



Captain John Palliser School Council – Agenda

January 21, 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 January 21, 2025 Meeting Agenda.
3. Approval of the November 26, 2024 School Council Meeting Minutes (attached below).
4. School Update –Oliver F. & Jana E.
 - a. Teacher Presentation
 - i. Fine Arts and Music: Mr. Symington and Ms. Schulz
 - b. Leadership Report
 - i. Overview of school updates and activities
 - c. Dates to Remember
 - i. Jan 23 - Montessori Open House
 - ii. Jan 27 - Report Cards
 - iii. Jan 31 - Non-Instruction Day
5. ASCE Grant - Martina D.
 - a. Review of survey results
6. Volunteer Opportunities – Toria C.
7. MAPSS Update – Don C.
8. New Business
 - a. Our next meeting will be held on February 25, 2025.
9. 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@cjpca.ca or chair@cjpca.ca

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School Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: November 26, 2024

Location: Captain John Palliser School virtual via Teams

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Participants: Alison B, Britni, Cora Z, Dawn B, Don C, Duncan W (Principal), Jana El (Assistant Principal), Jocelyn M (Teacher), Karolyn C, Laura M, Leanne G, Lindsay O, Maria M, Martina D, Melissa B, Michelle H (Teacher), Raessa S (Teacher), Sachin P, 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 Leanne G, motion carried. • Agenda and minutes are posted on CJP school website.
School Update - Teacher Presentation [Michelle H, Jocelyn M, Raessa S] Grade 3/4 Community - Robotics Residency • Grades 2/3 worked with Dash robots, and Grades 3/4 used EZ Robots. • The program spanned five days, starting with an instructor demonstrating robot capabilities, sparking high engagement among students. Activities included: • Moving robots through obstacle courses, including chairs. • Writing instruction sets for robots and persuasive essays. • A plan to watch The Wild Robot and discuss robotics in literature. • Sketching robots and exploring their real-life applications. • The residency integrated the science curriculum and technology while teaching skills for future success. • Teachers and students expressed a desire for more time to further explore robotics. • Robotics demonstration with EZ Robotics and students is planned for Spring 2025. • Comment [Leanne G] – Conversation is changing with the introduction of robotics.
School Update – Leadership Report [Duncan W] School Development Plan Literacy • 10% increase in achieving a 4 in reading on June report cards and 5-10% reduction in at-risk literacy populations in Grades 1-2. • Focus on phonological awareness using UFLI and engaging visuals.

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Math 6% increase in Grade 4 outcomes; 4-6% reduction in at-risk students for Grades 1-2. 92% of students feel confident, though only 72% find math engaging. - Strategies include “Math Up,” number talks, and incorporating visuals to improve engagement. Well-being and Belonging 12% increase in student connection, with 95% feeling respected by peers. - Strategies to manage stress and foster belonging through weekly meetings and co-regulation. Truth and Reconciliation - Focus on decolonization and culturally responsive tasks. - Indigenous knowledge inclusion and student absenteeism being addressed. - The report is linked on the school website. Programs like “Math Up” and UFLY are classroom staples, but parent components like IXL may further improve engagement. Microsoft Word - Captain John Palliser SDP 24-25.docx
Leadership Update [Jana EI] - Adrian Goulet, Cree/Métis Singer and Drummer is now scheduled at CJP on November 28. - Sentenashi Karate Program is scheduled for December 9-20. Question [Alison B] – Can students be left at the Book Fair during parent-teacher conferences? Response [Jana EI] – Perhaps only Grades 5-6. It is recommended to keep Kindergarten students in the classroom with an activity during discussions.
Key Dates [Martina D] - Dates are posted on the CJP website and SC/PA social media accounts. - Parent-Teacher Conferences: November 28-29. - PD Day: November 29.
School Council Updates [Martina D] - Overview of the CJPPA SC role at CJP and presented the Executive Team. About Us – Captain John Palliser School Council & Parents Association - Key Communicator role is open. Reach out to the CJPPA Chair if interested in the role. COSC Update [Martina D] Attended the Downtown Calgary October 23 meeting, updates included: - CBE enrollment reached 143,000, a 5,000-increase year-over-year. \$125M provincial funding allocated, with \$20M directed to the CBE. 21 new schools and 25 modernization projects proposed within the CBE Capital Plan. - Discussed challenges with full schools and classroom sizes. - Next COSC meeting: April 23, 2025.

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Presentation Links • 2025-2028 Three Year Capital Plan • COSC Information/Presentation • Message from the Board of Trustees on Education Funding
ASCE Grant • \$500 grant available for initiatives. • Parents are encouraged to share and vote on ideas via social media. Survey shared with meeting participants to assess interest in these topics: • Student math assistance • Building emotionally resilient children (anti-bullying) • Raising culturally competent students • Social network safety • Supporting neuro-divergent students • Navigating ADHD
Volunteer Update [Torcia C] • Robotics residency success attributed to volunteers (112/120 shifts filled). • Appreciation expressed for their contributions. New opportunities for volunteer involvement, including: • Book Fair: November 25-29. Seeking support for a few shifts. • Staff Appreciation Potluck: November 28. Home Reading Book Exchange • Students select 5-6 books weekly. • Incorporates color-coded, decodable books. • Alternating focus on literacy and math programs to keep content fresh for students. Work Bee • Program provides different types of support to the faculty such as preparing literacy materials. • Program was designed mid-week in a designated workspace. • Program will move to a different day in 2025. • There will be a smaller school production in 2025, held in the field. Support for this initiative will be less than last year. Booking System • Volunteer online booking issues are being addressed, email Torcia C for changes to volunteer shifts. Many more volunteer opportunities will be coming including the return of Binder Time and other literary programs with older grades.

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MAPSS (Montessori Alternative Public School Society) Update [Don C] - A description of MAPSS was provided. - Website: www.MAPSS.ca - Casino fundraiser was successful, though volunteer recruitment was challenging. - Funds support projects, including teacher training for Montessori education. - Current fundraiser: Sloan's cookies (order deadline December 9). https://mapss.ca/cookies-by-sloane-fundraiser/ - Donations directly support teacher participation in Montessori conferences. Question [Martina D] – Was a flyer sent home? Response [Jana El, Don C] – Communication shared online. [Dawn B] – Offered to share a social media post. Question [Leanne G] – Are there other methods to support teacher education. Response [Don C] – Yes, by direct donation. Action [Don C] – To confirm participation cost for a teacher to attend the annual Montessori conference.
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@cjppa.ca or chair@cjppa.ca
New Business -None.
Next Meeting [Martina D] - Next School Council and Parents Association meetings are January 21, 2025. - Meeting format (Virtual). ***No meeting in December. ***
Adjournment of meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion by Martina D, seconded by Leanne G, motion carried.

Signature of Secretary	Date Submitted	Signature of Chair	Date Approved
	27-Nov-2024		December 14, 2024