Meeting Minutes

Stanley Jones/Alice Jamieson Academy School Council

Date: September 12, 2023 Meeting Called By: Katie Jackson

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Stanley Jones & AJA Learning Commons

PRESENT

Katie Jackson	Laura Moore	Lisa Range	Heather Smith	Andrea Suarez
Amy Farrell	Arianna Ricardo	Mayelin Gorguet	Julia Bietz	Tara O'Donovan
Michelle Feragen	Alicia Maxim-Welsh	Ashleigh Young	Kelly Pitchko	Aleisha Adsett
Lisa Tornack Nylen	Kim Watkinson	Meghan Boyd	Shivi Thusoo	MaryAnn Samaha
Erin Lottermoser	Julie Dort	Artee Garajia	Chirag Garajia	Jordan Teed
Gillian Sissons	Haipeng Jia	Ivan Starkov		

1. Land Acknowledgment - completed by Katie

2. Welcome and approval of meeting minutes: Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Heather to approve the May 2023 Minutes. Erin seconded. Motion Carried.

3. Principal's Report for September 2023

Current registration is 505 students, with projections being 510. SJ has increased from 340 students to 367, AJA has decreased and lost 30 students. The school has registered 20 new students. Many from the Welcome Center. The administration is waiting on RAM, Final CBE budget based on September 28, 2023 student numbers. There is approx. 21-24 students per class at the moment. Many new teachers were hired last Spring/Summer!

Upcoming Events and Activities - September 2023: Camp Chief Hector outings are happening. SJ 5/6 and AJA 4/5/6 did day trips and AJA 7/8/9 are going overnight. Cross country and Basketball are starting up. Guest Speakers will be starting for AJA.

Orange Shirt Day and Terry Fox Run planned. School wide BBQ on Sept 21st and Meet the Teacher on Sept 28.

Split/Multi Age Classroom Discussion - Anna Johnson VP discussed concept based teaching. Assessed on grade level outcomes.

Virtual and In Person School Council Meetings - could they be a mix of virtual and in person? Streaming options. Committee will look into this and report back.

4. Old Business

Healthy Hunger Lunches - great fundraiser! It will now be twice a month with 4 parent volunteers. Grade 9 AJA students will be helping out. Several parents noted that they didn't know this was a fundraiser. Future communications will note this.

Traffic Committee - Traffic committee is starting back up and organizing members to cover parking, busing, sandwich boards and Bike to school day.

Land Based Learning - met last year, working on grant applications, did a great job on the front sign garden/Three Sisters Garden. Fundraising Grants need kids coming up with the ideas.

Bylaws Update - Shivi is updating them, they will be posted on the school website in OCtober 2023. Vote to approve in November 2023.

5. New Business

a) Casino - October 16/17, 2023

Monday and Tuesday, Cowboys Casino. Free meal. Comes up 18 months. Please sign up for shifts. We need 40 people.

b) Cell Phone Policy

The new cell phone policy is "away for the day". Krista explained that students have signed a contract at the start of the year and teachers have reviewed this information with students. Cellphones are to be kept in bookbags and lockers all day. Cellphones are NOT allowed outside at recess or lunch, and not used during class time. If there is an issue, there is a process with the teacher and office to issue a warning, then a call to parents, etc.

6. Adjournment of School Council

Motion made by Shivi to adjourn the School Council meeting. Heather seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.