



Ecole JE Lapointe School Council Meeting - Minutes

January 10, 2024

Attendees: Sean Flanagan, Kendall Watson, Taralyn Friesen, Christine Thorne, Jen Dubois, Cynthia Chizen, Leana Didier, Niki Chwyl, Jessica Smith, Karrie Gomez

1. **Call to Order:** 6:02 pm

2. **Review of Agenda**

3. **Photographer Proposals:**

3.1. Proposal #1: Smart Photography presentation and questions

3.2. Proposal #2: Edge Imaging presentation and questions

- After an informal vote, it was decided that Smart Photography will be used by the school next year for school photos.

4. **Adoption of the Minutes from November 22, 2023** - *Motioned by Karrie, Seconded by Jen, Carried*

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports:**

6.1. Principal's Report:

- Welcome to the new Assistant Principal, Kendall Watson.

- The Alberta Education Assurance Survey will be sent (mailed) out to parents with students currently in Grade 7. The survey deadline is Friday, March 1, 2024.

- Quebec/Ottawa French Immersion trips update: the Grade 9 students will be leaving soon (February 5 to 11), and the Grade 7 students will go in June.

- The Annual Community Engagement (ACE) is a virtual event that will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024. The topics are to be announced (TBA); two members of the School Council (or parents at large) are needed to attend structured conversations between students, parents, and school admins.

- 2026-27 School Calendar Engagement: two drafts of the school calendar were presented and voted on. Draft A received 6 votes; Draft B received 2 votes. Christine will submit our vote online, along with feedback.

6.1.1. Engagement Grant Update:

- At the last meeting, Sean talked about the Engagement Grant, which is a way for staff to engage with parents. Schools receive \$500 per year, and Sean had said that our school currently had \$1000 to spend. This number was amended to **\$500**. \$380 is earmarked for the school's portion of the Paul Davis online safety presentation that took place earlier this school year; therefore, only \$120 is now remaining. Sean was to create a survey to send out to parents regarding options on how to spend the funds; the survey is deferred until next year as the remaining funds are minimal.

6.2. Trustee Report: None

7. **Upcoming Events:** None

8. **New Business:** None

9. Next Meeting: February 21, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

10. Adjournment: 6:56 pm

Action Items #	Description	Recommendation / Action	Responsible	Expected date of Completion
1.	2026-27 School Calendar Engagement	Submit draft chosen by Council & feedback	Christine	Feb 5/24