

## **Minutes of the School Council – April 26, 2018**

**Present:** Ms. Petko, Ms. Bellehumeur, T. Pryke, M. Young, V. Zeballos, N. Campbell, N Acharya, Trustee Pamela Gough

### **Trustee's Report – P. Gough**

- *Ward Council*
  - The focus of the April 25 ward council was the Vision Zero Plan, to improve traffic safety around schools. Information was shared about how the City of Toronto, Toronto Public Health and Toronto Police Services are working together to address traffic safety, pedestrian safety and traffic congestion around their schools.
  - School Councils can share ideas on a number of topics through the Ward 3 Essential School Resource Guide.
  - The May 17 ward council is a screening of the film “Screenagers” at John English. Older students are welcome to attend the screening with their parents, and child care is available for younger children.
- *Environmental Leadership Award*
  - Schools can nominate a student who demonstrates leadership in environmental issues for an Environmental Leadership Award. The award is presented to a Grade 8 student at the graduation ceremony.
- *Traffic on Marina Avenue*
  - There was a discussion about cars speeding and failing to stop at stop signs on Marina Avenue. Trustee Gough advised that the community can call 22 Division’s Community Response Unit, as well as the office of Councillor Grimes.

### **Principal's Report – J. Petko**

- *JSB Recent Events*
  - The character trait for April was “Cooperation” and students were recognized at the Terrific Tigers assembly.
  - The Grade 8 co-ed volleyball team won the city championships.
  - Slow pitch and track and field are under way.
  - Student mental health leaders led a pencil and eraser hunt in the field for younger students after Easter.
- *2018-19 Staffing*
  - The 2018-19 staffing model has been approved. The staffing model and classroom organization must comply with the cap size of 29 students for kindergarten classes, and a cap size of 20 students for grades 1-3. Based on projected enrollment, there must be three kindergarten classes, and a grade 3/4 spit class next year.
  - The 2018-19 classroom organization consists of:
    - three JK/SK classes (29 students/class)
    - a grade 1 class (20 students)
    - a grade 1/2 class (20 students)

- two grade 2/3 classes (20 students/class)
- a grade 3 class (20 students)
- a grade 3/4 class (23 students)
- a grade 4 class (27 students)
- two grade 5/6 classes (31 & 32 students/class)
- a grade 6 class (33 students)
- a grade 7 class (26 students)
- two grade 7/8 classes (26 & 29 students/class)
- a grade 8 class (28 students)
- In June, the school will advise which teachers have been assigned to each of the classes.
- *2018-19 Student Placement*
  - The school will send a letter home to parents/guardians soliciting their feedback on their child's class placement next year.
  - This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to let the school know if there is anything the school should consider that it may not be aware of when determining next year's classroom placements.
- *Sports & Wellness Academy*
  - Admission to some grade groups through optional attendance is closed.
  - The school hosted an open house for grade 5 students, and gained 10 new applicants.
- *School Traffic Safety*
  - The school continues to set out pylons in front of the school during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up to discourage parking by the crosswalk.
  - The parking enforcement unit supervisor has dedicated himself to regularly ticketing at the school.
- *School Painting*
  - The interior walls of the school will be painted this summer.
- *EQAO*
  - EQAO is scheduled from May 22 to June 4. The school will provide more information closer to the testing dates.
  - Staff make it clear to students that the tests are not an anxiety-provoking task.
- *Kindergarten Open House*
  - The school is hosting a kindergarten open house on May 3 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. This is for students starting kindergarten this fall, and their parents and guardians.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Read and received.
- As of March 31, 2018, the total bank balance was \$7,170.58. After earmarking funds for outstanding cheques the closing operating balance was \$6,820.58.
- The March Pizza Lunch raised \$365.70. These funds will be held to use as Bellapalooza floats.

### **School Council Report and New Business**

- *2018-19 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant*
  - Applications for 2018-19 PRO grants are due on June 5.
  - The School Council discussed applying for funding, and possible ideas include mental health workshops, healthy eating workshops, or creating a parent resource library.

- *2018-19 Marlies Fundraiser*
  - The School Council discussed having a Marlies game fundraiser again next year, and will indicate its interest to MLSE.
- *Staff Appreciation Luncheon*
  - The Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 20.
  - A parent has volunteered to lead it. An email blast will be sent after Bellapalooza requesting food donations and more volunteers to assist.
- *Subway Lunch Volunteer – Next Year*
  - The School Council sent out an email asking for a volunteer to coordinate Subway Lunch next year. There have not been any responses.
- *Graduation*
  - Grade Eight graduation is on Wednesday, June 27 at 10am in the gym.
- *Bellapalooza*
  - Bellapalooza is on Saturday, May 26 (rain or shine).
  - The School Council discussed how to make itself identifiable (whether volunteering or enjoying Bellapalooza with their families). The school will provide information on ordering t-shirts for School Council members to wear at various school events, so other parents can identify them and approach them if they have questions about School Council.
  - High school students can volunteer at Bellapalooza to earn volunteer hours. The School Council will contact Lakeshore CI, and the school will contact Redmond, to request high school volunteers to help with games and activities. The school will contact Etobicoke School of the Arts to request high school volunteers to help with face-painting.
  - The school can provide additional tables for Bellapalooza if needed.
- *Discussion About Sports Teams Information*
  - The School Council discussed the need for more and clearer communication with parents about details of student sporting events, so parents that attend have the information they need about location and times, and what students need to bring.
  - The school advised that if parents need information, they can email Ms. Petko to be connected with the team coach.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm**

