

# Ethel M Johnson Elementary School Parent Council

## November Agenda

**Date:** November 18, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** EMJ In-Person and Virtual (MS Teams)

**Attendance:** Kristal Burton, Amy Jones, Alison Kemlo, Elke Coleman, Melanie Clark (P), Susan Elies-Guss (AP), Jennifer Vanderwal, Shaun Storbakken, Samantha Turcotte, Mike de Wijk

**1. Call to Order** – meeting called to order at 6:11pm by Shaun Storbakken

### 2. Clothing Order

We've discussed this a bit and Val sent an email saying there's interest in hoodies. We should discuss the clothing strategy (continue with a shirt for every child? Offer for purchase only?)

- Council decided that only new students will receive T-shirts for now.

- Survey the students to see what they would like instead of T-shirts to feel connected within the school community.

### 3. Presentation of Budget

Review proposed budget. If accepted as-is move to approve.

- changes before approval were;

- Christmas Hampers \$500.00 from Council, money donated from families, look into other resources for donations

- Grade 6 Graduation committee started.

- \$500.00 from Council towards the Graduation Party

- Grade 6 classes to fundraiser for themselves to increase dollar amount

- Proposed budget approved by Shaun Storbakken and second by Elke Coleman

### 4. Discussion on moving Council AGM to the fall

Recommendation to amend bylaws to have AGM in October going forward.

- AGM will be held in October every school year moving forward

- approved by Shaun Storbakken, second by Alison Kemlo

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### **5. Parent Council AGM**

- **Current Council Steps Down**
- **Nominations and voting for positions:**
  - **Chair – Shaun Storbakken**
  - **Co-Chair – Elke Coleman**
  - **Treasurer – Alison Kemlo**
  - **Secretary – Samantha Turcotte**

### **6. EMJ Administration Updates**

- returned to school after Teacher Strike with a warm welcome from students & community.
- Teachers are happy to be back in classrooms.
- Focus will be on learning – no field trips or events for now
- no “outside of school” meetings for administration until January.
- EMJ student numbers with context to classroom sizes and complexities:
  - 320 students, 220 complex needs, 91 English as a second language, 111 Special Education program
- Important upcoming dates:
  - November 25, 2025 - Lockdown
  - November 27, 2025 - school photo retakes, Teacher Conferences
  - November 28, 2025 - Teacher Conferences
  - December 1, 2025 – Book Fair
  - December 2, 2025 – Grade 6 vaccinations
  - December 4, 2025 – Holiday Sock Day
  - December 11, 2025 – Healthy Hunger lunch – Papa Johns
  - Division 1 Winter concert
  - December 15, 2025 – Indigenous learning with Sandra Manyfeathers
  - December 15 – 19, 2025 – Festive Wear Week

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### **7. Winter Dance**

Should we try to do this in December? Is the new year a better choice at this point?

- Moved to Thursday, January 29, 2026

- Samantha rescheduled the DJ

### **8. Gingerbread Houses**

- booked for Thursday December 4, 2025

### **9. Communication & Engagement**

### **10. Treasurer's Report – see attached**

### **11. Round Table**

### **12. Adjournment - meeting closed at 7:17pm by Shaun Storbakken**