

## Sir John A Macdonald Junior High – School Council Meeting:

### Meeting Minutes May 20, 2025

#### Members Present

Executive: Michelle Wood, Jennifer Razzo, Kara Payne, Hope Lewis

Members: Wayne Diesel, Shelagh McConnell

Administration/Faculty: Michelle Hornby, Lee Jensen (AP), Moe Rachid (AP)

Students: Mattias, Tawkee

#### Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Land Acknowledgement completed by Mattias

#### Approval of agenda/minutes:

Motion to accept May 20, 2025 Agenda

- Moved by Jennifer, Second by Kara

Motion to accept April 15, 2025 Minutes

- Moved by Hope, Second by Jennifer

#### Student Council (STUCO) Updates:

##### Past Events:

- April 23-25: Band Camp
- April 17: Spirit Day- COS play
- May 5: Red Dress Day
- May 8: Western Day/ Stampede Dance
- May 5: Track and field teams started training
- May 12-15: Badminton Tournaments
- May 14: PEP Rallies

##### Upcoming Events:

- May 22 Fine Arts Night
- May 29: PATs begin
- May 29: SJAM Open House (5:30-7:00 pm)
- June 2: Grade 9 Farewell speech submission (Grade 9 only)
- June 5: Band Concert (evening time to be determined)
- June 11: Track meet

#### Department Report: Shane Jones (Michelle Hornby/Moe Rachid for Mr. Jones)

- Health- Our Focus
  - Healthy Relationships

- Increase empathy among students
- Link between physical, mental, social, and intellectual health
- Heros Program
  - Positive feedback from students
- Phys ed
  - Increase assessment calibration
  - Increase desire for kids to increase overall fitness
- Intramurals: Competitive and Recreational
  - Dodgeball, Floor hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton
- Athletics
  - Successful seasons: Cross country, soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, and track a field with full roster of athletes and coaches
- Well Being Actions:
  1. Create learning spaces that provide learners with a safe and respectful environment.
  2. Advertise, encourage and support extracurricular activities and clubs that are welcoming and inclusive of students from diverse backgrounds, interests, experiences, and identities.
  - Through intentional inclusive language choices during the social dance students felt safe and respected during instructional and practice time
    - Success indicators: Dance-a-thon attendance: 143 (117 last year)
  - Attendance at Fit Club (Monday after school and Friday morning) has increased despite overall school population decreasing from last year
    - Total 135 students (Grade 7-39, Grade 8-34, Grade 9-62)(last year 126)
- CBE Student Survey “Statement: I take care of myself by exercising regularly when I am able”- 83.51% of SJAM students confirmed

#### Administration Report: Ms. Michelle Hornby, Mr. Moe Rachid

##### Ms Hornby

- Complementary Course Update for 2025-26
  - Science enrichment (new CTF class): all grade 9's
  - Music (not band), Tourism, Design and Robotics removed due to lower enrollment
  - Full update to families soon
- Staffing: In the last three years, our staff has fallen by 10 teachers in total due to declining enrollment
  - 2023-24: down 1 teacher
  - 2024-25: down 5 teachers
  - 2025-26: down 4 teachers

##### Mr. Rachid

- Follow-up answers from New Security Camera Survey IT questions (presented last meeting)
  1. **Can a third party hack into the data?**

Data is stored in Canada and ITS has thoroughly reviewed the data retention technologies to ensure that it meets CBE standards for data security and integrity

**2. Is the connection uploaded over wifi or cable?**

Cameras are hardwired. Data is stored locally for 30 days, then overwritten with new footage. Footage can be securely accessed using most modern browsers and thro the Verkada mobile application. If there is an incident, related footage can be easily achieved to secure close-based storage to support an investigation. Archived footage will be available until it is deleted by CBE in accordance with data retention policies.

**3. What is the backup and storage space? What is the encryption bit? What is the \*\* and download speed?**

High-quality footage available for 30 days with advanced search capabilities to quickly find and archive historical footage when an incident occurs.

Low bandwidth utilization.

Robust cameras with 10 year warranty able to withstand Physical impact and environmental changes.

Tamper alerts if there is damage to a camera.

Access to footage restricted to school admin (principal and assistant principal).

**4. Is there still lighting in a power outage?**

No, unless the school has emergency lighting system installed (all schools are different)

- Provincial Achievement Tests
  - Starts May 29 with ELA- Part A
  - All digital test with the Vretta platform
  - In homeroom classrooms
  - Grade 7 and 8 will also be writing tests during those times (prep and to ensure it is quiet)
  - Multiple choice markings are automatic
  - Students able to use accommodations if already in place

**Questions, Concerns, Compliments:**

- None at this time

**Old Business:**

- Parent Engagement Grant for this coming year, now up to \$1000 (from \$500)- need to spend funds by June 13, 2025
  - Buy more books for the popular ones
  - Purchase other books - Kara will look at more options

**New Business:**

- Healthy Hunger- Last one on June 11,2025
- Grade 9 Farewell- June 25, 2025 6-7 pm, then dance till 9 pm (Grade 9 students only)

- Petting Zoo with Diefenbaker (Monday June 9, 2025)- will approve in fundraising meeting

#### Treasurer's Balance:

- Current Casino Account Balance = \$135,178.00
  - Outstanding cheque ~\$25,000
- General Account Balance = \$2465.03

#### Volunteer Coordinator

- Help with PATs
- Volunteer for Grade 9 Farewell Dance

#### New Business/Annual General Meeting:

- Positions for 2025-2026 by acclamation:
  - President/Chairperson: Michelle Wood
  - Vice President/Co-Chair: *Vacant*
  - Treasurer: Jennifer Razzo
  - Secretary: Laurie Leier (\*Email approval May 26, 2025)
  - Volunteer Coordinator: Hope Lewis
  - Key Communicator: *Vacant*
  - Casino Coordinator: Michelle Wood
- Meetings will continue to be the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm
  - Will be in person (at the school) with option for online when required (due to weather etc)
- Meeting dates for 2025-26 will include:
  - September 16
  - October 21
  - November 18
  - January 20
  - February 17
  - March 17
  - April 21
  - May 19 (AGM)

#### Key Communicator:

- Transportation Service and Bell Time Changes for 2025-2026
- (Power School) Credit Monitoring and Identity Protection Reminder
- Help Raise Funds for Public Education at the Calgary Marathon
- Here is a link to the website for Community of School Councils for more information: [School Councils | Get Involved | Calgary Board of Education](#)

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

**Next meeting:** September 16, 2025

Future Meetings:

September 16, 2025

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

January 20, 2026

February 17, 2026

March 17, 2026

April 21, 2026

May 19, 2026 (AGM)