

# Stanley Jones & Alice Jamieson School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 25, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 7:27pm

Location: Stanley Jones School Learning Commons

**Attendees:** Krista Bartlett (Principal), Anna Johnston (Vice Principal), Kristen Holm (Chair), Jake Smith (Vice-chair), Lisa Range, Christina van der Lugt, Megan Waldie, Michelle Speta, Maddie Bemrose, Meghan Boyd, Melissa Murray, Frances Wasylenko, Melicia Jones, Michelle Ferogen, Anastasiia Savelieva, Morgan Van Dam, Lousia, Bill and Bethany Weaver, Mauri Oldford (secretary)

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

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## 1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement & Introductions

- Kristen (Chair): welcomed all and shared a land acknowledgment. She also relayed a message of gratitude to teachers on their commitment to our students and their fight for education.
  - Round-table introductions of participants joining the meeting.
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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 Sept 23, 2025 meeting minutes without amendments and approve today's agenda.	Jake Smith	Michelle Speta	None opposed. Motion to approve the minutes and agenda have passed.

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## 3. Principles Update

**A. Teacher's Update (Emily Naggy AJA Learning Leader):** Ms. Naggy, is an AJA Grade 8/9 teacher and one of the learning leaders for AJA. She provided some updates on highlights from the AJA program (e.g. a successful leadership camp), some upcoming initiatives (Hanger flight museum, Youthlink Cyber safety and Telus Spark trips), as well as some hopes and dreams for the AJA program going forward including residencies in music, drama and science.

- a. **ACTION:** AJA looking for guest speakers to volunteer to share and discuss your career with the students. It would be a <1hour time commitment. Please contact Ms. Naggy or the school if interested.

## B. Principals Update:

- a. **AJA School Student Numbers:** Discussion occurred in the form of a question linked to Teacher Update above. Principal Bartlett mentioned that AJA Grade 4 numbers are low with most students coming from Stanley Jones. There was a slight increase in Grade 5 /6 via addition of some external students this year. Really focused on growing the Grade 7-9 program which currently has ~ 18-19 students per class which is good but looking to draw more students next year. SJ numbers not discussed.
- b. **Labour Action:** Ms Bartlett thanked the parents, students and community for their support before, during and after the teacher strike, it has meant a lot to the teachers. There are mixed emotions being back in the classroom but so happy to be back with their students. The school is now fully up and running with sports getting going, field trips and clubs. Overall, still running about 1 month behind compared to a typical school year but working to close the gap.
- c. **Sept BBQ and meet the teacher night feedback:** lots of positive feedback from families was received by the school. Families found it much more affordable with help of food vouchers and enjoyed the layout. Staff like shaving smaller increments of time visiting their classrooms so could have more time to be involved and visit outside. Have had some feedback that it was tough to get to the classroom in that short timeframe. Feedback and ideas on how to make next year better are always welcome and staff/school council are happy to implement.
- d. **Change to report card timing:** Typically report cards go out at the end of January but this year they will go out February 24th. Teachers are prepared for this change as they are always collecting info on their students as the year progresses. Will notice that there will be more concise commenting in the report cards to reduce teacher workloads. The reports will focus on EAL and math with reduced comments on music and art.
- e. **Teacher conferences Nov 27/28.** Please attend and bring your child. Note that if you booked online or vice versa you can always switch it within your timeslot.
- f. **School Development Plan Delayed:** The plan is typically communicated in November but it has been pushed back due to the recent labour action. The team is currently reviewing the survey results from parents, students etc. and will present in the January School Council meeting.
  - i. **Initial results for Grade 1 suggest that we are targeting at a literacy Level 1.**  
In response, there has been a system learning leader assigned to the school specifically working with the Grade 1 students. In addition, acadia assessments (new this year) were completed to help identify any targeted interventions that may be required. Results will be available at your parent/teacher conferences (Grade 1 only). Data gathering and next steps still ongoing for Grade 1 and beyond - more presented in the January meeting.
  - ii. **Mental, Social and Emotional wellbeing focal:** school is receiving funding this year to free up one staff member half time (Ms. Patterson) to promote and build mental well being as well as social and emotional skillsets for students. This is not a councilor position but will be an educational role building the skillset in the

entire school. Currently looking to fill Ms. Patterson 0.5 replacement so she can focus on this great opportunity.

