **School Council Meeting Dates** and minutes are available on the [School Council Page](#) of the Stanley Jones Website and the school calendar.

9. New Business

7:30 PM

- **Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Membership:**
 - Proposal to acquire an [ASCA membership](#) (\$125).
 - The membership provides access to resources and templates for school councils.
 - CBE will cover the cost. Kristen Holm to follow up and investigate.

10. Next Meeting

- **Date:** November 26, 2024

11. Adjournment

8:00 PM

- The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Kristen Holm (Secretary)

Date: [Today's Date]