### **Next School Council Meeting**

- Thursday, May 31 @ 7pm.

### **Schedule of 2017-18 Meetings**

Thursday, May 31

Thursday, June 14

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2018**

**OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – MARCH 1, 2018      \$5,258.49**

**ADD:**

**FEBRUARY PIZZA LUNCH - \$327.15**

**DANCE-A-THON CASH/CHEQUES - \$1,360.70**

**REMAINING MARLIES CHEQUES - \$200.00**

**IXL REIMBURSEMENT CHEQUE - \$24.24**

**LESS:**

**CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – MARCH 31, 2018      \$7,170.58**

**Shannon McKechnie**  
Treasurer  
April 26, 2018

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2018**

**STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2018 FOR ALLOCATED MONIES**

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$0
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$0
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ KIDS, SCIENTISTS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$350.00

**STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2018**

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$6,820.58
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$0
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$0
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ-KIDS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$350.00
TOTAL	\$7,170.58

**TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2018                      \$6,820.58**

**Shannon McKechnie**  
Treasurer  
April 26, 2018

# **James S. Bell School Council Meeting, April 26, 2018**

## **Principal/VP's Report**

### Recent Events:

- April character trait is Cooperation-Terrific Tigers Assembly April 25
- Band, Strings and Rock Band performed beautifully at the assembly
- May is Integrity Month
- Volleyball Co-ed grade 8 team won Cities
- Badminton tournaments
- Slo-pitch has started/Track and Field event
- Bike safety assembly on April 23

### Staffing

The approved school model for next year will be as follows:

JSKA

JSKB

JSKC

Grade 1

Grade ½

Grade 2/3

Grade 2/3

Grade 3

Grade ¾

Grade 4

Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 7/8

Grade 7/8

Grade 8

A letter about student placement will be sent out week of April 30.

### Traffic Safety:

We contacted parking authority in the fall and the district Supervisor committed to coming out himself or sending a parking enforcement officer to our school between 8:15 and 9 a.m. and 2:45 and 3:30 p.m. to ticket cars, and educate the public and school community members. As you have noticed we purchased sturdy TDSB custom made A frame signs to indicate pedestrian crosswalk zones along with oversized, reflector patched pylons (3 feet tall) and poles to ensure that cars do not park in no parking areas. We are constantly reminding our school community members in various ways to obey signs and refrain from such dangerous traffic violations such as u-turns and parking the wrong way on the street. We have two staff members on bus and parking duty in the mornings in particular and one for the afternoon. As you can imagine, the traffic violations intensify with inclement weather. We are encouraging students to walk, bike and scooter to school as an alternative to being driven. We had a bike safety assembly for students on April 23 from the Ecoschools department.

Trustee Pamela Gough organized a community panel on traffic safety for her Ward 3 meeting on April 25 at Norseman. She invited various agencies including Roger Browne Manager of Traffic Safety for the City of Toronto, Kristen Evers Ecoschool TDSB Green Projects Leader TDSB, Jill Cheyne Toronto Public Health, Sgt. Brett Moore Toronto Police Services. We will be accessing other resources for furthering our efforts in traffic safety and awareness. Our discussions will continue to ensure the safety and security of our students and school community.

### Facilities News:

We will have various walls painted in July to freshen up the school!

### Calendar of Events:

- April 26-Terrific Tigers 9:20 am
- April 26 -Dance Performance @ESA – Michailidis, Kis, Maxwell
- April 26- School Council Meeting 7:00pm
- April 27-Earth Day Clean Up - at your leisure
- April 27-Pizza Lunch
- April 30- Grade 3 to EFSC
- May EQAO testing May 22-June 4
- May 3-Welcome to Kindergarten 5:30 – 6:30pm
- May 10-Gr 6 Slow Pitch Tournament

- May 15-Band & Strings Concert 6:30 pm
- May 17-Track and Field Meet Centennial Park
- May 21-Victoria Day
- May 25-Pizza Day
- May 25-Grade 7/8 to the Science Centre
- May 28-30-Muskoka Woods - Barnes, Shears, Kobe
- May 31-Terrific Tigers
- June 1-Subway Lunch
- Staff Meeting June 29<sup>th</sup>

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