

Minutes of the School Council – October 19, 2017

Present: Ms. Petko, Ms. Bellehumeur, M. Young, T. Pryke, S. McKechnie, V. Zeballos, T. Mignon, N. Campbell, N. Sullivan, V. Oland, L. Rumiel

Vice Principal's Report – C. Bellehumeur

Ms. Bellehumeur will deliver the school's reports to the School Council this year.

- *School Events and JSB Sports*
 - Several sports are underway at JSB. At cross-country, 24 students qualified for West Finals, and of those, three students qualified for the City Finals. The Senior Girls Borden Ball team finished second at the City Finals. Touch Football and Soccer have also finished their seasons. Volleyball is underway.
 - The Terry Fox Run took place on September 27, and the school raised \$2,495.35.
 - The first Terrific Tigers assembly was held on September 28, recognizing September's character trait "Responsibility." Terrific Tiger assemblies are the last Thursday of each month at 9:20am. Parents are welcome to attend.
- *Numeracy*
 - Numeracy continues to be a TDSB-wide area of focus. Teachers are engaging students in math games in class and on computers as a fun way to strengthen numeracy skills.
 - Ms. Bellehumeur circulated a list of helpful numeracy websites.
 - <http://ca.ixl.com> – A subscription-based learning site providing math practice for JK to grade 12 students. Users can subscribe for a monthly fee, or can use it for free for 10 minutes/day. Organized by grade level and linked to the Ontario math curriculum, parents can monitor and be notified about their child's progress. If at least 20 people sign up as a group, the monthly fee is significantly reduced.
 - The School Council will include information about this site in the next email blast to see if there's interest in parents subscribing as a group.
 - The school will continue to share math resources throughout the year.
- *JSB Field Update*
 - A 20-metre pole railing will be installed at the top step of the armourestone to prevent students from jumping off from the top. This is expected to be completed in the spring, and will take about a week to install.
- *Drills*
 - Schools are required to conduct six fire drills (three in the fall and three in the spring) as well as two lockdown drills (one in the fall and one in the spring). The school has already conducted one lockdown drill.
 - If parents are in the school during a lockdown drill, they are to go to the nearest enclosed space with a lockable door and stay there until the all-clear has been given. There will be an announcement about the drill as it begins. If they are outside, signs will be up at the doors advising of the drill, and parents are asked to wait until the drill has finished before coming inside the building.

- *Eco-Schools*
 - The school is working to maintain its Gold rating. Ms. Youngs and Ms. Taylor attended the Eco-Schools kick-off at John English JMS.
 - The school applied to receive a water-filling station, but was not chosen. It will apply again by the December 15 deadline.
 - The school reminds families that it practices litterless/boomerang lunches. Uneaten food and waste will be sent back home. Families are encouraged to use reusable containers.
- *JSB Spirit Wear*
 - Orders are now being accepted for JSB spirit wear, and the deadline for ordering is November 2. Orders can be made using the order form or online: www.myschoolstoreonline.com/jsbell.aspx Orders will arrive before the holidays.
 - Samples will be available at the Paul Davis event at the school on November 2.
 - The school receives 10% of the sales.
- *Online Safety Speaker – Paul Davis*
 - The online safety event featuring Paul Davis is the evening of Thursday, November 2.
 - Paul Davis will speak to Grade 4-6 students and Grade 7-8 students that afternoon.
 - The school will send a form home on which parents can indicate if they need child care.
- *Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews*
 - On November 2, a letter will be sent home with all students advising that parent-teacher interviews will be on Thursday, November 16 from 5pm-8pm, and Friday, November 17 from 9am-noon. Parents are asked to return the form to their child's teacher indicating their date/time preference.
 - Progress reports will be sent home for all students on November 14 and will include the dates/time of the meeting with the teacher.
 - Progress reports are not report cards and do not include grades. They indicate whether the student is "progressing very well", "progressing well" or "progressing with difficulty."
 - New this year, JK and SK students get all three reports over the year (progress report and two report cards).
- *Eco- Book Trade*
 - A new parent volunteer will continue to run the Eco-Book Trade. Students bring in books they no longer want and trade them in for new-to-them books.
- *Upcoming Events*
 - October 26 – photo retake day, Terrific Tigers assembly, cross-country City Finals
 - October 31 – Halloween parade (JK- 5) at 1pm, middle school dance in the afternoon
 - November 10 – Remembrance Day observance at 10:40am in the gym. Parents are invited to attend.

