

George R Gauld JPS Parent Council Meeting

March 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm
George R. Gauld JPS

Principals Report

- Demographics
 - o Currently at 266 students
- Staffing
 - o Staffing is status quo (explanation: we are up one teacher but we do have a centrally-assigned teacher on our list, so hiring is unlikely – TBD)
 - o Allocation for next year, if kept all students we are above projections for next year
 - Must have a grade 3-4 next year
 - Allocated 1 extra teacher for next year
 - Next year will have 9 Gr1-5 homerooms (8 this year) and 3 full kindergartens
 - We will have a third homeroom using a portable
- Facilities
 - o Believe the fire alarm issue to be fixed
- Teaching & Learning
 - o Mr. Carey is going to math workshops and bringing back learning to staff
 - o Ms. Mason is going to a Math Up workshop about the resource we bought for all
 - o PA Day on April 8th where there will be full-staff PD on Language, Math, Equity, and more
- Playground
 - o Delayed to 2025
 - o Will provide an update on what is being requested
 - o Meeting to be scheduled with Principal and community to review proposed design in the fall
- Events & Extra Curricular Activities
 - o Star Search Well on its way, auditions are over
 - o Co-ed volleyball has started with Mr. Carey
 - o Chess Club is Tuesdays & Thursdays with Mr. Martel
 - o Upcoming Waren Park trips for anyone who didn't go (grade 1s and 2s)
 - o Albion Hills is Tuesday-Thursday of next week (grade 4s and 5s)
 - o 100th Anniversary plans moving forward
 - Timing is 11-3
 - Planning for an art installation in the main hall (by teachers; can't afford artist fees and we have a nice idea that will include all students)
 - Started reaching out to former principals to invite them
 - Looking into musicians for the day
 - Cake to celebrate (SAC)
 - Option to have a school council bake/food sale
 - o Zoo trip upcoming

- Look into putting it in through Day Trippers - <https://daytrippers.ca>
- Needs to be entered by a teacher
- If day tripper will not subsidize the bus then school council will

Treasurer Update

- Parent council voted to cover the cost of buses to Warren Park & Zoo trip with school council fundraiser money
- Parent council voted to cover the costs of an outdoor storage container with past fundraising dollars
- School council will vote in April if we want to use funds for Safe Schools Proactive Bullying Prevention Program
- Sprit wear is arriving next Wednesday

Family Paint Night

- April 17th
- Need to understand how to dispose of water and paint
- Will be pay what you can
- Max 60 people
 - 1 adult per family
 - Bring your own canvas (8x10) and brushes
 - If you are able to obtain a canvas contact Parent Council
 - Nicole to write blurb for blast
 - RSVP Nicole or reply to this email

Fundraising

- Stacy to determine organization of gift card orders
- Allison to provide update on gift card fundraising initiative in May

Next meeting April 24th in Person