

Jennie Elliott School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

In Person Meeting at JES Learning Commons with option to attend online via MS Teams.

* Indicates written report/attachment provided

Attendance:

Alicia Dyck, Amy Olivier, Asha Hynes, Carley Winter, Chelsea Miklos, Clinton Hallahan, Dale Henshaw, Emily Smyth, Erin Allard, Fan Davey, Geoff Matthews, Jill Riley, Johanna Felske, Kate Van Hoevelak, Kathy Sushko, Kim Nelson, Kimberley Kelly, Lucene Tahmazian, Marguerite Burge, Sarah Haughey

Online:

1. Call to Order at 6:35
2. Review of Agenda
3. Approve Minutes from previous meeting as presented (or as amended)*
 - Needs to be posted for a longer period of time
 - Will be approved at the June meeting
4. Financial Report*
5. Principals Report – Lucene Tahmazia
 - a. Grade 3 Presenting
 - Shared their work around Land Acknowledgement.
 - Used the mentor text: I Am Connected by Kung Jaadee and Illustrated by Carla Joseph.
 - Shared student personal land acknowledgement
 - Shared student learning in the other curriculum areas
 - b. Principals Message

- JES will be the official designated school for Taza neighbourhood
- Shared information regarding the beginning steps for Resource Allocation Method (RAM)
- Requesting feedback regarding Information Sessions for Parents, will be asked again at the June meeting
- Outdoor Learning Space is a continued project
- DHH will be moving classrooms for the 2026 - 2027 school year

6. Formation and continuation of council next year Discussion.

- a. Will be putting together the full slate of Council positions in the weeks ahead. We are specifically in need of someone interested to sit as incoming president and treasurer. Please reach out via the council email if you are able to help. The current composition of the council is on the school's website to familiarise yourself with it.
- b. Survey to be generated and sent out shortly to assist in gathering info to help with the above including methods of communication etc. to increase awareness and participation.
- c. Helpful to reiterate that the ability to have a functional council is not a foregone conclusion and will only be the case should we continue to have parents and community members volunteer to join the council.
- d. Child care during council meetings
 - i. Organized by Council
 - ii. Location proximity to meeting place (Learning Commons)
 - iii. Adult rotation of supervision
 - iv. Certification of babysitters

7. Council of School Councils (Megan)

- Shared information regarding government announcement classroom Complexity
- Shared information regarding 2026-2027 budget timeline. Currently in the budget development stage.
- There is a grant available for School Councils with specific criteria.

- Action Item: Investigate the grant opportunity
- Community Connections Meeting on April 11
- Action Item: Suggested to invite Trustee Close to a meeting in the new year

8. Upcoming Important Dates

- a. The next and final meeting of 2026 is June 2nd.
- b. It is also the AGM where council will be reconstituted for the 2026/2027 School year.

9. Adjournment at 7:29