

Stanley Jones & Alice Jamieson School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 24, 2026

Time: 6:30 - 7:52pm

Location: Stanley Jones School Learning Commons

Attendees: Krista Bartlett (Principal), Anna Johnston (Vice Principal), Cassandra Hill (Grade ¾ learning lead), Jake Smith (acting-chair), Heather Smith, Christina van der Lugt, Michelle Speta, Maddie Bemrose, Meghan Boyd, Frances Wasylenko, Melicia Jones, Michelle Fergen, Morgan Van Dam, Mauri Oldford (secretary)

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

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement & Introductions

- Jake (Chair): welcomed all and shared a land acknowledgment.
 - 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 Jan. 27, 2025 meeting minutes without amendments and approve today's agenda.	Christina	Frances	None opposed. Motion to approve the minutes and agenda have passed.

3. Principles Update

A. Teacher's Update (Cassandra Hill Grade 3 / 4 Learning Leader): Ms. Cassandra shared some highlights happening in the Grades 3 / 4 and thanked School Council for their support in funding various opportunities including:

- a. Stampede school - 5 day outdoor learning experience which was amazing and well received.
- b. Purchase of Ozobot robots for students to learn computer coding. They have been a huge hit. The learning utilized the engineering design process. Teachers plan to bring them into many different curriculum components so they have been a very good investment.
- c. Indigenous drumming and storytelling just occurred. It was very well received and children really enjoyed "finding their voices" which has been great.

- d. Fitset Ninja and Teachers Pet field trips are upcoming. Also excited for soapstone art, celebration of learning, Jays affiliate grade 3 /4 baseball club this spring and Glenbow Ranch near the end of year - thank you School Council.

B. Principals Update: Have moved into planning for next year. Projections for numbers are similar to this year. The trend again has to do with families moving out of the area. This year, we did not see as many people moving out of the area in January so maybe more stable numbers this coming year.

- a. AJA - there has been a lot of interest for next year and we continue to build the program.
- b. Opportunities for SJ vs AJA. All students receive the same funding from school regardless of which school they are in. Different opportunities are a result of teacher, teacher planning, student interest and fundraising committee money.
- c. Council Questions:
 - i. Q: Can we organize a special annual trip for SJ Grade 6's?
A: We can look into that. Likely not many options for this year because most things booked up but can be considered for next year.
 - ii. Q: Annual Fees Report: it appears that the school is covering a lot of the overages for field trips, etc. Suggest at the end of the year, instead of school covering overages, request to come back to school council to balance the budget.
A: We have never done that in the past but we could consider that.
 - iii. Q: Is there a way for parents to choose to "donate" money to other kids affording field trips and class experiences?
A: Parent suggested there is an option to send additional cash for payment and state " this money is for X number of students for Y field trip"
 - iv. Q: enrollment: is SJ open to students outside our designated zone?
 1. A: no due to our status as a limited status school - currently at 86% capacity.
 - v. Q: Do you know timelines for complexity teams (1 teacher and 2 education assistants if identified as having complexity needs)?
 1. A: We do not know, the School Board is working through this currently.

4. New Initiatives / Business


1. Presentation on Unplugged Canada (Michelle Speta, Morgan Van Dam and Frances Wasylenko)

- **What:** Parents presented an Canada wide initiative focused on delaying smart phone use and helping kids establishing healthy digital habits and would like to be able to use the School Council to get the word out.
- **Details:** They are asking that our school community comes together to keep Stanley Jones and AJA kids off of smart phones and keep them thriving with healthy friendships by signing the pledge to delay your kids phone use until at least 14 years of age. Many

parents in grade 1, 3 and 4 have already signed up and we are looking to get a lot more families on board!!!! We already have the most pledges in Calgary so keep going!

- **Krista Comment:** since CBE went cell phone free it has been HUGELY different since that rule went in. It has been incredible to see the difference in the kids.
- **Decision:** motion to the parents working on unplugged canada initiative to use the school council brand name to inform our school community.
 - Approved: Christina first, Maddie seconded

- **For more info and instructions on how sign the pledge see:**

- **Public website** for awareness: [Unplugged Canada](#)
- **SJ/AJA presentation:**  [Unplugged Canada - Stanley Jones Initiative.pdf](#)
- **Reading Resources:** “The amazing generation” which is a great book for your kids to start to recognize for themselves when the digital world is getting to be too much. “The Anxious Generation” which is an amazing book for parents.
- **School Council Goal:** Look to April to attain as many signatures/pledges as possible.

5. Updates on Established/ Ongoing Initiatives:

No decisions taken, updates to initiatives provided below:

1. **Movie Nights (Christina Van der Lugt):** May 8th starting at 6:30, movie starts 7pm, ends at 8:45pm. Will be snacks. Plan to have entry by donation. All invited.
2. **Learning Grounds Report (Lisa):**
 - Status: Pamphlets have been sent home for donations. Please read and donate today!
 - 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
3. **No Fuss Fundraiser (Morgain, Melissa, Mauri):** It starts next week, pamphlets, posters, emails are ready to go. Will come back to the next meeting with the results.

6. Announcements / Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: March 31, 2026

Motion to Adjourn moved by: Michelle, Seconded by: Heather, Vote: in favour, Meeting Adjourned at 7:52pm

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Mauri Oldford