

Minutes of the School Council – February 28, 2019

Present: Ms. Petko, Mr. Newman, T. Pryke, S. McKechnie, V. Zeballos, H. Tower, N. Viller

Vice-Principal Mr. Newman Addressed the School Council

- New Vice-Principal, Mr. Newman told the School Council about himself. He is from Jamaica and has taught in several countries. He was a teacher at John English JMS.
- He has a personal commitment to teach and loves to connect with students. His philosophy is that while he commands respect, it should be mutual. He sets an example of respect by demonstrating respect towards students.

Principal/Vice-Principal's Report – J. Petko

- *Recent Events*
 - Ms. Petko welcomed Mr. Newman to JSB.
 - The Ice Hockey team finished its season. The Jr. Girls Volleyball team are city champions. Basketball finals are underway, and Mini Sticks house league is wrapping up.
 - Several clubs are running: Lego Club, Chess Club, and Rock Band.
 - The Cardboard Canoe Challenge was rescheduled to February 22. A group of senior students also attended a STEM conference on February 28.
 - Ten grade 7/8 students are participating in the TDSB All-City Orchestra at Roy Thomson Hall on May 2.
 - Many students and their families participated in the X-Movement Power family fun night in January.
 - On February 26, the Humber Health Fair was at JSB to support mental health and wellbeing. There is a focus on wellness and on the whole person. Students were very involved and engaged.
 - Students participated in many events during Black History Month. Senior students went to a presentation at Etobicoke School of the Arts. Junior students went to an exhibit at Humber College. Students participated in activities before and after the events. There will be a Tounkande presentation at the school on March 6.
 - February's character trait is Fairness, and March's will be Honesty.
- *Green Team*
 - The Green Team continues to emphasize the importance of reusing and recycling.
- *Equity Work at JSB*
 - The school Equity Team conducted an equity walk/survey, in which they walk through the school examining resources (books, items posted on the walls) to check whether all students are represented. Through the equity walk, the team realized that LGBTQIA2-S (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersexual, asexual, two-spirited) students were not represented.
 - Student focus groups were held with 80 grade 5-7 students (eight focus groups of 10 students) representing a spectrum of voices (abilities, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status). The focus groups were led by adults who were not their teachers, and students

were asked how they felt about the school, their peers and their perceptions of safety. Data was collected anonymously. Staff will review the data to identify needs, and will target and put strategies in place to address these needs. This information feeds into the School Improvement Plan.

- The school is considering setting up an all-gender washroom. It would either be a washroom only with stalls and no urinals, or a staff washroom would be converted to a single washroom.
- A new TDSB dress code will be in place in September. The dress code, which had not been updated since 2009, will apply to all schools in the TDSB. Currently dress codes apply at the school level and can vary from school to school.
- *2019-20 Staffing*
 - The school has begun planning staffing for next year. 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.
 - A parent consultation group will be formed of School Council members to provide input on the proposed staffing model. The proposed model must be approved by the superintendent by April 15. In March/early April, Ms. Petko will email the proposed model to the School Council group for feedback.
- *Upcoming Events*
 - March 5 – Pancake Tuesday (all students will have pancake lunch) & Pajama Day
 - March 29 – Terrific Tigers Assembly
 - April 5 – Grade 8 grad photos
 - April 10 – TDSB International Day of Pink
 - January 31 – Terrific Tigers Assembly

Treasurer's Report

- Read and received.
- As of February 28, 2019, the total bank balance was \$13,645.42. After earmarking funds for the Hot Lunch Room fund, and outstanding cheques, the closing operating balance was \$12,793.92.
- The January Pizza Lunch raised \$389.33, and the February Pizza Lunch raised \$380.70.
- The January Subway Lunch raised \$136.50.
- The Dance-A-Thon raised \$1,581.15.

School Council Report and New Business

- *Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) School Council Appreciation Event*
 - The Chair attended the PIAC School Council Appreciation event and provided highlights and ideas from other School Councils.
 - The School Council discussed using the school's phone blasts to advertise School Council meetings and events to increase outreach to families and expand communication. There will be a stand-alone email blast to advertise the upcoming parent workshops.
 - The School Council discussed ideas to engage families without having to spend money:
 - a social evening
 - being inclusive of parents bringing young children with them to volunteer
 - creating "survival kits" for transition grades (JK, grade 1 and grade 6)
 - having at School Council table at parent-teacher interviews
 - Santa photos fundraiser
 - Providing glow sticks at the Dance-a-thon

- Consider developing guidelines for the School Council's use of social media
- *Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant – Power Struggles Workshop*
 - The School Council was awarded a \$1,000 Ministry of Education PRO Grant to be used for three parenting workshops by the Parent Education Network. The workshops are: Power Struggles (March 5), Homework Strategies and Study Skills (April 3), and How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, How to Listen So Kids Will Talk (May 2).
 - The School Council will send an email blast, and the school will send an email blast and phone blast to advertise the event to the greatest number of families.
 - Babysitting will be provided. A survey will be prepared to gather participant feedback.
- *Webinars for School Council Members*
 - Webinars for TDSB School Councils will be available on YouTube.
- *TDSB Consultations*
 - The TDSB is consulting on several policies.
 - Dress Code – closes February 28
 - Caring and Safe Schools – closes on March 4
 - Home Instruction Policy – closes on March 15
- *Parents as Partners Conference*
 - The Parents as Partners conference is on March 30. This is a free event for TDSB families. Child care, bussing and lunch are provided for free.
- *Bellapalooza Planning Update*
 - The School Council discussed Bellapalooza planning. Lakeshore CI's cyberArts students will once again design the Bellapalooza poster.
 - There is a Bellapalooza Planning Committee meeting on March 3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Next School Council Meeting

- Thursday, March 28 @ 7pm.

