

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

Held in the conference room at SJF

April 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance: Skye Curtis, Raj Mathur, Sara Bond, Grayson Michel, Craig DeJong, Sharon Willms-Laing, Kathi Burnette, Carla Beres, Colleen Giesbrecht, Fiona Kirkby

1. Grade 8 year-end festivities- Raj Mathur
 1. Planning grade 8 farewell; Friday June 14 @ 8:30, beach theme, photo booth, breakfast for student and parents, slideshow, fun student events after parents leave.
 1. Grade 5 farewell at Dr. Probe confirmed for June 13 so will not conflict with SJF plans
 2. Waterton trip: June 17
2. Athletics update- Raj Mathur
 1. Badminton wrapping up
 2. Track club officially started today; will be Tuesday and Thursdays afterschool. Long jump practice will be at Lakie because SJF does not yet have long jump pits. Fridays will be at UofL track. All weather dependant.
3. School year planning- 2024-25- Craig DeJong
 1. Staffing planning delayed slightly due to delayed provincial budget. Craig meeting with HR tomorrow and should be able to start planning.
 2. ~ 20 more incoming grade 6s than outgoing grade 8s.
 3. School funding from budget does not include inflation
4. Grade 5 orientation- Sharon Willms-Laing
 1. Grade 5 open house and tours next week, visits for grade 5 students hosted by grade 6s. Sharon and feeder school teachers to organize classes, admin to visit feeder schools to give presentations about SJF
5. ASCA recommendations- Skye Curtis
 1. AGM this weekend, will vote on 7 resolutions to promote with government over the next year
 1. Integrate climate and biodiversity curriculum for K-12: Abstain from vote; strong and diverse opinions, no consensus
 2. Funding for more assessment of learning disabilities: psychologists, SLP etc : Vote YES, more professional support needed
 3. Improve indoor air quality: Vote NO, not applicable for SJF
 4. Equity in playground Funding: Vote NO, not applicable for SJF

5. Preserve safe and inclusive spaces for LGBTQ2+: Vote NO, current school board policies cover this
6. Resource support for French immersion teachers: Abstain from vote, not applicable for SJF
7. Enhance reporting of and support for class size and complexity: Vote YES, we want more information