



Captain John Palliser School Council – Agenda

February 25, 2025

6:30 – 7:30 pm

CJP Teams Meeting - Link sent out separately (same as for PA meeting)

1. Call to Order – Welcome & Land Acknowledgement.
2. Acknowledgement of School Council February 25, 2025 Meeting Agenda.
3. Approval of the January 21, 2025 School Council Meeting Minutes (attached below).
4. School Update –Oliver F.
 - a. Teacher Presentation
 - i. Grade 5&6 Community: Krystel W., Seann M., Jeanette T., Noah Y.
 - b. Leadership Report
 - i. Overview of school updates and activities
 - c. Dates to Remember
 - i. Feb 26 - Pink Shirt Day
 - ii. Feb 28 - Non-Instruction Day
 - iii. Mar 21 - Non-Instruction Day
 - iv. Mar 24-28 - Spring Break
5. 2025 ASCA Board Proposed Advocacy Resolutions - Martina D.

Here are the proposed ASCA AGM advocacy resolutions. As a member school council, we have the right to vote on these resolutions at the AGM. We value our community's input and would love to hear your thoughts on these important topics.

You can find detailed descriptions and background information on each resolution [here](#). Please take a moment to share your vote on whether our council should support these resolutions [here](#). Please respond by April 16, 2025.

- a. P25-01 Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta
 - b. P25-02 Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools
 - c. P25-03 Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant - Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public Schools
 - d. P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3
 - e. P25-05 Online Safety
 - f. A25-01 Revise ASCA Advocacy Policy 25-05
6. Informational Speaker Event - Martina D
7. Volunteer Opportunities – Toria C.
8. MAPSS Update – Don C.



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9. New Business

- a. Our next meeting will be held on April 22, 2025.

10. Adjournment

Participation

- Please remember to be kind and respectful in all interactions during the SC and PA meetings.
- Chair controls the flow of the meeting.
- All votes for role elections and budget-related items will be conducted anonymously.
- Any member can motion: 'I motion that...', 'I second the motion...', this leads to a vote.
- Any member can vote.
- Any member can raise any issue during the meeting. If we cannot address it in this meeting, we will get to it at the next one.
- To add an item to be included in the agenda for an upcoming meeting, please email CJP School Council one week prior to the next meeting date either at connect@cippa.ca or chair@cippa.ca

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School Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2025

Location: Captain John Palliser School virtual via Teams

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Participants: Alison B; Allison L; Britni; Candace B; Chris D; Courtney; Dawn; Jenna M [MAPPS President]; Karolyn C; Laura M; Leanne G; Maria M; Martina D; Megan S [Teacher]; Melisa B; Oliver F [Principal]; Ryan S [Teacher]; Todd Mc; Toria C

Description and Speaker
Land Acknowledgement in the Spirit of Reconciliation [Martina D]
Acknowledgement of Agenda – Review the agenda [Martina D] • Amendments: None
Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2024 [Martina D] • Amendments: None • Motion by Martina D, seconded by Ryan S, motion carried. • Agenda and minutes are posted on CJP school website.
School Update - Teacher Presentation [Ryan S, Megan S] - Music and Fine Arts Megan S • Teaches Fine Arts with a focus on helping students enjoy and explore music. • Students shared highlights of the program, such as “skating on plates” and singing a silly song. • Emphasis on core music skills and singing with complex rhythms. • Using instruments and exploring dynamics of music. • Montessori Grades 3 and 4 performed “Shine” at a recent assembly, delivering an enthusiastic performance. • Clapping games were a favorite among students, showcasing a timeless music skill enjoyed across generations. • Introduced partner songs, where students sing harmonizing songs simultaneously, with examples demonstrated. Other learning highlights • Ukulele lessons: Students explored chord progressions and performed pop songs when chord alignment allowed. • Instrument Research Project: Grades 5 and 6 researched instruments of personal or cultural interest, fostering excitement and engagement. • Upcoming focus includes xylophone and drums. Ryan S • Also teaches through the fine arts, focusing on creating an inclusive and enjoyable music experience for younger students (Grades K-2).

