

## **SJAM SAC Meeting Minutes Feb 11 2025**

**In Attendance:** Ben Stone, Jamesie Coolican, Janessa Williams, Claire Swinamer, Ivy Ho, Katie Mott, Jalana Lewis

Approval of January minutes and February agenda.

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Literacy, Math & Well Being:

Nothing new to report.

Financial Requests: There are no financial requests this month. Administration continues to work on a friendlier version of a budget sheet for SAC. Katie Mott showed the current account information. Jamesie Coolican suggested that it would be helpful to get an idea of how much money is usually spent in the remaining months (e.g., SJAMBoree), so that we can brainstorm ideas of how to spend money. Ivy Ho suggested that it may be helpful to have some money carried over to spend on a celebration for the new school.

Current school site update:

We had a number of technicians in since we started back to school. Fuel Safety inspector and a OH & S Hygiene Inspector visited and deficiencies that the Fuel Safety Inspector noted were rectified and we are still expecting the report from the OH & S Inspector. HRCE Operations is aware and is on board to address anything that arises from the report.

New school update:

SJAM administration has started receiving emails regarding questions about things that will be inside the new school. There will be a meeting to discuss what furniture will be required in each room. The transition of the project will begin to transition from DPW to HRCE which means HRCE will oversee the inside work.

Bussing update:

No issues to report. There were some late buses yesterday, which no one was notified of. People have contacted HRCE transportation.

Staffing update:

Two EPAs resigned from their positions at SJAM to pursue other programs in Education. Two staff members were hired to fill those positions.

Food Program at SJAM:

Nothing to report. The containers to keep the food warm have not arrived yet.

School Activities:

Volleyball Intramurals and Basketball games have begun. We have confirmed the date and location of our Spring Concert: Tuesday May 6th for grades 3-6, violin, and band students at the

Spatz Theatre. Stay tuned for more details. This month there will be an assembly at the Rebecca Cohn.

Ivy Ho asked about the Hold and Secure. Katie Mott said that a Hold and Secure is called to protect the dignity of the individual having a hard time and to minimize any triggers. During the Hold and Secure, learning continues in classrooms.

SAC Membership Development: There are 2 spots open for either community members or parents.

HRCE Diversity: The position hasn't been filled yet.

Accessible Transport: There is a grant through Credit Union. The school has been using an accessible taxi service for field trips that are within HRM. Teachers are working on accessible Grade 6 trip options.

Innovation Grants: There is no information on the website about the application for innovation grants yet, even though it was supposed to be posted around now. Last year there were 10 grants and approximately 100 schools applied.

February is registration month. Encourage people to register this month.

Dal is hoping to do a Dal Day this Spring with SJAM again. A hot lunch is provided and activities are facilitated by Dal members.

The Dal School of Performing Arts is open to going into classrooms or have students visit the Art Centre. This is a new program that they've just received funding for. Katie Mott to check with Robyn Traill to see if he's made contact.

Next Meeting: Discuss sending an email to HRCE when they take over the work on the new school, highlighting the importance of communication. Discuss budget.

**Next Meeting Tuesday March 18 from 6-7**