

Minutes of the School Council – November 30, 2017

Present: Ms. Bellehumeur, M. Young, S. McKechnie, V. Zeballos, T. Mignon, N. Campbell, Trustee
Pamela Gough

Vice-Principal's Report – C. Bellehumeur

- *Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews*
 - Term 1 ends in January. Report cards will be sent home on February 13 and parent-teacher interviews will be held the evening of Thursday, February 15 and the morning of Friday, February 16.
- *Strings Instrumental Program*
 - The middle school strings teacher retired at the end of the last school year. The position has been posted centrally, however a replacement has not been hired. As a result, the middle school strings program has not commenced yet.
 - Students in grade 6 were given the option of beginning band instead.
- *JSB Sports*
 - Sr. Boys Volleyball black and gold teams had their tournaments. Gr. 5 Boys Volleyball and Gr. 6 Boys Volleyball teams had their tournaments and advanced. Sr. Girls Basketball and Jr. Girls Basketball had their tournaments and advanced.
 - Sr. Boys Basketball and Jr. Boys Basketball are training for their tournaments in January.
 - When the boys volleyball season ends, girls volleyball and co-ed volleyball will begin.
- *JSB Clubs and Groups*
 - Mental Health Leaders, consisting of students in gr. 6-8, plan and run activities on Tuesdays for gr. 1-3 students. Students are made aware of the weekly events on the announcements, and up to 20 students can sign up for each event.
 - Mr. Kobe is leading the Boys to Men group for gr. 7-8 boys. This group meets on Tuesdays at lunch. After eating lunch, they build items. After school on Tuesdays, they go to Lakeshore CI to participate in the high school's Boys to Men group.
 - Mr. Michailidis is leading a Tiger Cubs group of gr. 2-4 boys on Mondays. They work on social skills and build with Lego.
 - Ms. Kostiuik is leading a group for gr. 2 girls. They work on social skills
 - Mr. Mak is leading Rock Band.
 - Sequence Club, for gr. 6-8 students has started at lunch on Thursdays.
 - The school library is open after school until 4pm every day.
 - Ms. Enns and the Student Parliament ran a food drive for the Salvation Army in October, and are now running a new hats, mitts and scarves drive for the Salvation Army. They will host a movie day on December 21 and will sell popcorn and candy to raise funds for Canadian Tire Jumpstart. On December 22 they will have Ugly Sweater Day.
- *JSB Spirit Wear*
 - The school expects the spirit wear orders to arrive at the school before the Winter Break.
 - The school receives 10% of the sales.

- *JSB Upcoming Events*
 - The Winter Concert is on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30pm in the gym. Last year the school rented 250 chairs, and this year it will rent 300. Accessible seating will be provided.
 - The Terrific Tiger Assembly will be on Thursday, December 21 at 9am in the gym. The character trait for December is Kindness.
 - The TDSB Marlies Day is on Wednesday, February 21. The cost per student will be \$20.
- *Parent Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC)*
 - PIAC has asked schools to have access to all School Council Chairs' emails and contact information.

Treasurer's Report

- Read and received.
- As of October 31, 2017, the total bank balance was \$6,361.83. After earmarking funds for end-of-year allocations (teacher classroom enhancements) and outstanding cheques, the closing operating balance was \$3,285.11.
- Ms. Bellehumeur will follow up with teachers that still have to submit receipts for the \$100 classroom enhancement allocation. Any allocated amount not spent will be returned to the School Council's general funds.
- The November Subway Lunch raised \$206.60. The November Pizza Lunch raised \$387.58.
- \$300 was allocated for the Winter Concert budget. School Council will also pay for costs over this amount, as required.

