



**École Leduc Junior High School**  
**School Council Agenda**  
**Annual General Meeting**

**September 8, 2020 @ 6:30 pm**

**Location : Google Meet - posted on school website**  
**<https://eljhs.blackgold.ca/about/school-council/>**

**In Attendance:**

1. Call to Order -
2. Approval of Agenda - motioned ; seconded by
3. Approval of Previous Council AGM September 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes - motioned ; seconded
4. Reports:
  - a. Principal's Report -
  - b. Chair Report -
  - c. Vice Chair Report -
5. Volunteer Members of the 2020/2021 Parent Council: (Nominations / Motion)  
Chair  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
(School Members: Principal/Vice Principal and Teacher Representative)
6. Old Business:
7. New Business:
8. Next Regular Meeting Dates:
9. Meeting Adjourned:

September 8, 2020

## **President's Report**

### ***Parent Council***

Welcome everyone to a new year of parent council at the junior high. I am excited for this upcoming school year and like you, have many questions around the many changes that have been or maybe implemented over this coming weeks and months.

If you are new to the junior high, then let me put you at ease. We have a wonderful staff here that are committed to ensuring the success of your child's education journey. Our school administrators are very invested in our children. They encourage parents to communicate needs and issues early so they can ensure the needs of our students are being met. Often a quick call or email to your child's teacher is the best remedy for any concern. If they are unable to resolve your issues, then our school administrators are available to meet with you to discuss.

If you are returning to the junior high, then you already know what a great team we have here! This year, I would like to focus on parents helping parents to help their students succeed. We have many families with several different education journeys this year. As always, we have our English and French Immersion programs, but this year, we will also be supporting families that are distance learning in addition to those taking in-school instruction. Therefore, I want to make sure that we have a good mix of families from all groups. There will be many different perspectives to be shared that will help us all make sure we are making good choices that meet our individual child's needs.

As for our role as School Council members, we are here to provide input, in an advisory capacity, to the administration of our school. We meet at least six times per year. We meet to discuss and collaborate how to support and enhance student learning and school improvement planning. The School Council acts as a bridge to promote positive engagement in our school community. We connect parents, school administration, trustees, and the school division. We are a collective voice for ALL parents in the school.

Our activities may look a little different this year, but I encourage all of you to join us regularly to share your views to help shape our school.

I drafted our Annual Report to the Superintendent as required by regulations of the School Act. Copy available online.

### ***Parents' Association***

We had a very busy year last year (until COVID). We held our WEM Waterpark fundraiser in March and we also worked our scheduled casino in February. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual Dodgeball Tournament and our Mental Health Week BBQ. In the past, a large portion of our fundraising went to fund field trip bussing and operational expenses for our school owned bus. The bus is getting old, and last year, it was limited to travel within our city limits. This year, we are anticipating fewer bussing costs, so we will work with the school and our parents to determine the course of our fundraising proceeds in the future. We will continue to fund the school awards presented to students each fall for academic, athletic, and personal achievement. I look forward to working with all of you to ensure we have the funds to provide the type of programs that enhance learning at our school.

September 1, 2020

Mr. Bill Romanchuk  
Superintendent of Schools  
Black Gold Regional Division No. 18  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1101 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Nisku, AB T9E 7N3

Dear Mr. Romanchuk,

As Chair to the École Leduc Junior High School Parent Council, it is my pleasure to provide you with a report of our activities over the 2019/20 school year.

Last school year started like any other. We held our Annual General Meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Meet the Teacher Night. We were excited for some new faces around the table and elected our new executive committee.

As Chair, I was delighted to present awards at our Award's night in October. It was exciting to see so many accomplished students recognized for their hard work. I also enjoyed participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony and enjoyed meeting with members of our armed forces and hearing their experiences and seeing their pride in this very, special day.

