

Minutes of the School Council – January 17, 2019

Present: Ms. Petko, S. McKechnie, V. Zeballos, M. Young, N. Campbell, H. Tower, R. Anastassiou, E. Voaden

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

- *Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Interviews*
 - Term 1 report cards will be sent home on February 12.
 - Parent-teacher interviews will take place the evening of Thursday, February 14 and the morning of Friday, February 15, which is a PA Day.
 - Teachers will contact parents about requesting interviews.
- *Recent Events*
 - Ms. Petko welcomed everyone back, and thanked families that attended the Winter Concert on December 12, and the parent volunteer that created the beautiful set design.
 - The ice hockey team had its first game at the Mastercard Centre on January 10. Volleyball and basketball are underway.
 - Several clubs are running: Mini Sticks house league, Lego Club, Chess Club, and Rock Band.
 - On January 29, a group of grade 7-8 students will participate in the Cardboard Canoe Challenge, a STEM activity in which students build a canoe out of cardboard, put it in water and paddle is across a pool. If they make it across, they load more people into it, and the canoe that is able to hold the greatest number of people wins the challenge.
 - Scientists in the Schools visited the primary classes.
 - Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentoring is taking place on Tuesdays after school.
 - January's character trait is Teamwork, and February's will be Fairness.
 - Ms. Pearce is back as the Office Administrator. Mlle Fila is replacing Mlle Torresan until mid-April.
- *Facility News*
 - A reminder for the JSB community to be careful around ice. The caretakers will salt and sand the pathways.
 - The school has noticed an improvement in compliance with the no parking signs and keeping the bus loading zone clear.
- *Green Team*
 - Students are encouraged to bring litterless lunches. Staff reminds students to bring back home whole or unopened food (such as an uneaten apple, unopened yogurt tube, etc.) and is discouraging students from throwing these in the garbage.
- *Mental Health and Wellness*
 - JSB Mental Health Leaders organize events and activities for younger students at lunch.
 - The Minds Up curriculum is used with all grades to encourage students to embrace self-reflection, mindfulness, stability and breathing.
 - The whole school has committed to using Restorative Circles. These may be used as a form of classroom community building to restore calm, collegiality and friendship. Junior

division teachers received training last year, senior division teachers are receiving training this year, and next year the primary division teachers will be trained.

- *Power X Movement Workshops*
 - The week of January 21-25, X Movement will return to work with students on being physically well, so they can be emotionally well. The focus will be on power and strength.
 - There will be a Power X Family Fun Night on January 23, with a focus on martial arts.
- *Upcoming Events*
 - January 23 – Family Fun Night at 6:30pm in the gym
 - January 25 – Pizza Lunch
 - January 31 – Terrific Tigers Assembly
 - February 28 – Grade 6-8 ski trip

Treasurer's Report

- Read and received.
- As of December 31, 2018, the total bank balance was \$19,713.46. After earmarking funds for end-of-year allocations (teacher classroom enhancements, new tent canopy) and Hot Lunch Room fund, student resources (RAZ-Kids, Scientists in the School), and outstanding cheques, the closing operating balance was \$12,327.22.
- The November Pizza Lunch raised \$386.55, and the December Pizza Lunch raised \$316.35.
- The November Subway Lunch raised \$108.50, and the December Subway Lunch raised \$110.25.
- The Marlies fundraiser raised \$135 through ticket sales.

School Council Report and New Business

- *Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant*
 - The School Council was awarded a \$1,000 Ministry of Education PRO Grant to be used for a series of parenting workshops by the Parent Education Network.
 - The three workshops are: Homework Strategies and Study Skills; Fewer Power Struggles; and How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, How to Listen So Kids Will Talk.
 - The School Council will determine dates in February, March and April for these workshops.
- *Dance-A-Thon*
 - The Dance-A-Thon fundraiser for JK-5 students was tentatively scheduled for the morning of February 14. The volunteer who is organizing it will advise the School Council if volunteers are needed.
- *Scholastic Book Fair*
 - The school will advise the School Council if volunteers are needed and the date.
- *Bellapalooza Planning Update*
 - The School Council discussed Bellapalooza planning. A Save the Date flyer will be sent home with Term 1 report cards in February.
- *Marlies Fundraiser Update*
 - The School Council sold 45 tickets to JSB Marlies Day on January 12. There was a Family Skate after the game.
 - The game was supposed to include a bobblehead giveaway, but this changed to a later game. MLSE will send 45 bobbleheads to the school for those who attended the game.
- *Winter Concert*
 - The School Council held a raffle for front row seats, and the cost of a raffle ticket was to provide an email address for the email distribution list. There were 89 entries in the raffle

and 49 new email addresses collected. This is more than double the number of new email addresses collected at last year's raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Next School Council Meeting