Trustee's Report – P. Gough

- *Enhancing Equity Report*
 - The TDSB has three pillars for all School Improvement Plans: equity, achievement and well-being. To address equity, the TDSB created the Enhancing Equity Task Force, made up of a coordinating consultant, parents, and staff. When the Task Force released its draft report, it received media attention due to some controversial recommendations. Trustees received a lot of feedback about this report.
 - The recommendations focus on the neighbourhood school and on decreasing the focus on specialty schools.
 - The TDSB sought feedback on the report, and the consultation period ended on November 20. A second report will be submitted to the TDSB in December.
 - JSB as a Sports & Wellness Academy is not considered a "specialty school" because it admits all students in its catchment area. They are not required to audition or apply for admittance.
- *Math Focus*
 - The Ministry of Education is focusing on numeracy. There is a lot of professional development taking place in this area.
- *Student Well-Being and Health/Wellness*
 - The TDSB continues to focus on student well-being, and health and wellness.
- *Curriculum Update*
 - The Ministry of Education is updating the curriculum to focus on transferrable skills. The Province will introduce new report cards in 2018-19.
- *Active, Safe, and Sustainable Transportation at the TDSB.*
 - The TDSB and City of Toronto are implementing active, safe and sustainable transportation. The City will work with 20 schools each year (from TDSB and Toronto

Catholic District School Board). Those on busy roads and a history of traffic accidents will be prioritized.

- The program seeks to create safer school zones by lowering speed limits (the speed limit on Thirty-First Street has already been lowered to 30km/h), lighting, leading pedestrian intervals, increased enforcement, pavement markings, traffic safety awareness campaigns, and school crossing programs.
- *School-Based Child Care*
 - Every TDSB school in Etobicoke-Lakeshore has before- and after-school child care.
- *Ward Council*
 - Trustee Gough's next ward council will be on Monday, January 22 from 7pm-8:30pm at Etobicoke School of the Arts. The theme will be equity.

School Council Report and New Business

- *Marlies Fundraiser*
 - The JSB Marlies Day fundraiser is on Saturday, March 3. The game is at 4pm, and if the School Council sells at least 100 tickets, the school earns a Family Pre-Game Skate at 1pm for up to 250 people. Tickets to the game will be \$25, and the School Council receives \$3 from every ticket sold. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.
 - The last date for ticket sales will be Friday, January 26. Final payment is due to the Marlies by February 5.
 - MLSE prepared a flyer, which will be sent home with students before the break. Changes to the flyer will be requested to amend the deadline for ticket sales, and to highlight that it is a family event. The School Council will confirm whether infants/toddlers need a ticket, and if the school is required to print the flyer.
- *Bellapalooza Update*
 - The Bellapalooza Co-Chairs will request volunteers for the Bellapalooza Planning Committee.
 - The School Council agreed to change the date of the January School Council meeting to Thursday, January 18 so that a Bellapalooza presentation can be made to attendees.
- *IXL Update*
 - In response to School Council emails, 35 families are interested in a group subscription to the www.ixl.com math resource. The subscription can accommodate up to 40 spots, and the annual cost is \$12 per subscription.
 - The subscription will begin in January. A sign-up form will be emailed to interested families requesting that payment by cheque or cash be sent to the school by December 22.
 - The School Council will confirm whether a subscription can be used for multiple children in the same household.
- *Winter Concert Fundraising Update*
 - The School Council received a request for \$300 to pay for some of the costs of building materials for stage sets and decorations for the Winter Concert. The School Council voted to pay for all costs (beyond the \$300 requested).
 - The School Council voted to purchase new speakers in time for the Winter Concert, as the current ones no longer work. It will inquire how much they will cost.
 - The School Council will raffle off seats in the first row at the Winter Concert. A raffle ticket will be provided to everyone that provides an email address for the e-mail distribution list.
 - The School Council will sell popcorn (\$2) and bottled water (\$1) before the concert at the back of the gym. Volunteers will meet at 5:30pm in the gym, and will have the option of reserved seats in the front row.

- The school is preparing a flyer to be sent home. It will include information about the School Council popcorn/water fundraiser and fundraising for the Peel Alzheimer Society.
- *Parent Education Workshop – Raising Confident Kids*
 - The School Council booked a speaker for Tuesday, January 30 from 7pm-8pm to deliver a Raising Confident Kids workshop for parents/guardians. It will be held in the library.
 - This event will be open to parents from other schools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Next School Council Meeting

- Thursday, January 18 @ 7pm.