Schedule of 2018-19 Meetings

Thursday, April 25

Thursday, May 16

Thursday, June 20

**TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 2019**

OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2019 \$18,943.48

LESS:

Chq. #145 – Teacher Amount – Jaylene Kostuik	(\$90.13)
Chq. #148 – Teacher Amount – Lauren Pacheco	(\$100.00)
Chq. #149 – Teacher Amount – Craig Barton	(\$96.81)
Chq. #154 – Marlies Balance – MLSE	(\$484.00)
Chq. #155 – Teacher Amount – Ivan Cosic	(\$95.00)
Chq. #158 – Christmas Concert Set – Mark McKeon	(\$323.56)
Chq. #159 – Teacher Amount – Jason Michilidis	(\$100.00)

CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – JANUARY 31, 2019 \$17,653.98

TOTALS TO BE NOTED

PIZZA PROFIT FOR JANUARY - \$389.33

SUBWAY PROFIT FOR JANUARY - \$136.50

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
February 28, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 2019

STATEMENT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019 FOR ALLOCATED MONIES

SPORTS	\$3,150.61
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$0
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$652.10
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ KIDS, SCIENTISTS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES (Inflatables deposit, IXL, Melanie Leis)	\$958.05

STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

SPORTS	\$3,150.61
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$12,893.22
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$0
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$652.10
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ-KIDS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$958.05
TOTAL	\$17,653.98

TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019 **\$12,893.22**

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
February 28, 2019

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 2019**

OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – FEBRUARY 1, 2019 \$17,653.98

LESS:

Chq. #156 – Inflatables Deposit – Adventuremania	(\$574.00)
Chq. #157 – IXL Reimbursement – Morgen Young	(\$284.05)
Chq. #161 – Basketball Hoops – TDSB	(\$3,150.61)

CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – FEBRUARY 28, 2019 \$13,645.42

TOTALS TO BE NOTED

PIZZA PROFIT FOR FEBRUARY - \$380.70

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Treasurer
February 28, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

STATEMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019 FOR ALLOCATED MONIES

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$0
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$652.10
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ KIDS, SCIENTISTS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$199.40

STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$12,793.92
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$0
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$652.10
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ-KIDS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$199.40
TOTAL	\$13,645.42

TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019 \$12,793.92

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
February 28, 2019

James S. Bell School Council Meeting

February 28, 2019

Principal/VP's Report

Recent Events:

- Welcome to VP Jeff Newman!
- Ice Hockey team had a great season. Junior girls just received red banner! Basketball finals underway, Mini Sticks houseleague wrapping up, Lego Club, Chess Club, Rock band, Cardboard Canoe Challenge was a fun day, senior group to STEM conference, 10 of our grade 7-8 students are going to the All City Ensembles to perform at Roy Thompson Hall at the 133rd Spring Festival Concert on May 2
- Xmovement Power thanks for joining us on family fun night in Jan.
- Humber Health Fair was on Feb. 26 to support mental health and well-being
- Senior student to the ESA Black History Month presentation, junior students to the Humber College exhibit for Black History (International Caribbean Inventors and Icons Museum) Feb. 28, Tounkande (Prologue) will be in March 6
- January was Teamwork Month, February is Fairness Month, March is Honesty Month

Green Team

- Continuing to promote use of GOOS paper, marker and battery recycling stations
- Please continue to send litterless lunches and encourage students to take food back home if it is not eaten

Equity Work at JSB

- Equity Walk
- Student Focus groups, reviewing census data
- Ensuring all of our students experience success and equity of outcomes and have their lived experiences and backgrounds reflected in the school-achievement and well-being
- LGBTQIA2-S-All gender washroom being considered
- Note: Revised TDSB dress code will be in place for September (will be in the student agendas in Sept.)

Staffing for 2019-2020

- We are starting to plan for next year. A parent consultation group will be formed for the staffing model. Model will be proposed and approved by April 15.

Calendar of Events:

March

March 1st-Terrific Tigers Assembly and 6-8 awards assembly
March 5th- Pancake Tuesday-All students/staff will be treated to a pancake lunch!
March 5th-Pajama Day!
March 6th – Ballet Creole Prologue Performance – K-4 9:15am 5-8 10:15am
March 7th- Ski trip 6-8
March 8th - Subway Lunch
March 8th – Spring Break Begins
March 18th – School Begins
March 20th-Senior co-ed volleyball
March 22nd - Pizza Lunch
March 27th - Co-ed Volleyball Invitational Tournament
March 28th –School Council meeting 7 p.m.
March 29th - Terrific Tigers Assembly

April

April 5th-Grade 8 grad photos
April 10th-TDSB International Day of Pink
April 11th - Shari Nevills – Police Officer (School Liaison) – K-8 Visit
April 12th – Subway Lunch
April 19th – Good Friday
April 22nd – Easter Monday

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Jennie Petko Jeff Newman
Principal Vice Principal