

## **Minutes of the School Council – September 27, 2018**

**Present:** Ms. Petko, Ms. Bellehumeur, T. Pryke, S. McKechnie, V. Zeballos, M. Young, N. Campbell, N. Sullivan, T. Luu, L. Wiens, T. Mignon, S. Luther, T. Anastassiou, R. Walsh, J. Ingel, M. Toro, F. Seto-Lau

### **School Council Election**

All positions were acclaimed. The school council executive for 2018-19:

Chair – Tara Pryke

Treasurer – Shannon McKechnie

Secretary – Veronica Zeballos

Parent Representatives – Morgen Young, Natasha Campbell, Nicole Sullivan, Tim Luu, Lilette Wiens, Hanna Tower

### **PIAC – Felicia Seto-Lau**

- *Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)*
  - PIAC informs and advises the TDSB on issues regarding parent engagement, engages School Councils, and helps parents extend learning outside the classroom. Felicia is the area representative.
  - Each ward has two representatives and our ward needs a second rep. The commitment is about four hours of work per month. Interested parents can contact [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com).
  - The School Council appreciation dinner organized by PIAC will take place again this year.
- *Parents Make A Difference Conference*
  - The annual TDSB Parents Make A Difference conference is on Saturday, November 17 from 9am to 3pm at Earl Haig Secondary School. This free event includes breakfast, child care, and workshops. Registration will be opening soon.
- *Ward 3 Parent Resources Blog*
  - A blog created by TDSB Ward 3 parent representatives is used as a resource and communication tool. <http://ward3parents.blogspot.com/>
  - Parents/guardians are invited to submit events of interest to the Ward 3 parent community. Guest bloggers are also accepted. Send submissions to [ward3parents@gmail.com](mailto:ward3parents@gmail.com).
- *Ward Council*
  - On October 2, Trustee Pamela Gough is hosting a ward council at Karen Kain School of the Arts about the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum.

### **Principal's Report – J. Petko**

- *Opening Remarks*
  - Ms. Petko welcomed parents/guardians to the meeting and thanked them for coming, and encouraged them to continue attending throughout the year. Her philosophy as a principal is to support the talents and strengths of each student.

- *School-Wide Initiatives and Areas of Focus*
  - Achievement, Equity and Well-Being – Numeracy will be a focus at the school. Ensure every child, regardless of ability or background, has an equal opportunity for success.
  - Mental Health and Well-Being – Mindfulness and combatting anxiety and stress. The school will continue to focus on character traits.
  - Sports and Athletic Endeavours – As a Sports and Wellness Academy, there are a lot of sports at the school, and the staff is passionate about sports.
  - Technology – The use of technology in the learning environment.
  - Environmental Awareness and Education – The school will work to maintain its Gold Eco-School certification. Promote using reusable containers, and reducing paper and plastic.
- *Sports/Events Tent*
  - At the end of last year, the School Council allocated funds for a new sports/events tent. It has been ordered and will arrive soon. It will have the name of the school on it, and will help identify the school at sporting events.
- *Recent Events*
  - Many sports have begun (cross-country, soccer, border ball, touch and flag football, volleyball).
  - The cross-country meet is on October 4 at Centennial.
  - There was a great turnout at the Welcome Back BBQ and Curriculum Night on September 20.
  - The Terry Fox Run/Walk was on September 27.
  - Orange Shirt Day is on September 28.
- *Facility News*
  - Over the summer, the halls and foyer were painted. Pictures were taken of the 24-year-old mural before it was painted over. Art pieces created by last year's grade 7/8 students will be installed, as well as framed pictures of the old mural.
  - Lockers are being refreshed.
  - A railing will be installed at the top of the armourstone this fall.
- *Lockdowns and Fire Drills*
  - There will be three fire drills in the fall, and three in the spring. There will be two lockdown drills during the year. These are an opportunity for students to practice procedures.
  - Parents interested in what is communicated to students about the drills and lockdowns should inquire with their children's teachers.
- *School Cash Online*
  - Parents are asked to join School Cash Online to make online payments, using a debit card or credit card, for school-related items such as agendas and field trips. School Council items cannot be paid for online.
- *Email Addresses*
  - The school wants parents/guardians to ensure it has their most current email addresses. [Note: the school and JSB School Council maintain separate email distribution lists]
- *EQAO*
  - The school's 2017-18 EQAO results were circulated, with comparisons to the board's results, and to the school's previous year results. The grade three and six results exceeded or met the board results.
    - grade three – 83 in reading, 83 in writing and 54 in math
    - grade six – 80 in reading, 80 in writing and 43 in math
  - Individual assessments for students who wrote the test last year will be sent home soon.