1. A group of students from grade 5-9 have been selected to attend a school wellbeing symposium in December and bring their learnings back to the school.

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## 4. New Initiatives / Business

1. **NEW: Initiation of a GSA club (AJA Student):** Bethany Weaver came to share information on the student lead initiative to start a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) club for Grade 5 to 9 AJA and SJ students. They currently have a teacher sponsor, approval from Principal, Vice Principal, support from SJ and AJA fundraising committees and our School Council. The School Council noted that this was a very well thought out presentation, the speaker was incredibly articulate and showed great leadership and advocacy skills on behalf of herself and the other 11 girls involved. Additional details on this initiative attached here: [Stanley Jones GSA Club Presentation](#) . Any questions, feel free to reach out to the school directly and they will be happy to help.
2. **NEW: Earth Rangers Initiative (Megan Waldie):** Megan asking to submit and coordinate an SJ Nomination for Earth Rangers' School Assembly Program sponsored by NOVA Chemicals Corporation. This sponsorship will provide 8 schools in Southern Alberta an Earth Rangers assembly program focused on conservation and protecting the earth. Program details here: <https://www.earthrangers.com/EN/CA/about-us/>
  - a. **Decision:** Support. Go Megan Go!
3. **Upcoming Decision (Pushed to January): How to utilize Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (\$1000):**
  - a. **Allowed uses include:** Parent workshops (capacity building), Parent education (learning at home, curriculum, wellness, mental health, cyberbullying), Supports for English Language Learners, Indigenous, or multicultural families, Parent tools/resources (including multi-language), Costs for trainers/facilitators
  - b. **Non-allowable uses:** Food/snacks, Entertainment (movie nights, dances, concerts), Prizes or incentives, Retroactive expenses for past events, Fundraising or memberships
  - c. **Action:** January meeting we will decide how to spend. Please brainstorm ideas to discuss. Feel free to send to [parents.sjaja@gmail.com](mailto:parents.sjaja@gmail.com) with header "Alberta Grant Idea"

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## 5. Updates on Established/ Ongoing Initiatives:

No decisions taken, updates to initiatives provided below:

1. **Learning Grounds Report (Lisa):**

- a. Status:** Turkey fundraiser - as of two days to deadline has raised \$1500 - keep going!!
- **Action:** Still looking for grant writers (mostly cut and paste into forms at this point as most of writing is complete), social media rep and a graphic designer! 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](mailto:sj.learning.grounds@gmail.com)
- 2. Healthy Hunger (Maureen):** Thanks to volunteers so far! We have had lots of people donating extra snacks and lunches which is great. Any donated lunch money goes into the pot and Miss Sarah orders meals and distributes them to kids for a variety of reasons (not always financial). Had to cancel two fun lunches due to the strike but parents should see a credit on their accounts for any meals ordered during that time.
- a. To order :** See healthy hunger emails in your email inbox.
  - b. Action:** Email [maurensouply@gmail.com](mailto:maurensouply@gmail.com) to volunteer (~10:30 to 11:15 Wednesdays or Fridays). To get involved, or provide feedback email [maurensouply@gmail.com](mailto:maurensouply@gmail.com)
- 3. Movie Nights (Christina Van der Lugt):** Moved to the New Year. If there is an event you are interested in coordinating to build school community please reach out to us and join Christina in this great new initiative. Label email header "SJAJA events coordinator idea"
- 4. Traffic Committee (Maddie):** no updates
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## 6. Announcements / Next Meeting / Adjournment

**Next Meeting Date:** January 27, 2025

**Motion to Adjourn** moved by: Bill Weaver, Seconded by: Jake Smith, Vote: in favour, Meeting Adjourned at 7:27pm

**Meeting Minutes Prepared by:** Mauri Oldford