# Captain John Palliser
# School Council – Meeting Minutes

**Date**: September 29, 2026 at 6:31 pm
**Location**: Captain John Palliser School virtual via Teams Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.

**Participants**: Dani S., Martina D, Katie M., Tamara G., Emily M., Seann M. Melissa M, Candace B, Allison K, Michelle H, Corrine M., Courtney A., Gurpreet K., Sarah B., Andrea K., Stephanie T., Oliver F., Jana E., Carrolyn M., Skye S, Jocelyn M.

| **Description and Speaker** |
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| **Land Acknowledgement in the Spirit of Reconciliation [Dani S]** |
| **Acknowledgement of Agenda – Review the agenda [Dani S]**<br>● **Amendments**: None |
| **Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2026 [Dani S]**<br>● **Amendments**: None<br>● Motion by Dani, seconded by Courtney A, motion carried.<br>● Agenda and minutes are posted on CJP school website. |
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| **School Update - Teacher Presentation (Grade 4/5/6 Community Teachers - Harvey, Monteith, Mahon)**<br><br>**Ms. Monteith: Truth & Reconciliation**<br>● Partnered with a buddy class (Grade 2/3) to work on a Tree of Reconcili'action'.<br>● Trees will evolve throughout the year (roots represent remembrance, the trunk represents relationships, branches represents 7 sacred teachings, leaves represents change.<br><br>**Ms. Harvey: Terry Fox Run**<br>● Terry fox run, $1700 raised, exceeding the fundraising goal.<br>● Visual journal activities, including a map of Canada with individual puzzle pieces, kids ran in the morning & afternoon.<br>● Kids ran with stickers of who they were running for - a great success.<br><br>**Mr. Mahon: Wellness Update**<br>● The Spark program has started again, movement in the morning for kids who need it.<br>● Patrollers to start up again soon (40 grade 6 patrollers).<br>● Lunch intramurals to happen a few times during the week, happening in near future. |

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**School Update – Leadership Report (Oliver F)**

**Staffing Update:**

- CJP received provincial funds, used to add staff to address complexity, and reduction in overall class size.
- Having started the year short 2 teachers in both Montessori & Community, Ms. El-Guebaly & Ms. Wagner filled these spots until the spots could be filled with new staff.
- Hired 2 additional EA's & a new music teacher.
- Montessori stream cap sizes are more static than the Community stream, due to natural attrition over the summer, bussing logistics for families outside of the community, and registration cut-off date for Montessori stream.

**SSAP Update - System Student Accommodation Plan:**

- Email went out over the summer from the CBE regarding SSAP and CJP's inclusion in this plan
- Per email, enrollment is changing in our community
- CJP on the list due to balance enrollment
- 530 students currently, 2 years ago it was 620
- Enrollment has shifted, no drastic changes that affect CJP
- We were a feeder school for overflow at Hamptons 2 years ago, that has stopped
- Trend in Community stream, #'s are down from 229 to 161 this year
- Takeaway – CJP is monitored as SSAP

**Provincial Assessments:**

- Ongoing/ literacy screeners, standardized assessments, kindergarten assessments take place in January.
- Gr 4/5 screeners for literacy, which are standardized testing to address gaps in learning sooner than later.

**Truth & Reconciliation:**

- Assembly today for TRC: successful, short and sweet, respectful, students read land acknowledgment.
- Poems read, belonging poems emphasizing values, safety & comparing experiences to kids at residential schools.

**Patrollers:**

- Patrol team training happening
- Please watch for them in the coming months

**Question (Emily M.)** – I saw there were no parking signs in front of the school. I was curious if there were any Northmount improvements happening? **Response (Oliver F.)** – I'm going to try to speak with some of the workers tomorrow to see what is happening. Likely they are putting in a fiber optic cable as they were surveying for it in the spring.

**Key Dates (Dani S)**

- Orange Shirt Day - September 29, 2026
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school) - September 30, 2026

- Spirit Wear Deadline - October 5, 2026
- Thanksgiving (no school) - October 12, 2026
- Non- Instructional Day (no school) - October 19, 2026
- Dates are posted on the CJP website and Facebook.

**MAPSS (Montessori Alternative Public School Society) Update [Tamara G]**

- Casino night in Dec. (21 & 22nd). Volunteer sign up in October for Casino
- Peace night in April.
- The Evolve Montessori Conference will be occurring in November. MAPSS will be sponsoring a group of teachers from all three schools to attend.

**Comment (Oliver F.)** - We really appreciate that sponsored events and opportunities for teachers are offered equally to both our Montessori and Community teachers. Thank you to Tamara and Jenna for their efforts to ensure our entire school community feels equally supported and included!

**Volunteer Updates: (Corrine M)**

- Picture day went great.
- First Fun Lunch or the year happened, more dates to come & are posted.
- Work Bee dates: Oct.7 & Nov. 4th, more volunteers needed.
- www.CJPPA.ca/volunteer

**COSC Update: (Martina D)**

- Meeting to come in October, Community of School Councils
- Meeting of Trustees & Superintendents
- Stay tuned!

**Keep in Touch [Dani S]**

- Stay connected with us! You can become a member of the Parents Association by filling out an online form. Or check out our website, join our private Facebook group or follow us on Instagram.
- To check out the current volunteer opportunities head over to the website!
- You can also email us directly at connect@cjppa.ca or chair@cjppa.ca

**Next Meeting [Martina D]**

- The next School Council and Parents Association meetings are October 27, 2026.
- Meeting format (Virtual).

**Adjournment of meeting at 7:22 pm [Dani S]**

- Motion by Dani S, seconded by Emily M, motion carried.

| Signature of Secretary | Date Submitted | Signature of Chair | Date Approved |
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| Skye Stanley | September 29, 2026 | Dani Smythe | October 17, 2026 |