- Thursday, February 28 @ 7pm.

Schedule of 2018-19 Meetings

Thursday, March 28

Thursday, April 25

Thursday, May 16

Thursday, June 20

**TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2018**

OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – DECEMBER 1, 2018 \$19,713.46

ADD:

OCTOBER PIZZA/SUB (as mentioned last month) - \$480.65

YEARLY PIZZA - \$54.00

LESS:

Chq. #139 – Raz Kids – Kerri Baron	(\$149.16)
Chq. #143 – Marlies Deposit - MLSE	(\$506.00)
Chq. #146 – Teacher Amount – Alicia Debowski	(\$100.00)
Chq. #150 – Teacher Amount – Brandon Maxwell	(\$100.00)
Chq. #151 – Teacher Amount – Sherri Enns	(\$100.00)
Chq. #152 – Teacher Amt/Raz Kids – Maureen Chard	(\$250.11)
Chq. #153 – Teacher Amount – Mark Makowiecki	(\$99.36)

CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2018 \$18,943.48

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
January 17, 2019

**TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2018**

STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR ALLOCATED MONIES

SPORTS	\$3,871.38
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$1,618.22
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	\$474.56

STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

SPORTS	\$3,871.38
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$12,327.22
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Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
January 17, 2019

James S. Bell School Council Meeting

January 17, 2019

Principal/VP's Report

Recent Events:

- Welcome back and Happy New Year!
- Thanks to all for attending our concert on Dec. 12. It was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped organize and support the event. Thanks to all for attending.
- Ice Hockey team had their first game Jan. 10 at Mastercard Centre, Volleyball and Basketball underway, Mini Sticks houseleague, Lego Club, Chess Club, Rock band, Cardboard Canoe Challenge
- Scientists in Schools in primary classrooms
- Big Brothers and Sisters mentoring ongoing on Tuesdays afterschool.
- December was Kindness and Caring month, January is Teamwork Month, February is Fairness Month
- We welcomed Karolina Fila who is replacing Susanna Torresan until mid April.

Facility News:

- Please be careful in and around the school as we enter ice season! Our caretakers will endeavor to salt most areas, and clear paths for pedestrians, but it is a huge area for one person to manage on snowy mornings.
- Please continue to adhere to our parking signs and keep the bus loading zone clear from parked cars.

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

Reporting:

- Report Cards will be sent home to parents on Feb. 12.
- Parent -teacher interviews may be offered to you in the evening of Feb 14th and morning of Feb 15th

Mental Health & Wellness:

- Mental Health leaders Just Dance and Sports opportunities at lunch
- Grinch in the hall gathers hearts!
- Use of Minds-up curriculum for all grade levels
- We are having our whole school trained in Restorative Circles (this year is senior division, last year we had our junior division complete training)

Calendar of Events:

January

January 18th –PA day no school
January 21st – X-Movement (Power)
January 22nd - X-Movement (Power)
January 23rd - X-Movement (Power)
January 23rd – X Movement Family Fun Night 6:30pm
January 24th - X-Movement (Power)
January 24th – JSB Co-ed Hockey @ MCC
January 25th - X-Movement (Power)
January 25th – Pizza Lunch
January 28th – Senior Girls JSB Invitational
January 29th – Cardboard Canoe Races 7/8 @ Swansea
January 29th – Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament @ JSB
January 29th – JSB Co-ed Hockey @ MCC
January 31st – Terrific Tigers

February

February 1st - Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament
February 5th - JSB Co-ed Hockey @MCC
February 8th – Subway Lunch
February 12th – Reports Go Home

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

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