Treasurer's Report

- Read and received.
- As of September 30, 2017, the total bank balance was \$7,093.56. After earmarking funds for end-of-year allocations (teacher classroom enhancements) and Hot Lunch Room fund, the closing operating balance was \$3,539.66.
- The September Pizza Lunch raised \$421.17. The September and October Subway Lunches raised \$224.50 and \$189.00.

School Council Report and New Business

- *School Council Insurance Policy*
 - The School Council inquired about the status of its insurance policy. Ms. Petko will follow up on this.
- *School Council Budget Line*
 - The School Council asked for more information about the amounts allocated in the school's budget for the School Council.
 - It covers School Council items and if the School Council does not use it, it is absorbed back into the school's budget. The School Council can access it.
- *Fundraising Options at the Winter Concert*
 - The Winter Concert will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm.
 - The School Council discussed several fundraising options for that evening. It will sell popcorn (\$2), water (\$1) and candy canes (25¢), and will consider setting up in two locations: front lobby and in the gym. The School Council will recruit volunteers.
 - The School Council will once again raffle off front row seats in exchange for parent email addresses. Front row seats will also be reserved for volunteers. The school will reserve some accessible seating.
 - The School Council agreed to allow the Alzheimer Society of Peel to sell teddy bears as part of its own fundraising efforts.
- *School Wish List*
 - The school is preparing its fundraising wish list. Items included are:
 - upgrading the basketball nets in the playground, which are rusting and missing backboards and nets.
 - purchasing a JSB-branded tent/canopy to be used at sporting events to protect students from the elements, and identify our school teams. Several other schools have these.
- *Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant*
 - The School Council was successful in its Ministry of Education PRO Grant application, and received \$1,000 to be used for the online safety workshop. The School Council will confirm how much was allocated in the grant budget for child care, and any restrictions on amounts to be used for child care and refreshments.
 - The School Council agreed to open the event to other schools and members of the community. The School Council will advertise the event to other local schools.
- *Volunteers*
 - The new volunteer email address has been set up (jsb.schoolcouncilvolunteers@gmail.com). This initiative will be advertised again in the weekly email blast.
 - The School Council agreed to communicate to volunteers about volunteering opportunities for Pizza Lunch, Subway Lunch, Dance-a-thon, Winter Concert fundraising, and Bellapalooza.
- *MLSE Fundraiser Update*
 - The School Council is partnering with the Toronto Marlies hockey team for a fundraiser. It will sell tickets to the March 3, 2018 Marlies game (against the Rochester Americans) to the school community. The game is at 4pm and there will be a family skate at the arena before the game. Tickets cost \$25, and the School Council receives \$3 per ticket sold.
 - The School Council will confirm the pre-skate time and helmet policy.
- *Parent Education Workshops*
 - In last year's JSB School Council Needs Survey, almost half of the respondents identified parent education workshops as something they would like the School Council to organize.

- The School Council discussed options for parent education workshops, including a series of workshops over the year on a variety of topics. The School Council discussed topics, speakers and cost. It will look into booking a speaker for an evening in January.
- *School Council Constitution*
 - Deferred to the next meeting.
- *School Traffic Management Program*
 - The trustee sent information about a School Traffic Management Program the TDSB launched this fall to provide schools with more traffic management assistance.
 - Schools will be chosen based on a school's proximity to a collision cluster (as identified by Transportation Services) and the percentage of students that live within walking distance. This year, up to 15 schools will be enrolled in this program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next School Council Meeting

- Thursday, November 30 @ 7pm.