Schedule of 2017-18 Meetings

Thursday, January 18 ***date change***
 Thursday, February 22
 Thursday, March 22
 Thursday, April 26
 Thursday, May 31
 Thursday, June 14

**TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 2017**

OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – OCTOBER 1, 2017 \$7,093.56

ADD:

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER SUB LUNCH - \$413.50

SEPTEMBER PIZZA LUNCH - \$425.40 (October net of \$386 deposited in NOV)

LESS:

Chq. 098 – Teacher Amount – Jason Barnes	(\$100.00)
Chq. 096 – RAZ Kids – Alicia Debowski	(\$118.46)
Chq. 100 – Teacher Amount – Brendan Maxwell	(\$98.27)
Chq. 103 – Teacher Amount – Tina Brake	(\$100.00)
Chq. 101 – Teacher Amount – Tanya Billiard (Hot Lunch)	(\$1,053.90)
Chq. 104 – Teacher Amount – Erin Loughnane	(\$100.00)

CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – October 31, 2017 \$6,361.83

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
November 30, 2017

TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2017

STATEMENT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017 FOR ALLOCATED MONIES

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$1,983.27
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$0
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ KIDS, SCIENTISTS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$1,093.45

STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$3,285.11
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$1,983.27
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$0
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ-KIDS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$1,093.45
TOTAL	\$6,361.83

TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017 **\$3,285.11**

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
November 30, 2017

James S. Bell Council Meeting, Nov. 30, 2017

Principal/VP's Report

Curriculum

It was wonderful to see so many parents out for interviews for the Progress Report. We thank you for your support and continued interest in working with the school to support your child's learning. Term One ends in January with report cards going home Feb. 13th, interviews are on Thursday, Feb. 15 in the pm and Friday, Feb. 16 in the am followed by the Family Day weekend.

Music – TDSB is still in the process of hiring a strings teacher. They will let us know once a suitable match is found. In the interim, Mr. Cassidy said that he would take on anyone wishing to switch to band from strings.

Sports

- Senior Boys Volleyball Team Gold team won the JSB Invitational out of 8 teams
- Junior Boys (5) Volleyball came in 3rd in the JSB Invitational out of 8 teams
- Junior Boys (6) Volleyball came in first
- Senior Girls Basketball did not win the tournament but they are moving on to the next round
- Junior Girls Basketball won and will be moving on to the next round

Senior and Junior Boys Basketball is underway – Mr. Mc Shane is coaching the senior team. Mr. Maxwell is coaching the junior team.

Clubs/Groups

Mental Health Leaders is a group of middle school students that plan and run games and activities for students in grade 1-3 on Tuesdays at lunch.

Mr. Kobe is leading our Boys to Men Group – there are two components to this group – the boys meet on Tuesday at JSB, eat lunch and build. They are building an outdoor game called Ladder Golf. Mr. Kobe then takes the boys to LCI after school where they are part of a mentoring group and do a variety of activities, such as cook, play sports, games, share experiences, etc.

Mr. Michailidis is also running a primary boys group. They are called the Tiger Cubs. This group runs on Mondays at lunch. He is working on social skills and building with Lego.

Ms. Kostuik is running a Girls Group for grade 2 girls on Thursdays at lunch. They are also working on social skills, being a good friend, kindness and respect.

Other clubs up and running presently are Rock Band, Sequence Club (Thursday lunch) and as always our library/homework club which is open everyday after school until 4pm.

Ms. Enns and School Parliament are busy planning for the holiday season. They sponsored a successful Food Drive, donating the food to the Salvation Army. The students have now taken on a hat, mitten and scarf drive with all items being donated to the Salvation Army. They are asking for donations of new items only. They will be selling popcorn and candy at the Movie

Day on Thursday, December 21st, with all proceeds going to the Canadian Tire Jump Start Program. Popcorn will be sold for \$2 a bag. Also, they will run an ugly sweater day on December 22.

Year Books will be made only if 50 books are sold.

Spirit Wear

We have been told that the clothing will come in before Christmas break. Thank you for your support with this initiative, 10% of the sales from the clothing goes back to the school to support student enrichment.

Holiday Concert

The concert will be held on December 13 at 6:30 pm, which is a change from the 12th due Parks and Recreation schedule. Mark McKeon has some great stuff planned so you do not want to miss it. Plus the kids are pretty great too!

Terrific Tigers

The Terrific Tiger Character Education Trait for December is kindness. There will be a Terrific Tiger assembly on Thursday, December 21 to honour those who show kindness.

Marlies Game – JSB will attend the Marlies game on Feb. 21st. The school has participated in this event for several years. The tickets are \$20, which includes the bus ride and game.