## École Publique John Fisher

## School Council Meeting Minutes

## October 17, 2016

**In attendance:**

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| Mary Mowbray | Tanya Razek | Julia Norman |
| Mireille Landry | Marlee Peppiat | Nhu Yorke |
| Heather MacEachern | Una Begdilli | Shoko Koburyo |
| Maria Cristina Cuervo | Sogol Zamanian | Anne Abbass Harkness |

**Principal:** Marlene Harroun

**Vice Principal:** Lee-Anne Maier

**Teachers:** Name??

# Welcome

Tanya Razek, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Welcome and purpose of Council. Sign in sheet distributed.

# Approval of Minutes

Motion: For approval of the September 26, 2017 minutes.

Motion seconded

Motion carried

# Budget

Discussion about committee structure and budget requests

Green Committee

Budget will be approx. $2000 based on previous years

Grad Committee

Based on last year co-chair with Kerry Lynn $5017 estimate - $3200 from School Council & remainder from fundraising

Milk

Program now cancelled

After 4

Programs are on hold for now to review procedures

Fall Fair

* Halloween theme
* Each class is decorating a pumpkin for auction
* Fall themed food
* Inflatables are outdoors and other activities will be inside on ground floor
* Costumes are encouraged
* Cakes for cake walk - need a few more
* Volunteers - need a few more
* Fundraising Committee
* Includes Fete (Spring)
* Need volunteers

Health & Safety Committee

13 interested participants for this committee

* Scope will include ongoing internal health and safety including facilities as well as the nearby construction (including accountability for the three agreements relating to the construction project next door)
* Discussion about monitoring - voluntary to provide observations based on a factual list via central email for the Health & Safety Committee
* Reporting procedures including Gmail account along with a condensed list will be available in the Health & Safety section of JFPS website
* Monthly oversight/stakeholder meetings will incorporate these observations
* Will be held monthly and include minutes - key points will be available on JFPS website to enable ongoing communication and provide status, next stages, updates regarding any special outdoor events such as Fall Fair
* Second access gate on Keewatin details to be forthcoming
* Crossing guards - requested by TDSB is pending with traffic study and Toronto Police Service
* Cross-walk also requested from the City
* Parents may request an agenda item via Tanya or Marlene or the Health & Safety Committee – please make sure Marlene is looped in
* The JFPS Abatement Summary Report for the 2017 asbestos removal is available on the TDSB website. The detailed technical asbestos report can also be viewed by making an appointment with Marlene Harroun

Presentation of School Budget Requests - Marlene

Total budget request $106,791.03 - refer to detailed document for Budget Requests 2017-2018

* Athletics includes new team jerseys
* IT $39K – require flexibility and consultation before being approved by Parent Council
* Musical instruments $19K - this is a wish list with anticipated actual cost to be much lower
	+ Band & Strings time is for a set number of hours per week with an itinerant music teacher. Last year, tried a Grade 6 only program to allot more time but found we needed need consistent teachers. This year will be offered to Grade 5 (band) and Grade 6 (strings) with 2 classes/week and is no longer mandatory but all grade 5s & 6s will have an intro 1 month trial period before they sign up for the full program.
* Trips subsidies continue to be available
* Scientists in School $8K for 20 classes with 2 scientists/class
* World Penguin Day for $3K - Zoo trip is still in planning stages

# Class parents

These are volunteers who communicate with parent community. Feedback wanted

Parents must consent to their emails being used - Class Parent must get consent before using email and confirm what information can be shared such as name, address, email, student name

# Other Committees

**Parent Involvement Advisory Committee** (PIAC) on TDBS website regarding parent engagement in schools <http://www.torontopiac.com/index.html>

* To aid access to information and resources for parents, especially that of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Ontario Ministry of Education, in support of more effective parent engagement in their child’s learning to improve student achievement and well-being, and enhance accountability of the education system.

**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 consults with and advises the Board on French as a Second Language matters and contributes to the work of trustees and staff. This partnership of trustees, staff and parents fosters excellence and growth in FSL programs at the Board. The committee is comprised of parent representatives and alternates elected by ward councils, a parent co-chair elected by FSLAC parent representatives, a trustee appointed by the Board as co-chair and designated TDSB staff.
* Looking for a participant from JFPS. Lauralyn Johnston is Parent Co-Chair and can be reached at fslactoronto@gmail.com

# Adjournment

Motion: For adjournment of the meeting

Motion seconded

Motion carried