Schedule of 2017-18 Meetings

Thursday, January 25
 Thursday, February 22
 Thursday, March 22
 Thursday, April 26
 Thursday, May 31
 Thursday, June 14

**TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2017**

OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 \$7,551.21

ADD:

LESS:

Chq. 095 – Bellapalooza General – Mark McKeon (\$350.15)

Chq. 097 – Teacher Amount – Mark Makowiecki (\$100.00)

Stop Payment fee (cheque not returned when replaced) (\$7.50)

CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – September 30, 2017 \$7,093.56

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
October 19, 2017

**TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2017**

STATEMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 FOR ALLOCATED MONIES

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$2,500.00
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$1,053.90
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ KIDS, SCIENTISTS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$0

STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$3,539.66
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$2,500.00
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$1,053.90
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ-KIDS)	\$0
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$0
TOTAL	\$7,093.56

TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 \$3,539.66

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
October 19, 2017

JSB PS Council Meeting, Oct. 19, 2017

Principal/VP's Report

Recent Events:

- Cross-Country (West Conference finals Oct. 17 for grade 3-8 (24 participants), City Finals to be held Oct. 26 grade 4-8 (3 participants)), touch football, bordenball (2nd in cities), soccer, volleyball
- Terry Fox day a great success! Thank you for all your contributions.
- October is Responsibility month.

Numeracy:

IXL – is a math website that promotes math skills in all five of the Ontario curriculum math strands (number sense and numeration, data management and probability, patterning and algebra, geometry and spatial sense as well as measurement). The site is inclusive from kindergarten to grade 12. For a small monthly fee you can have unlimited access to the site. You receive feedback specific to your child's skills. The site offers specific strategies to target learning.

Facility News:

- Had a meeting with Aileen (TDSB architect), Rep from VertechsDesigns, Sergio (TDSB Project supervisor) –a railing of some kind will be installed at the top of the rock seating by end of spring
- We conduct three fire drills in the fall and spring as well as two hold and secures (lockdowns) through the year. If you are in the building please follow directions of staff members and if you are outside thank-you for your patience as we conduct the drills. Signs will be posted on our two exterior doors in case of a hold and secure drill. Student safety and security is of our utmost concern throughout the year.

Eco-schools:

- We are working to maintain our Gold certification this year. Green Team is underway!
- Kick off meeting was on Oct. 17 at John English
- Reminder to pack litter-less snacks and lunches, please label containers and items you send to school.

Spirit Wear:

- Clothing will be available for ordering between Oct. 19 and Nov. 2. Clothing sizes (bag samples) may be viewed in the office at your convenience or on the evening of Nov. 2 at our Paul Davis workshop. Order forms went home today. 10% of the sales will go back to the school to supplement enrichment opportunities for our students.

Progress Reports and Parent Teacher interview:

- Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled throughout the year after report cards are sent home. These interviews are your opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and to discuss any issues. In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly. On November 14th, you will receive your child's Progress Report and have an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss next steps. (an interview scheduling form will go home on Nov. 2) We believe that education is a shared responsibility and we value the role that parents play in helping to ensure that students reach the highest levels of achievement possible. We thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 26-Photo Retake Day
- Oct. 26- Cross Country City Finals @ Centennial Park
- Oct. 26-Grade 8 Parent Information Night at Lanor – Lanor and JSB are partnering for this event
- Oct. 27-Pizza Day
- Oct. 31- Halloween parade at 1 p.m. and Halloween dance for seniors at 1 p.m.
- Nov. 2-Paul Davis Social Media – Presentations 1:00, 2:00, 7:00pm (Spirit Wear on display for ordering)
- Nov. 2-Interview letters to parents go home
- Nov. 7- Grade 8s at LCI in the pm
- Nov. 8- Sr. Boys Invitational for volleyball
- Nov.9- Gr. 6-8 – Royal Winter Fair
- Nov. 10-Subway Lunch
- Nov. 10-Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40 am all are welcome
- Nov. 14-Progress Reports go home
- Nov. 16-Parent Teacher Interviews –evening
- Nov. 17-PA day no school-Parent Teacher Interviews –am or as scheduled

- Nov. 24-Pizza Day
- Nov. 27-Grade 7 Immunizations
- Mark your calendars! Holiday Concert – Dec. 12

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

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