



Joseph M. Demko School Council Agenda  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
St. Albert, Alberta  
7:45 pm

virtual meeting link: <http://meet.google.com/oqw-zeyj-gzy>

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- **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Kelly Ternovatsky at 7:52pm.

- **Welcome and Land Acknowledgment**

- Virtual Attendance and Introductions

Amanda Crouse

Ashley Lussier

Helen Nowell

Jessica Cordozo

Kathy Topinka

Kelly Ternovatsky

Kim Armstrong

Jessica Cardozo

Jill Webb

Nick Steinke

Tara Kwasney

Valerie Sanderson

Vanessa Johnston

Wendy Schaar-Ney

- **Approval of the Agenda**

- please note - contact Council using [sc-chair.jmd@spschools.org](mailto:sc-chair.jmd@spschools.org)

*Valerie Sanderson moved to approve, seconded by Vanessa Johnston*

- **Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting**

- [September 2023 Minutes](#)

*Valerie Sanderson moved to approve, seconded by Ashley Lussier*

- **Teacher Report -**

No report provided this evening.

- **Trustee Report -** Trustee Kim Armstrong

Trustee Report attached.

- Board has adopted a list of priorities for this term.
  1. Support Wellness for students and staff
  2. Support engagement
  3. Adapt to growth and change in the community
  4. Support connection and inclusivity
- Looking to establish a community foundation
- 2 board meetings thus far for the year (Sept. and Oct.)
- Currently down one trustee - currently on LOA until February
- Signing of the collective agreement
- 2 Policies going through review
- Student enrollment report: +30% growth, largest Kindergarten cohort in the division's history
- 9500 students enrolled, 2 new schools

Advocacy Priorities:

1. Space
2. Funding
3. Supports for students

- Now have 6 flags instead of just 3 outside of district office
- Nov 23 for COSC

- **Administration Report -** Wendy Schaar-Ney

Admin Report Attached.

- Parent Planner: great resource, please review as lots of great information is included
- Various school clubs have started
- Steam lab - looking to open it up
- JMD is no longer using Twitter

- New Facebook group for JMD for informational purposes only
- Principal and Assistant Principal one on ones are starting
- Halloween coming up next week. Kids can wear their costumes in the afternoon. Logos will be doing an alternative activity (movie and a offsite)
- Roots of empathy is underway in grade 5. Unfortunately there are not enough facilitators for all grade 2 classes.
- Roots of empathy program is provided by volunteers.
- Kelly and Amanda expressed disappointment with this program not running this year for the grade 2 students.
- Volleyball tournament next weekend
- Concession will be up and running very soon
- Parent teacher conferences Nov 1 and Nov 2
- Progress reports will run on Jan 31
- Kelly expressed concerns on behalf of parents that there are different activities for Logos vs. English. Logos kids (5-9) are going to Servus for a field trip.
- Remembrance Day ceremony at 10am.
- JMD holiday special at the Alliance Church in December (13 & 14)
- November 29th there will be a closed rehearsal
- Allowing 4 tickets/family @ \$5 each (K-6)
- Reverse trick or treat information to be shared in the parent planner

- **Chair Report** - Kelly Ternovatsky

**Chair report Attached**

- **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Engagement event brainstorm - Kelly

- **New Business**

- Power School - online attendance reporting and accuracy
  - 2 draws of data 9:30am and 2:00pm attendance
  - Junior High attendance reporting happens at options
  - Please email the school if there are discrepancies with respect to attendance.
- Lifetouch School Photos - issues with quality, ordering process, cost, posing
- Yearbooks - extended ordering day until the 29th
- Lunch has been shortened for the younger kids to 20 mins - could an afternoon snack break be provided?
- Start to brainstorm on ways to utilize the \$500 grant - perhaps a family game night?
- TV at lunch to be a part of the November school council meeting

- SOGI information session at W.D Cuts last week - parental right and age appropriateness
- **Policy Review - [Policy Review main page](#)**
  - [A-140: Site-Based Decision Making](#)
  - [B-170: School Year](#)
  - [D-130: Professional Staff Reduction](#)
    - *Presentation of final drafts - January 17*
- **Adjournment - next meeting November 28 , 9:40pm**

*Meeting adjourned at pm*

## **Chair Report**

October 2023

### **Provincial - Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)**

- Offering Engagement Grant eligible [Workshops](#)
- The ASCA Board of Directors invites you to participate in a [Virtual Engagement](#) opportunity. Saturday, November 18, 2023, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- JMD is registered for the Engagement Task Force

### **District - St. Albert Public Schools**

- Council of School Councils (COSC) - November 23

### **Local - JMD**

- Yearbooks - when do they arrive?
- Roots of Empathy - when will this years grade 2 receive it?
- Shorter lunch period - some students having a hard time eating in 20 minutes
- Halloween plans - English vs Logos at Servus

## **JMD School Council School Report**

October 24, 2023

- **October**
  - Reminder about the Parent Planner
  - JH clubs up and running - Creator Club, Gym drop in, show choir, div 2 choir, Lego Club w/JH leaders, climbing club, Student Government
  - JH opening up STEAM lab for additional indoor space
  - New website with facebook account Joseph Demko School (no comments)

- Principal/VP One-on-ones - Review Growth Plans with Teachers and EAs
- Halloween Activities
  - Afternoon costumes for English program
  - JH Logos at alternate activity off site
  - All other activities are at the discretion of the teacher
- VBall - jr boys and girls in SAPEC tournament this weekend, concession, Sr Boys & Girls leading into playoffs
- Concession - will be led by Marie Jahner this year - will run purchases through the school
- Interviews
  - November 1 & 2nd
  - In person, online or by phone
  - Specialists have open time and booking times
  - Term ends at end of January - Progress Reports come home Jan 31st
- Scholastic Book Fair
  - Takes place next week.
  - Open during the day for classes
  - Open 4 to 7 on Nov 1 & 2 during Interviews
- Reconciliation
  - Metis Week Nov 13-17th
- Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov 8th at 10:30am
  - Military guests, BoyScouts/Guides to wear uniforms
  - Families welcome
  - Letter for honouring families in the service/sharing photos
- JMD Holiday Special
  - At the Alliance church
  - K to 6 - gr 6 actors & JH Choir
  - Show is split A-K Dec 13 and L-Z, Dec 14th
  - There will be a full rehearsal at school with no spectators

- Tickets - \$5 each - 4 per family to start - extras put up for sale after a period of time TBD
- 500 capacity per show
- Fundraising group - Laura to connect

**Parent Reminders:**

- St. Albert Public Schools Board meetings are open to everyone
  - Full agenda and link to livestream are available on the website: [St Albert Board Agendas](#)
- Please join the *J.M. Demko School Parent Community* on Facebook!



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