

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

Held at SJF Conference Room

May 6, 2025 7:00pm

Attendance

In Person: Sharon Willms-Laing, Craig DeJong, Raj Mathur, Karla Wright, Michelle Harding, Kathy Grabowsky, Fiona Kirkby

Teams: Skye Curtis

1. Review of Agenda

2. School/Budget (Craig)

- a. Funding model is now a 2-year weighted average. Division funding has decreased significantly for 2025-26. Staffing at SJF will be impacted and likely class size increases. Details to be determined.

3. Admin Report (Sharon and Raj)

- a. PATs for grade 6 start May 28. Looking for volunteers for scribing.
- b. Athletics: Strong badminton season. Track club has started. Now have long jump and triple jump pit at SJF.
- c. Bussing: procedure for registration will remain the same, parents will receive email to register. Distance eligibility is now 1.6km for K-12 (set by province).
- d. Lockdown practice: will occur sometime in May, police may or may not be involved this time based on availability
- e. Grade 5 orientations: Orientation Friday, Raj and Sharon to visit schools with incoming grade 5 students
- f. Options registration to open Friday
- g. High school orientations have started for outgoing grade 8 students
- h. Online safety presentation from Cpl Heather Bangle May 2 was well received by students.

4. Division Report (Meg Fester via email)

a. Presentation from Cpl Heather Bangle: Friday May 2nd

Content included: Inappropriate online content, cyberbullying, online privacy, luring (gr 7/8)/Unwanted Requests (gr 6), AI/Deepfakes, sexting, sextortion

b. Budget information released in March 2025.

You can check it out here:

<https://lethsdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca/2024-2025-community-engagement-projects/170185>

- c. **Alberta School Council Association issues**, SJF school council did not vote on issues this year as deadline past.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/256168>

- 5. **Trustee Report:** Tyler has sent his regrets for this meeting.
- 6. **Executive Council Report:** Mike has sent his regrets for this meeting
- 7. **Next Meeting:** May 26 at Brown's Social House West 6:00pm.