

Captain John Palliser

School Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Location: Captain John Palliser School virtual via Teams Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Participants: Melissa M, Oliver F (Principal), Kirsten T (Teacher), Sophie P (Teacher), Marcy S (Teacher), Christine R (Teacher), Martina D, Corrine M, Dawn B, Courtney A, Alison B, Todd M, Tamara G, Maria M

Description and Speaker
Land Acknowledgement in the Spirit of Reconciliation [Melissa M]
Acknowledgement of Agenda – Review the agenda [Melissa M] • Amendments: None
Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2026 [Melissa M] • Amendments: None • Motion by Melissa M, seconded by Courtney A, motion carried. • Agenda and minutes are posted on CJP school website.
School Update - Teacher Presentation [Ms. Tuer, Ms. Stevenson, Ms. Ross and Ms. Pelton (Montessori 1/2)] • The outdoor adventure time session was on the importance of outdoor learning, led by Devon Karchut, one of the best ways to regulate sensory systems, always changing, builds skills to assess and adapt to the environment and being more flexible, build resiliency. Promotes greater reach of vocabulary. Physical Education, social studies, and wellness curriculum was introduced in this outdoor learning. Adds a strong foundation for learning. • Nature Play is building gross motor skills not necessarily introduced in P.E., Outdoor treasure hunt was introduced, which builds problem solving, creativity and movement. • In the 2nd breakout session, teachers were given simple materials and challenged to work together to make a game outside, and helped teachers think differently, problem solve and increase collaboration and communication, which use many of the same skills they would like the students to learn. As well as coordination, balance and strength. Perks included more variability, more movement and space. Engages more areas of the brain, and reinforce how valuable outdoor learning is. • Sending home some donation letters for materials for different stations for outside.
School Update – Leadership Report [Oliver F] • Complexity team update: 118 received the funding and CJP qualified, 1 additional teacher and 2 additional 30 hour Educational Assistants (EAs), and a continuation of funding next year which is separate from this year. We have our teacher hired, just in the process of getting the paperwork done. Looking for 2 additional Educational Assistants has been difficult. We are also asking our current EAs if they would like to increase their hours which has helped and we are seeing a difference. The hours that we haven't been able to fill have been put on the sub list for now.

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- RAM (budget) comes out on Thursday, there was a delay by the government, and there is a meeting to discuss this on Monday, looking at multiple options because enrollment on the community side is down. Losing cohort of grade 6 Hampton Students, and Kindergarten program is low, and there are only 5 students enrolled in K for next year. Meeting with teachers, and chatting with them about the year, and get a sense of what is happening with them next year. And make staffing decisions from there. - The government talked about safety audits due to the incident in Tumbler Ridge, our school was selected to go through safety procedures and we were found compliant. - Also randomly selected for a financial audit to be done in May. - Student placements are ongoing into our Montessori program. - Elder Shirley visited the school a few weeks ago and Author Marty Chan will be doing online visits with the students - Upcoming Field Trips: Swimming for everyone, Telus Spark, Butterfield Acres, costs covered by the CJP SC and PA. Thank you. - Deep dive into student achievement data, to make targeted groups for complexity support, opportunity to work collaboratively with other 2 Montessori schools in the city. - This Friday (April 24, 2026) is the Indigenous Education PD Day and annual CBE work around that area. The plan is to explore the work of Richard Wagamese and participate in further learning around land acknowledgment as teachers design and offer their own.
Key Dates [Melissa M] - April 22nd – A&W Fun Lunch - April 23rd – MAPPS Peace Night - April 24th– PD Day (Non-Instruction Day) - April 27th -28th – Casino Fundraiser - May 12th – Parent Speaker Night with Youth Link - May 20th – Fun Lunch With Edo Japan - May 21st – CJP Kindergarten Orientation - May 26th – Next Student Council and Parents Association Meeting (ELECTIONS) Dates are posted on the CJP website and Facebook.
School Council Updates [Melissa M.] 2026/27 Notice of Election – May 26, 2026 Election Nominations: - Chair - Vacant - Vice Chair -1 Nomination Martina D. - Secretary - Vacant - Treasurer - 1 nomination Alison B. - Volunteer Coordinator(s) - 2 Nominations - Britini Y & Corrine M. - Key Communicator - Vacant - Kindergarten Representative - Vacant - Kindergarten Representative - Vacant

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Any parent or guardian of a CJP student is welcome to put their name forward for any role. If you're interested or would like more information, please reach out to connect@cjpgpa.ca .
Volunteer Update [Corrine M.] • Workbee – May 11th – The sign up form is up • Lots of opportunities for May and June during Provincial Assessment Tests • Casino April 27-28, most of the spots have been filled, with only a couple spare spots available
MAPSS (Montessori Alternative Public School Society) Update [Tamara G.] • Peace Night Auction is Thursday (April 23, 2026) art has been posted to view but no bids are being accepted until 10:00 am Thursday morning and close off 8:15pm Thursday evening • Tickets are still available but there is no further child care provided as it is full
ASCA board proposed advocacy resolutions. [Melissa M] • ASCA board proposed advocacy resolutions. Unfortunately, the number of survey responses was too low to share meaningful results. Martina will be attending the AGM and vote in alignment with the general direction of the feedback.
Parent Speaker Event [Dawn B.] • May 12th at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:15pm. • Topic is cyber safety and is a PARENT AND GUARDIAN EVENT ONLY, the content is NOT child friendly. • Topics include: social media and youth mental health, privacy protection, navigating cyber safety, protecting personal information, cyber crime awareness, combating cyber bullying and protecting against sextortion • It is being led by Youth Link, which is a division of the Calgary Police. Please join us that evening. You can sign up on our Zeffy link so you follow our event page and sign up for your free ticket. Enjoy light refreshments of sandwiches.
Keep in Touch [Martina D] • 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@cjpgpa.ca or chair@cjpgpa.ca
Next Meeting [Martina D] • Next School Council and Parents Association meetings are May 26, 2026 (Elections) • Meeting format (Virtual). ***No meeting in Month***
Adjournment of meeting at 7:05 pm [Melissa M] • Motion by [Melissa M], seconded by [Corrine] , motion carried.

Signature of Secretary	Date Submitted	Signature of Chair	Date Approved
Melissa Michielsen	April 24, 2026	Martina Damm	May 10, 2026