



JPII Parent Council 2022-2023

Chair: Jaclyn Stokes
Treasurer: Melanie Beer

Vice Chair: Sam LeDrew
Secretary: Christy Ford

Virtual Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2023

Attendance: Robert Stecyk, Jaclyn Stokes, Melanie Beer, Fiona Stocker (teacher), Samantha LeDrew, Christy Ford, Peggy Haynes, Michelle Johnston		
6:34pm	Meeting called to order by Jaclyn	1 min.
6:35pm	Prayer led by Robert	1 min.
6:36pm	Land Acknowledgement by Jaclyn	1 min.
6:37pm	April meeting minutes approval proposed by Michelle, seconded by Peggy	1 min.
6:38pm	May agenda minutes approval proposed Michelle, seconded by Peggy	1 min.
6:39pm	Treasurer's Report: (Melanie) Biggest hot lunch order to date: April-June approx. \$2334, expect to profit approx. \$700. Expect to break even for the Spring Dance. Waiting for final expenses from the dance.	3 min.
6:42pm	Hot Lunch: (Jaclyn) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ricky's on May 25 • Booster Juice in June 	3 min.
6:45pm	Teacher's Report: Fiona Stocker (see attached) Year End Mass at OLA June 8, 12:30-1:30pm. Students walking there. Grade 8 Farewell OLA, June 15 6:-7:30, invitations sent out to grade 8 families and staff.	8 min.
6:53pm	Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance was very well-received and appreciated by students and staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Worked well having parents only ◦ Will decide if we need to provide pizza again at the next dance ◦ Need to revise the decision to not offer any tickets at the door, it may lead to lower attendance Hot Dog Lunch is on June 15, sponsored by the parent council. No volunteers needed. Pioneer House after Mass, \$5 per ticket	4 min.
6:57pm	Principal's Report (Robert) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some new fees • We have joined EIAA (Elk Island Athletic Association) • Staffing: bringing in Pathways Program at JPII • Funding reduction of 2%, JPII is losing one teacher and one EA 	11 min.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next year, JP11 will have 3 grade 5 classes, 3 grade 6 classes, 4 grade 7 classes and 3 grade 8 classes • Bell schedule is changing, but start and end times will remain the same. The duration of blocks have been lengthened to reflect the changes to instructional time. 	
7:08pm	New Business: Playground equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam proposes a budget of \$600 to replace the bucket swing with 2 standard swings. Motion approved by Melanie, all in attendance seconded the motion, • May need to call the city to inquire about getting soccer nets installed on school property. Nets do not need to be the length of a soccer field apart. Sam will call the City of Fort Saskatchewan to inquire about installing soccer nets behind the school. • Sam will look into a grant offered by the city of Fort Saskatchewan to fund installation of soccer nets • Fiona suggested that we provide freezies or set up a concession for Track & Field Day next year • Jaclyn proposed a budget of \$700 to buy new microwaves for the school. Approved by Peggy, all in attendance seconded the motion. • Christy puts forward a motion to budget \$600 to spend on commercial grade canopies/tents for outdoor events (i.e. track and field). Motion is approved by Jaclyn, all in attendance seconded the motion. • Michelle (classroom EA) would like rolling stools added to the school wish list for next year (approximately 6-8 total) 	29 min.
7:37pm	Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30pm in the school library	
7:37pm	Meeting adjourned	

Teacher Report

Language Arts: Novel study-House on Hackman's Hill, writing stories using picture prompts, weekly spelling, reading comprehension activities

Creative writing - stories

Social: Continuing to learn the Regions of Canada: Arctic, and learning about the beginning of Canada (formation, government, confederation)

Science: Finishing Chemistry unit and starting electricity-Fun experiments in class!

Math: Fractions, decimals, percentages and ratios-Spiral learning (place value)

Religion: Chapter 15: How does understanding human dignity shape our actions?

Chapter 16: How do we answer God's call to help others?

Grade 6

Language Arts: Grade 6 students have completed both parts of the optional PAT for this year. We worked on Biographies and all classes completed a Wax Museum that was open to parents and students to come see. Artistic backdrops were completed, as well as students came dressed as their character. Students looked at oral history as part of our public speaking this year. The focus was on how Indigenous people use storytelling to pass on their family history/traditions. As a closing activity, students followed an oral presentation and created dream catchers.

Social: Starting our last unit - Iroquois Confederacy

Science: Computer Science - Coding

Math: We are working on expressions, exponents, area and volume.

Religion: Our last unit of Religion has started. We are focusing on: How do we live our lives to honor dignity through justice and service?

Grade 7

Language Arts:

Social:

Science:

Math: Working on parallel and perpendicular lines and perpendicular bisectors.

Religion:

Grade 8

Language Arts: editing and revising, beginning our final written piece, review starting in June

Social: finishing up chapter 16 and learning about how Japan transitioned from isolation, beginning final unit 3 project (teaching the class about a piece of Japanese culture of their choice)

Science: Students are approaching the halfway point of our unit on fresh and saltwater systems.

Math: Wrapping up Chapter 8 geometry. Beginning the last Chapter 7: Data Analysis and Probability. Students will read, interpret, and create graphs. Students will learn to calculate simple probability of independent events.

Religion: Continuing our unit on Evangelization by looking at ways to be positive role models of our faith and how we as Catholics we enact social justice for positive changes in the world.

CTF & Athletics

Sport for Life: planning for Fun/Field Days at OLA/St John XXIII, scuba diving, golf

Handball: finished

Badminton: All teams competed in the final playoff tournament of the year. Emma Hackett won a silver medal in girls' singles

Track and Field Meet: Ben Phillips won gold in the 2000m, going to Zones.

***Thank you to all of the volunteers and coaches!

Faith

- Celebrated May, the Month of Mary, with the Rosary and Litany of Loreto
- Celebrated Catholic Education Week
 - This year's theme: Walking Together in Catholic Education
 - Thursday was World Catholic Education Day where the school community wore blue and walked for Catholic Education.
 - Winner of the REAL Foundation's GrACE Contest was Maryam Flores - her artwork displaying our theme, "Better Together" is hanging in the office.
- School Year End Mass at OLA Parish (Thursday, June 8th @ 12:30 – 1:30pm)
 - Families are invited to join us!
- Grade 8 Farewell at OLA Parish (Thursday, June 15th @ 6:00 – 7:30 pm)
 - Invitation sent out to Grade 8 families and staff!

Junior High Options:

- Drama: students from both Cast 1 and Cast 2 have practiced and presented Cinderella (with a modern twist)
- Junior High French: working on writing sentences incorporating a noun, verb, adjective and the use of Je suis or J'ai.