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Highlights from each grade level • K-2: Students successfully performed a cup song, which exceeded expectations. • Grades 3 and 4: Introduced to bucket drumming, where students learned collaboration and blending their sound for cohesive rhythms. • Grades 5 and 6: Practiced complex movement patterns in coordinated circles, achieving fluid group performances. Additional projects and experiences • Students are creating a mystery story ensemble, using GarageBand to layer suspenseful music and explore how music conveys emotion. • Exposure to different genres of music and movie clips featuring instrumental soundtracks. Students analyzed how music enhances the viewing experience and selected scenes to style musically. Musical Theatre Program • Scheduled for May 27, titled “Give My Regards to Broadway”. • Performance will include singing and bi-percussion instruments. • Acting, dance and instrument clubs have been launched to prepare students, with 108 attendees at the first session. Teachers expressed their privilege in working with students across acting, dance, and instruments as part of this opportunity.
• Action: Martina D to share the club list on social media and encourage parents to discuss opportunities with their children.
School Update – Leadership Report [Oliver F] • The Principal has returned to their leadership duties and is actively reacquainting themselves with ongoing initiatives and school priorities to ensure a smooth transition back into their role. • The Assistant Principal has been away for the past few days. • The Principal will be attending an offsite meeting tomorrow. • The Principal noted that student anxiety and support requirements often increase leading up to school breaks, parent-teacher conferences, and report card releases. Lunch Clubs • Scheduled to begin on January 22 for Division 1 and 2 students. • Club themes include: Badminton, Board Games, Fancy Fonts, Dance, What I Need (homework support), Leadership, Instrument, Kitty Kat, Art, Sign Language, Craft Club, Outdoor Adventure Club, and Playdough Club. • These clubs provide indoor activities, particularly valuable during the cold winter months. Field Trips • Several field trips are being planned or are already underway this month. • The Swimming Program is scheduled to start in February for older grades.

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Assessments - Alberta Education’s assessments are ongoing, with younger grades having additional testing requirements. - Substitute teachers have been brought in to allow classroom teachers to focus on completing these assessments. Teacher Evaluations - Teacher evaluations for those under contract are set to conclude in February and then again in April. - The Interim Principal has begun this process, which is being completed by both the Principal and Assistant Principal. Front Office Activities - The front office is managing several priorities, including: Compliance reports, Kindergarten registration, Montessori Open House on January 23 and the planned lottery to assign students to the CJP Montessori program. - Program reviews to support students seeking alternative learning opportunities within the Calgary Board of Education (CBE).																					
Key Dates [Martina D] - Dates are posted on the CJP website and SC/PA social media accounts. - Jan 23 - Montessori Open House - Jan 27 - Report Cards - Jan 31 - Non-Instruction Day																					
ASCE Grant 38 responses Copy chart <table><thead><tr><th>Topic</th><th>Count</th><th>Percentage</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Student math assistance</td><td>7</td><td>18.4%</td></tr><tr><td>Building emotionally resilient children (anti-bullying)</td><td>28</td><td>73.7%</td></tr><tr><td>Raising culturally competent students</td><td>21</td><td>55.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Social network safety</td><td>17</td><td>44.7%</td></tr><tr><td>Supporting neuro-divergent students</td><td>17</td><td>44.7%</td></tr><tr><td>Navigating ADHD</td><td>17</td><td>44.7%</td></tr></tbody></table> - A chart was shared to highlight topics of interest identified by respondents for future speaker sessions. - CJPPA is actively seeking suggestions for speaker topics from the community.	Topic	Count	Percentage	Student math assistance	7	18.4%	Building emotionally resilient children (anti-bullying)	28	73.7%	Raising culturally competent students	21	55.3%	Social network safety	17	44.7%	Supporting neuro-divergent students	17	44.7%	Navigating ADHD	17	44.7%
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Volunteer Update [Toria C] Current opportunities - Various volunteer opportunities are available, including Binder Time, Class Photos, Book Swap - Work Bee (almost monthly). Fun Lunch/Fun Snack (ongoing).																					

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- All opportunities are listed on the website with detailed role descriptions and tasks. - Parents are encouraged to explore opportunities that fit their schedules.
Binder Time - The January rotation of Binder Time is wrapping up. The program, focused on literacy, started with Grades 1 and 2 and will expand soon to include Grades 3 and 4. - The program helps students build their phonics skills, progressing from simple to complex sounds, with the goal of improving word decoding abilities. - Next rotation details: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 AM, starting January 30. - Toria, Volunteer Coordinator: volunteer@cippa.ca
Montessori Alternative Public School Society (MAPSS) Update - [Jenna M – President of MAPSS] - Website: www.MAPSS.ca - A guest speaker shared insights into the program's support for school purchases of Montessori materials with a fundraiser.
Fundraiser Details - A new family photography fundraiser is planned. - Two dates are available, offering sessions in north and south Calgary. - Cost: \$75 per session. Families receive five pictures from a gallery selection. - Program receives 50% of the proceeds, which will support teacher development and education. https://anastasiakirchevaphotography15.pixieset.com/booking/mapss-fundraiser-minis
Keep in Touch [Martina D] - Stay connected with us! 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@cippa.ca or chair@cippa.ca
New Business - None.
Next Meeting [Martina D] - Next School Council and Parents Association meetings are February 25, 2025. - Meeting format (Virtual). ***No meeting in March. ***
Adjournment of meeting at 7:06 pm. Motion by Martina D, seconded by Leanne G, motion carried.

Signature of Secretary	Date Submitted	Signature of Chair	Date Approved
<i>Karolyn Chitwood</i>	22-Jan-2025	<i>Ma L</i>	29-Jan-2025