



Captain John Palliser School Council – Agenda

May 27, 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 May 27, 2025 Meeting Agenda.
3. Approval of the April 22, 2025 School Council Meeting Minutes (attached below).
4. School Update –Oliver F.
 - a. Teacher Presentation
 - i. Ms. Ismail, Ms. Stevenson, Ms. Tuer, Ms. Pabst and Ms. Ross
 - b. Leadership Report
 - i. Overview of school updates and activities
5. Dates to Remember
 - i. June 2 - CJP Wear/CJP Colour Day
 - ii. June 6 - Rolling into CJP Safely
 - iii. June 10 - Work Bee
 - iv. June 12 - Spring Picnic and Mural Unveiling
 - v. June 19 - Papa Johns Fun Lunch
 - vi. June 26 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal
6. 2025 ASCA AGM Resolutions- Martina D.
7. School Council Elections - Martina D
 - a. Election Nominations:
 - i. Chair - 1 Nomination - Martina D.
 - ii. Vice Chair - 1 Nomination - Dawn B.
 - iii. Secretary - 1 Nomination - Melisa M.
 - iv. Treasurer - 1 nomination - Alison B.
 - v. Volunteer Coordinator(s) - Corrine M. & Britni Y.
 - vi. Key Communicator - **Vacant**
 - vii. Kindergarten Representative - **Vacant**
 - viii. Kindergarten Representative - **Vacant**
 - b. Appointed Positions:
 - i. MAPSS Representative - **Vacant**
8. Informational Speaker Event - Martina D.
9. Volunteer Opportunities - Martina D.
10. MAPSS Update - Jenna M.



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11. New Business

- a. Our next meeting will be held in September 2025 (date TBD).

12. Adjournment - Martina D.

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: April 22, 2025

Location: Captain John Palliser School virtual via Teams

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Participants: Alison B; Amy F [Teacher] Brittany, Britni Y; Candace; Claire H [Teacher]; Corrine M, Courtney; Dena A [Teacher]; Jana El [Assistant Principal]; Jenna [MAPPS President], Karolyn C; Laura M; Lindsay O, Maria M; Martina D; Oliver F [Principal]; Taylor Y [Teacher]

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 February 25, 2025 [Martina D] • Amendments: None • Motion by Martina D, seconded by Britni Y, motion carried. • Agenda and minutes are posted on CJP school website.
School Update - Teacher Presentation [Amy F, Dena A, Taylor Y, Claire H] • Amy F – Each class has eight duck eggs in incubators, with an expected hatch date around May 5. Students are using candling to observe development. Dena A’s class will visit Butterfield Acres this week, with other classes following. The trip supports the Science curriculum, particularly focusing on energy and earth systems. • Dena A – The duck egg project is a holistic learning experience. Students are tracking the 28-day incubation period using visual calendars, including daily countdowns in the office. The project integrates math (e.g., 14+14 days, and equations related to viable vs. non-viable eggs like $1 + 7 = 8$) and rich language development. Students are deeply engaged and excited to meet the ducks. • Taylor Y – The class has been learning about conservation, including wildlife protection. They’ve read “Old Enough to Save the Planet” and learned about Greta Thunberg. Through the “Sea Paws” website, students researched Canadian animals (puffins, grizzlies, bison, sage grouse), identifying threats and how they can help. Students are writing about their chosen animals and creating puppets for an upcoming assembly presentation. • Claire H – Students are planning lemonade stands as a fundraising initiative. It’s inspiring to see their enthusiasm and commitment. • Martina D – Shared excitement about the upcoming lemonade stands and duck hatching.
School Update – Leadership Report [Oliver F]
Update on Bell Times, Transportation service changes, Expansion of services, Adjusted Walk zones • Provincial legislation that was passed down and implemented on September 1, 2025. • To increase students to have access to transportation, walk zones and transportation zones have changed. Bell times are connected to transportation.

