

Stanley Jones/Alice Jamieson Academy - School Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Attendees:

Lisa Range, Kim Watkinson, Mary Ann Samaha, Mauri Oldford, Marty Adsett, Vicki Brunet, Alicia Maxim-Welsh, Meghan Boyd, Heather Smith, Gillian Siddons, Michelle Feragen, Paul Keely, Julia Bietz, Laura Moore, Katie Jackson, Anastasia Savelieva.

1. **Land Based Acknowledgement** – Krista
2. **October 2023 Meeting Minutes** – Katie
 - a. Meeting minutes were approved by Heather Smith. Seconded by Kim.
3. **School Council Meeting Dates for 2024 Set:**
 - a. January 16, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 7.
4. **Community of School Council Meeting Review** – Kim
 - a. CBE is seeing a large increase in enrollment in 2023.
 - b. Kim was placed in a middle school breakout group for discussion.
5. **Principal Report – Krista**
 - a. Parent Teacher Conferences are available to book.
 - b. Parent Engagement – Volunteering is encouraged and welcome to sign up with teacher/office.
 - c. **School Development Plan (SDP) Update**
 - i. Area Director, School Improvements, Results will be available end of November 2023 in the SDP for our school.
 - ii. The format is different now. Focusing on assessment, literacy, math, well-being.
 - iii. Ties in with the collaborative response plan at SJ/AJA.
 - iv. You will see evaluation sheets going home with students.

- v. "I can" statements in every classroom.
- vi. Encouraged to bring your kids with you to the parent teacher interviews, so students are involved.
- d. Celebration of Learning, Nov 30, 2023 is coming up. Poetry, songs, movement showcases learning for K-2.
- e. Athletics Update: no basketball happening this year. Wrestling Grades 6-9 is happening. Volleyball starts in February 2024. Grades 6 and up.
- f. Enrollment Update: student enrollment came in under projections vs. last year. Every week we received new students, however some students have left. Many new Canadians have joined the school this fall 2023. Maintaining lower class sizes.

6. Traffic Committee – Julia Bietz

- a. New information came out, Renfrew Connections. Looking into traffic calming at the crosswalk and more signage. City of Calgary is still planning its 8th ave "Unite the Heights" initiative.
- b. Busing is still having issues with Southland Transport. Delays and not enough bus drivers.

7. School Learning Grounds Committee – Lisa Range

- a. It has been a busy 2 months of work on the school learning grounds committee. Lisa and a team of parents have prepared a request for proposal (RFP), Stella Grant, landscape designation was sent out. Looking for proposals, will need 3 quotes, from 3 firms. The Stella Grant is the first milestone. The grounds committee will be called the "School Learning Grounds Committee" going forward. Received a letter of support from Renfrew Community Association. There is an Instagram Page sj_learninggrounds. When asking students from SJ/AJA what they want to see on the grounds: response included more rocks, topography. Amphitheatre, shelter areas, trees, bushes, fruit bearing trees.
- b. This will be a multi-year project. Started in 2007, will need to include a transition plan for maintenance, mulch, weeding, etc.

8. New Business

- a. Volunteer matching dollars from corporate companies. Asking parents to see if their company does volunteer matching donations to go toward SJ Parent Council Committee to gain money for non-casino funds.
- b. Outdoor Sign – needs to be updated. Lost key/Key issue. Admin is working on this.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM.

- a. Alicia adjourned the school council meeting.