Our council participated in a variety of surveys on behalf of parents and encouraged parents to complete them on their own. We participated in the Choice in Education survey with the Alberta government and several surveys with the Alberta School Councils Association. They were especially busy this year engaging with parents and connecting them with elected officials. We shared our opinions on school re-entry planning, funding cuts and a variety of other topics. A few members attended a virtual meeting with Minister LaGrange. We also participated in an AGLC survey on casinos. This was a follow up to a letter writing campaign the year before on the inequality of funds distribution and frequency of gaming events for groups outside of Calgary and Edmonton.

In February, our Parents' Association hosted a very successful fundraiser at the West Edmonton Mall Waterpark, and we worked a casino in Camrose. Our school also hosted a parent information night, Cyberworld: What happens when youth press send? It was very informative, and information was shared with those that were unable to attend. These turned out to be the last of our in-person activities for the school year.

Once in-class schooling stopped in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we cancelled our March meeting, as we were all still trying to grasp how the ever-evolving changes were going to affect our families and our school. We re-grouped in May and hosted a virtual meeting. It was very apparent that we were not as adept as our children, nor their teachers in participating in a Google Meet. We managed to have a good meeting in the end and shared our experiences at home with our students and how they were doing. There was a great sense of pride that our school, and division, were managing to engage a large number of families with the new online learning model. We did hear of those that were struggling, both within our group and in general from our administration. It will be a focus of our upcoming council to see how we can engage with those parents that are struggling to keep their children engaged in their school work and to see how we can effectively support mental health within our school.

It was especially gratifying to participate in our Grade Nine Farewell video. As many schools struggled with ideas on how to recognize the achievements of those that were finishing at their school, ELJHS made a very unique video that was filled with many personal touches and allowed parents to see how much their children meant to the staff at the school. While I did not have a child in grade nine at the time, it filled me with pride to be included in video and I heard many compliments from other families that did.

We look forward to working with Mr. Flanagan and his team again this year and seeing how we can support our school and its families through these unprecedented times.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at (780) 218-1810.

Sincerely,

Lisa Smith, Chair



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  - b. Treasurer Report - attached
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Chair  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Casino Coordinator  
**Committee Members:**  
Fundraising Committee:  
Dodgeball Tournament Committee:
6. Old Business:
7. New Business:
  - a. Review of Proposed Budget for 2020/21 School Year.
  - b. Motion to change signing authority over the bank accounts of ELJHSPA.  
Remove Lisa Smith, Robert Russell, and Julie Lien. Add: President, Vice  
President, Secretary, Treasurer.
  - c. Motion to appoint Auditors for the 2019/20 fiscal year. (2 required).
8. Next regular meeting dates:
9. Meeting Adjourned:

**Leduc Junior High School Parents' Association**  
All Accounts Profit & Loss Statement  
For the Period of September 2019 - August 31, 2020  
Reported September 8, 2020

	<b>ACTUAL 2019/20</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019/20</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET - 20/21</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	\$ 15,960.50	\$ 15,960.50	\$ 29,934.56
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Total Bingo Inc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Casino Inc.	\$ 14,682.89	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Total General Inc.	\$ 6,481.32	\$ 9,525.00	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,164.21</b>	<b>\$ 29,525.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Administrative	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Appreciation	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Awards	\$ 283.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Conference Fees	\$ -	\$ 145.00	\$ 150.00
Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	\$ 791.57	\$ 650.00	\$ -
Travel - In Province	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Vehicle R&M	\$ 6,115.08	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,190.15</b>	<b>\$ 10,545.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,900.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 13,974.06</b>	<b>\$ 18,980.00</b>	<b>-\$ 7,900.00</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 29,934.56</b>	<b>\$ 34,940.50</b>	<b>\$ 22,034.56</b>
Bingo	<b>\$332.09</b>		
Casino	<b>\$12,877.82</b>		
General	<b>\$16,724.65</b>		
	<b>\$29,934.56</b>		
Difference	\$ -		