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- Shared an example of some bus routes that didn't have a dedicated bus driver and the impact on students and the extended ride time (over an hour) for some students.
- The purpose is to try and make transportation more accessible.
- Record enrollments and retaining drivers has been an issue. Calgary is growing; buses need more time to complete the route.
- Under the Education Act, schools need to meet prescribed instructional hours. Bell times are impacted and ~193 schools are experiencing changes to the bell times.
- CJP bell time changes are not considered significant. CJP start times change from 9.10 to 9.15. Dismissal changes from 3.51 to 3.49. Friday early dismissal is 9 minutes earlier (change from 1.21 to 1.12.) Schools are required to have ~950 instructional hours. We need to maintain the hours in a shorter school day. Lunch hour will be shorter in the 2025/2026 school year. Currently it is 47 minutes for lunch. It means we will need to be compact and creative in our scheduling. Students should not be rushed to eat. Administration completed a school declaration package. Each minute is accounted for throughout the day, even time to move from one class to another.
- **Action** - To confirm the overall change to the lunch break at a future date.
- Discussed how transportation eligibility is measured. The distance used to be measured on a flat map and no consideration for roadways, pathways that students will be traveling on.
- All schools are to have dependable routes. Planning is complex.

Noted online Q&A answers below:

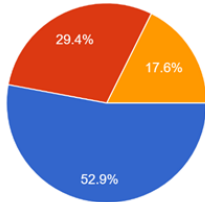
- Changes to align with numerous bus routes.
- Bell times are directly connected to transportation.
- Bell times help accommodate this change
- Efficiency for each bus can run multiple routes.
- **Question [Corrine M]** – Asked if you've heard anything about impacts on our riders at CJP.
- **Response [Oliver F]** – Studies are ongoing but not anticipating much change. Trying to preserve routes where they can. At the end of August 2025, changes to busing will be communicated.

Leadership Report

- Reminder for the April 24 PEACE Night. Full community is included. Thank you to Jenna [MAPPS Director] and Martina D [Chair] for their involvement. CJP is the only school that runs Montessori & Community programs in a single school.
- Donna Cinnamon has left CJP for a new role. Still in the process of hiring a replacement.
- The Budget [RAM] was released. Ongoing meetings with staff, teachers, EA. Looks to be a status quo on the budget.
- CJP will no longer receive the overflow for the Hamptons. Current Grade 5s from the Hamptons are grandfathered into Grade 6.
- Planting in the Discovery Garden is underway, with one planter in progress.
- Volunteer Tea – Open invitation to everyone who has helped during the school year.

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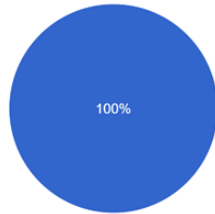
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Key Dates – [Martina D] • Apr 24 - Montessori PEACE Night @ CJP • May 6 - CJP Volunteer Tea • May 21 - Parent's Speaker Night with Connie Jakab • May 22 - CJP Kindergarten/New Student Orientation • May 27 - Tune Filled Tuesday • May 27 - SC/PA Meeting - Elections!
MAPSS Updates / MAPPS – [Jenna – President MAPPS] • Seeking a Treasurer for the 2025/26 school year. • Shared an update on PEACE Night. The evening will end at 8.10pm to provide enough time to pick up the auction pieces. • Support will be for the whole school including the Community program. Community classes prepared a number of pieces, and the funding received for these pieces will go to the CJP Parents Association. Anticipating 200 participants. This is a significant fundraiser. • There is childcare, but it is full. Currently at 40 students. • Links: Tickets and Volunteer Signup • Contact: president@mapss.ca
ASCA Update – [Martina D] • ASCA (Alberta School Councils' Association) is the political advocacy arm for School Councils. • The following links were shared to guide resolutions input: Detailed descriptions and background information on each resolution can be found here. Vote on whether our council should support these resolutions here. • One School Council Member can attend for free. A vote on the resolutions will take place on April 27, 2025 AGM. • Survey Results: P25-01 Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta  ● Yes ● No ● Abstain - decline to vote either for or against a recommendation

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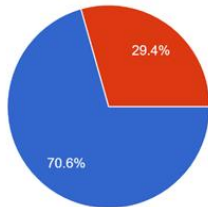
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P25-02 Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools



