## École Publique John Fisher

## School Council Meeting Minutes

## November 21, 2017

**In attendance:**

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| Natasha Upal | Tanya Razek | Julia Norman |
| Gino Smecca | Marlee Peppiat | Sandra Kwon |
| Lisa MacLean | Una Begdilli | Anne Abbass Harkness |
| Meredith Weir | Sogol Shams |  |

**Principal:** Marlene Harroun

**Vice Principal:** Lee-Anne Maier

**Teachers:** None

**Trustee:** Gerri Gershon

# Welcome

Tanya Razek, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:39pm.

Welcome and purpose of Council. Sign in sheet distributed.

# Approval of Minutes

Motion: For approval of the October 17, 2017 minutes.

Motion seconded

Motion carried

# Health & Safety Committee

* Monthly oversight meeting concerning student safety issues such as gate – if an imminent safety issue is observed, please call the school principal immediately so that it can be resolved
* Last meeting
  + KG noted one complaint about the sidewalk closure – school has been working to minimize the closures during key school hours
  + Construction is at the excavation stage
  + John Fisher approved for designation as a “school safety” zone with speed reduction signs, extended parking times, flashing light, school zone road markings (refer to school website for minutes/details)
  + Crossing guards update for Redpath & Erskine and Yonge & Erskine - TDSB request to Toronto Police is pending
  + Mid-block cross-walk was not approved by the City of Toronto
* Next meeting is in December

# Budget - Lisa

Discussion about committee structure and budget requests. Finance has reviewed the requests. Presentation of School Budget

* Finance committee reviewed the requests $116K
* $83K total funds raised - requests exceeded funds by $32K
* Green Committee and School Committee were asked to adjust
* For details refer to budget document

Motion: For approval of the budget

Motion seconded

Motion carried

# Principal’s Update - Marlene

* Cross country - some kids made it to the provincial finals
* KM club worked well
* Basketball has started
* Choir, library club are ongoing
* Halloween costume drive will be continued based this year’s success
* Fall Fair very successful - discussion whether next year will be Fall or Spring and also status of the Welcome BBQ - January Council meeting will be an opportunity for parents to voice their interest
* Spirit wear now on order
* Photo re-take day was today
* Interviews last month
* Book Fair raised over $7K
* Safety review indicated direct access on Keewatin was an issue so this door is locked during instructional time
* Health & safety and Erskine Tower committees will remain separate, focusing on school versus the building next door - ongoing discussions about scope for each
* Staff professional development included Google camps, discussions about “how well do you know your students as persons”, next will be discussion about “how well do you know your students as learners”
* Movie day will be in December
* School cash online - parents need to sign up, there are questions about donating (school council vs John Fisher)
* Still looking for lunch supervisors - 11:40 to 12:50, interview & background check is required
* Still need a Chair for the Fundraising committee
* Karen Brackley will be Chair for Fete

# Committees

**Parent Involvement Advisory Committee** (PIAC) <http://www.torontopiac.com/index.html>

* Nurturing Family Engagement conference Nov 25 is full. Please register to express interest in a subsequent session.

**French as a Second Language Advisory Committee** (FSLAC)

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Community-Advisory-Committees/French-as-a-Second-Language-Advisory-Committee>

* The FSLAC. Discussion about encouraging more French speaking teachers.
* Acknowledgement of John Fisher issues - parents are encouraged to attend these meetings
* Next meeting is January 9th
* Discussion about how bussing has made French Immersion more accessible
* Speaker discussed challenges about finding French teachers
* Access to parent workshops to assist parents with French language homework
* Refer to links on the website

# School Priorities

* Priorities review - annual review of school needs and to review feedback
  1. French language is good, perhaps more presentations, signs
  2. Educational excellence with a balance of varied programs, including EQAO
  3. Safe & Caring - inclusive, school yard safety, health & wellness such as lunch supervision, anti-bullying campaigns
  4. Visible & transparent administration - well done, unchanged
  5. Focus on 21st century learning - leveraging technology, collaboration, etc.
  6. Copies available from Tanya Razek

# Cell Phones

There is no TDSB policy currently. There are students using phones during instructional hours. Further discussion is warranted. For next meeting, bring suggestions about potential speakers and discussion topics.

# Adjournment

Motion: For adjournment of the meeting

Motion seconded

Motion carried