

George R Gauld JPS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024 - 6:30 pm

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Parent Council Executive Committee & Voting Members

- Anyone can join a meeting and contribute ideas or thoughts.
- Voting members vote on the final decisions
- Among voting members are Executive members who take on further responsibilities with roles (secretary takes meeting minutes, treasurer helps to manage the finances, etc.)

Treasurer Update

- \$961 carried over from last year
- Every year we receive an allocation, \$323 was provided to us for this year
- \$500 provided for parent engagement funds
- Total starting the school year - \$1,748.41

Principals Report

- Demographics
 - Projected at 258 students this year, as of today we have 251
 - Language
 - We still have enough students for a half time ESL teacher
 - Special Education/Learning Needs
 - Noticed an increase of students with special needs, working creatively with current Human Resources to support
- Staffing
 - Ms. Sorgo, will be going on mat leave, Ms. Sierra will be bridging gap any time she is away until then and the role will be posted for a full time replacement (for which Ms Sierra can apply)
 - Ms. Casey was hired on full time for Grade 3
- Facilities
 - Portable 5 has arrived, waiting on the inspector to come
 - Path on the side will be widened
 - Playground enhancements will be taking place, meeting in the fall, council members will be invited
 - \$15,000 of donations have been put aside from past years
 - Accessibility will be considered in the new plan
- Safe Schools
 - Covid going around again
 - 2 lice check letters have been sent home but staff was quickly able to get lice checks done, was found to not be spreading
- Teaching & Learning
 - New screening tool for reading, teachers are being trained how to use the tool (Kindergarten to grade 2)

- Believe the screening tool results will be provided in Progress Report, perhaps Term 1 (February); more info coming
- OPAL
 - Outdoor Play & Learning, eventually @ Recess (starting small and building)
 - Email to come out:
 - Looking for donations
 - Kitchen tools and items, storage containers, buckets, milk crates, watering cans, wood, wheels, tarps, hoses, ropes, etc.

Upcoming Events & Fundraising

- Terry Fox
 - Run this Thursday- email to come with details
 - Over \$4K as of today
 - Parents are welcome to come and cheer kids on, they will be running around on school premises
- Photo Day – Dates TBD (Confirming October 24th as first date)
- Grade 1-5 Cross Country – October 1st is the date (approx. 35 students will be going to represent GRG)
 - Permission forms must be filled out, refer to the email from Ms. Wall-Ryel
- BBQ & Curriculum Night – October 1st
 - Purchases of hot dogs and drinks must be made beforehand on School Cash Online
- Grade 4-5 Girls and Boys Soccer started
- Grade 4-5 Flag Football started
- Parent meeting for X-Movement Oct 16 @ 5pm
- Pumpkin Carving
 - Long standing tradition, families bring your own pumpkin and carving tools and compete in various categories (funniest, scariest, etc.)
 - Date TBC, week of Halloween (28th or 30th)
 - Volunteers confirmed – Emily, Amy, Anita, etc.
 - Emily to lead, if interested reach out
- To be discussed at future meetings
 - Gift card fundraising
 - 2024/25 GRG Swag
 - Lunch Time Clubs & Activities

Voting Members & Executive Council

- Emails will come out regarding Pumpkin night volunteers
- If you would like to nominate yourself for an executive role, email Marian
- Roles Include but are not limited to:
 - Chair
 - Co-Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

- Fundraising Lead
 - Social Media Lead
- If more than 1 person self nominate for a role a meeting via Zoom will be required for all voting members to vote

Future Council Meeting Dates

- November 4th – In Person
- January 20th - Zoom
- March 24th – Zoom
- May 5th – In Person