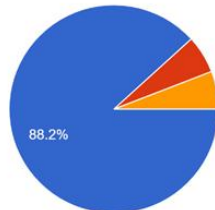
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● Abstain - decline to vote either for or against a recommendation

P25-03 Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant – Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public School



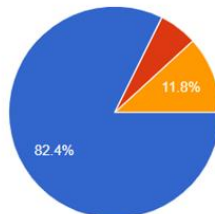
● Yes
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P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3 (Recommendation 1)



● Yes
● No
● Abstain - decline to vote either for or against a recommendation

P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3 (Recommendation 2)

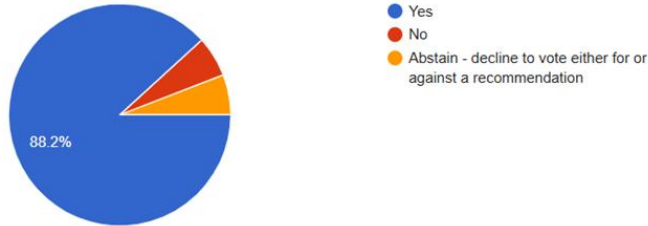


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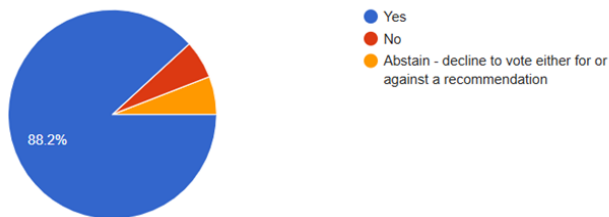
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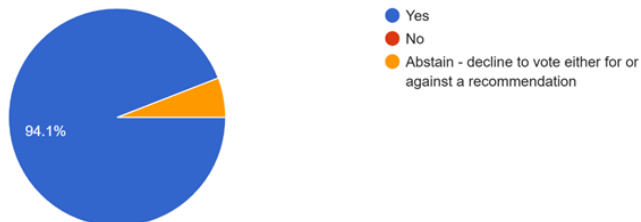
P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3 (Recommendation 3)



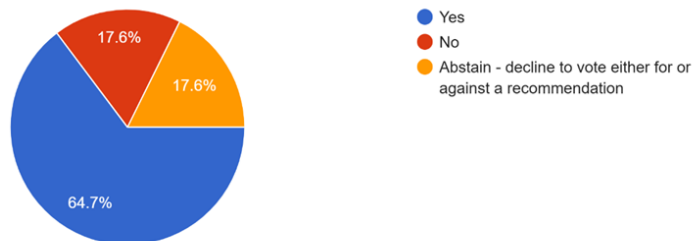
P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3 (Recommendation 4)



P25-05 Online Safety



A25-01 Revise ASCA Advocacy Policy



- **Question [Candace]** - How many people responded to the survey? **Response [Martina D]** – Approximately 17 or 18 responses.

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Elections ● Decision - Alison B was appointed Treasurer by acclamation. ● The election is May 27, 2025. ● Listed all roles with nominations and no nominations. ● Refer to LINK for a description of these roles.
Information Speaker Event – [Martina D] ● May 21 at 6.20pm and the speaker is Connie Jakab. ● Focus is to learn practical strategies for parents to support their children and address the complexities of bullying. ● LINK for tickets and description.
Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities – [Martina D] ● Fun Lunch ● Work Bees ● PAT Signup Sheets (coming soon) – need volunteer support with reading and other student assistance.
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. ● Thank everyone who helped in the school year.
Next Meeting [Martina D] ● Next School Council and Parents Association meetings are May 27, 2025. ● Meeting format (Virtual). ***No meeting in June. ***
Adjournment of meeting at 7:31 pm. ● Motion by Martina D, seconded by Corrine M, motion carried.

Signature of Secretary	Date Submitted	Signature of Chair	Date Approved
Asked to take minutes as a volunteer on April 22, 2025 <i>Karolyn Chitwood</i>	23-Apr-2025 (draft)		May 5, 2025