- *Upcoming Events*
  - October 5 – PA Day
  - October 31 – Halloween parade. The school asks that no weaponry be brought to school.
  - November 5-8 – Fusion X Movement workshops for all students (all grades).
  - November 13 – Report cards go home.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Read and received.
- As of September 30, 2018, the total bank balance was \$17,760.50. After earmarking funds for end-of-year allocations (teacher classroom enhancements) and Hot Lunch Room fund, student resources (RAZ-Kids, Scientists in the School), and outstanding cheques, the closing operating balance was \$13,658.40.

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

- *Outstanding Budget and Allocations*
  - Last year the school requested new basketball backboards and nets. Ms. Petko will send the School Council information on the cost.
  - There was a discussion about purchasing more sports equipment.
  - Last year, \$2600 was allocated for the teachers for classroom enhancements (\$100/teacher). The number of teachers is to be confirmed.
  - The number of RAZ-Kids licences for the School Council to purchase for primary teachers is to be confirmed.
- *2018-19 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant*
  - The School Council applied for a Ministry of Education PRO Grant to be used for a series of three parenting workshops delivered by the Parent Education Network.
  - There has been no communication on whether the application was successful. There was discussion of using free resources for parent workshops as an alternative.
- *Subway Lunch*
  - A new parent volunteer has agreed to coordinate Subway Lunch this year.
  - Dates for Subway Lunch are on the school's Google calendar online.
- *Marlies Fundraiser Update*
  - The School Council is participating in the Marlies game fundraiser again this year. Tickets to a Marlies game are made available to the school at a discounted price, and the school sells them at a mark-up and keeps the difference. There are also incentives for selling a minimum number of tickets, such as a family skate before or after the game.
  - The School Council completed the School Commitment Form online, and selected its preferred game date: Saturday, January 12. More information to come.
- *Collection of Email Addresses*
  - In the package of forms sent home at the beginning of school, there was an option for parents to indicate they gave the school permission to share their email addresses with the School Council for its email distribution list.
  - The school will send the information to the School Council.
- *Swimming*
  - A parent asked about the school offering swimming lessons to students. Aquatics programming is part of the TDSB but has not been done before at JSB. There are some parameters that apply. Ms. Petko will look into it.

- *Dates of Future Meetings*
  - The School Council set the dates of this year's meetings.
    - Thursday, October 25
    - Thursday, November 29
    - Thursday, January 17
    - Thursday, February 28
    - Thursday, March 28
    - Thursday, April 25
    - Thursday, May 16
    - Thursday, June 20

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm**

**Next School Council Meeting**

- Thursday, October 25 @ 7pm.

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2018**

**OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – JUNE 1, 2018                      \$6,820.58**

**ADD:**

**FUNDS HELD IN PREVIOUS MONTHS: \$1,421.25**

**BELLAPALOOZA CASH FUNDS: \$10,098.05**

**BELLAPALOOZA CHEQUES: \$1,591.98**

**LESS:**

Chq. #129 - Bellapalooza Expenses - Mark McKeon	<b>(\$500.00)</b>
Chq. #130 - Bellapalooza Expenses - Jennifer Smith	<b>(\$395.75)</b>
Chq. #131 - Bellapalooza Expenses - Donna Beasant	<b>(\$447.71)</b>
Chq. #132 - Bellapalooza Expenses - Veronica Zeballos	<b>(\$132.32)</b>
Chq. #133 - Graduation Lunch - Jason Barnes	<b>(\$600.00)</b>
Chq. #134 - Bellapalooza Expenses - Mark McKeon	<b>(95.68)</b>

**CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018                      \$17,760.50**

**Shannon McKechnie**  
Treasurer  
September 30, 2018

## **TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **STATEMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 FOR ALLOCATED MONIES**

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$2600.00
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$652.10
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ KIDS, SCIENTISTS)	\$700.00
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$150.00

### **STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$13,658.40
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$2600.00
HOT LUNCH ROOM FUND	\$652.10
STUDENT RESOURCES (RAZ-KIDS)	\$700.00
GRADE 8 GRAD LUNCH	\$0
MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$17,760.50

<b>TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018</b>	<b>\$13,658.40</b>
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**Shannon McKechnie**  
Treasurer  
September 30, 2018

## **James S. Bell Council Meeting, Sept. 27, 2018**

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

**A warm welcome to all new families and welcome back to all of our returning families to the James S. Bell School community. We look forward to working with all of you alongside our School Council this year.**

#### School Wide initiatives/focuses continue for this school year:

1. Achievement, Equity and Well Being for students
  2. Mental Health and Well Being-mental health leaders, school wide initiatives, including School Community Building-working on building cohesion, student leadership, in a safe, caring and equitable learning environment for all students. We will be using the board character education traits you are familiar with: Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Kindness and Caring, Teamwork, Fairness, Honesty, Co-operation, Integrity, Perseverance to drive our collaborative work.
  3. Sports and Athletic endeavours
  4. Technology in the learning environment to enhance all areas of learning
  5. Environmental awareness and education-maintaining Gold certification
- We welcome your feedback and input in our areas of focus.

\*\*\*Thank-you to School Council for the sports/events tent! It has been ordered and will be here shortly.\*\*\*

#### Recent Events: September is 'Respect' month

- Cross country has begun first meet will be on Oct. 4. (please refer to permission forms)
- Soccer, borden ball, football touch and flag, (volleyball practices) all underway.
- Welcome back BBQ and Curriculum night was on Sept. 20.
- We had a great Terry Fox Run/Walk on the 27. (also School Spirit Day!) Thanks for donating to this annual event!
- Friday Sept. 28 (actual 30) is Orange Shirt Day

#### Facility News:

Rail will be put in this fall if they are on schedule.

#### Lockdowns and Fire Drills:

We will be conducting three fire drills this fall and three in the spring. We will have two lockdown drills throughout the year.

#### Eco-schools:

We are working to maintain our Gold certification this year. Eco-schools kick off meeting will be in Oct.

#### School Cash Online:

Please join school cash online and make payments of such items as agendas, field trips, etc online. We will be putting many items to be paid or purchased online going forward. See attached.

#### Email addresses:

Please ensure that we have your email address updated on our student data base. We are striving to be eco-friendly and use e-communication wherever possible.

#### EQAO: Education Quality and Accountability Office (flyer sent home about EQAO grade 3 and 6 students)

As mentioned, EQAO tests are intended to measure the students' ability to:

- Make sense of what they read in different kinds of texts;
- Express their thoughts in writing using appropriate grammar, spelling and punctuation and
- Use appropriate math skills to solve problems

-Grade 3 and Grade 6 JSB students are exceeding or meeting the board results

-Great work to all teachers -Job well done!

#### EQAO Results

##### **Grade 3**

Reading JSB 2017	82	JSB 2018	83	Board 2018	75
Writing JSB 2017	93	JSB 2018	83	Board 2018	72
Math JSB 2017	65	JSB 2018	54	Board 2018	61

Female: 33%

Male : 67%

72% of students at JSB for 3 or more years

Reading	JSB 2017	77	JSB 2018	80	Board 201	82
Writing	JSB 2017	78	JSB 2017	80	Board 2017	80
Math	JSB 2017	55	JSB 2017	43	Board 2017	49

59% of students at JSB for 3 or more years

## November 29th – Terrific Tigers Assembly

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