

Minutes of the School Council – April 25, 2019

Present: Ms. Petko, T. Pryke, S. McKechnie, V. Zeballos, H. Tower, N. Campbell, N. Sullivan, T. Anastassiou

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

- *Recent Events*
 - Many sports teams have participated in tournaments. The Grade 8 co-ed volleyball team won the City championship. The Junior co-ed volleyball team won the Conference finals. The badminton teams have upcoming tournaments.
 - Some senior students participated in the Fluid Challenge, a STEM activity. Ms. Petko will look into having it come to the school next year so more students have the opportunity to participate in it.
 - The character trait for April was Cooperation, and May's will be Integrity.
- *2019-20 Staffing*
 - The 2019-20 staffing model has been approved. 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. Based on projected enrollment, there must be three kindergarten classes and a 3/4 split class next year.
 - The 2019-20 classroom organization consists of:
 - three JK/SK classes (26-27 students/class)
 - two grade 1 classes (20 students/class)
 - a grade 1/2 class (20 students)
 - two grade 2/3 classes (20 students/class)
 - a grade 3/4 class (23 students)
 - a grade 4 class (24 students)
 - a grade 5 class (25 students)
 - two grade 6 classes (28 students/class)
 - a grade 7 class (30 students)
 - two grade 7/8 classes (29 students/class)
 - The week of April 29, parents/guardians will receive a letter about class placements next year. This is an opportunity to make Ms. Petko aware of anything about the child that staff may not be aware of when determining next year's classroom placements. Requests for specific teachers or to be in a split or straight grade class will not be considered. Only Ms. Petko will read information provided.
 - There was discussion about the grade 7/8 classes. When there is a sole grade 8 class and a grade 7/8 class, the grade 8 students in the split class feel like "leftovers", and there is a perception that it is better to be in the grade 8 class. Having two grade 7/8 classes is more equitable.
 - The teacher/surplus process must finish, before teacher assignments are finalized in May.
 - Classroom assignments will be noted on the June report card, and a list of teachers with respective classes will accompany the report card, as was done last year. The School Council noted that most families preferred being notified of classroom placements in June.

- *Facilities News*
 - The railing at the top of the armourstone was installed. There had been safety concerns about students falling/slipping, especially during icy conditions. The railing also prevents those on bikes from using the armourstone as a ramp/jump.
 - The school windows will be replaced over the summer and into the fall. The new windows will be easier to open and more energy efficient.
- *Swim to Survive Program*
 - The grade 3 and 4 students in Ms. Chard's and Ms. Cruickshank's classes will be participating in the Swim to Survive program offered through the Lifesaving Society. Students will be taught what the Lifesaving Society defines as the minimum skills needed to survive an unexpected fall into deep water: roll into deep water, tread water for one minute, and swim 50 metres.
 - Ms. Petko looked into available swimming programs in response to a parent inquiry at the September School Council meeting.
 - The School Council offered to pay for the bus.
- *Upcoming Events*
 - April 26 – Terrific Tigers Assembly
 - April 30 – Yearbook photo day for clubs and teams
 - May 7, 14 & 21 – Swim to Survive
 - May 8 – Middle School Strings & Band concert at 6:30pm
 - May 9 – Grade 7 vaccinations
 - May 13 – school panoramic photo at 10am
 - May 16 – track and field meet at Centennial
 - May 21-June 3 – EQAO for gr. 3 and gr. 6 students
 - May 27-29 – Grade 8 Muskoka Woods

Treasurer's Report

- Read and received.
- As of March 31, 2019, the total bank balance was \$16,557.87. After earmarking funds for the Hot Lunch Room fund, the closing operating balance was \$15,905.77.
- The School Council will allocate funds for the school bus for Swim to Survive.

School Council Report and New Business

- *School Wish List*
 - The School Council requested the school's wish list so that remaining funds from last year's fundraising could be spent. The school identified the following items:
 - technology (Chrome books with charging cart)
 - social studies resources
 - science resources for senior students
 - African drums
 - a green screen
 - colour printer
 - funds to purchase apps such as Proloquo2Go
 - X-Movement workshops for all students
 - levelled reading texts
 - toggle chairs
 - staff room chairs
 - water refilling station

- Paul Davis online safety presentation
- *School Council Succession Planning*
 - There was a discussion about succession planning, as the Treasurer's and Secretary's children are both graduating next year.
- *Fundraising Options*
 - The School Council discussed fundraising options, and what School Councils are permitted to spend funds on.
- *Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant – How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, How to Listen So Kids Will Talk 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 How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, How to Listen So Kids Will Talk workshop is on May 2. The RSVP deadline is April 30.
 - The School Council will send an email reminder on April 30, and the school will send an email blast and phone blast to advertise the event to the greatest number of families.
 - Babysitting will be available. A survey will gather participant feedback. Light refreshments will be served.
- *JSB Needs Survey*
 - In fall 2016, the School Council conducted an online survey to seek JSB parent/guardian input about the School Council and School Council activities.
 - The School Council will conduct a follow-up survey to identify if it has been successful in engaging JSB families, and areas for improvement. Survey questions were discussed.
 - The survey will be done using Survey Monkey, and will be sent to families in June to analyze the feedback over the summer and get new ideas.
- *June School Council Meeting*
 - The Chair cannot attend the June meeting. Another member will chair the meeting.
- *Bellapalooza Planning Update*
 - Bellapalooza is on May 25. The Bellapalooza Planning Committee will set a date for another meeting.
- *School Council Meeting Agendas and Child Care*
 - School Council meeting agendas will be included in the email blast the week of a School Council meeting so the school community is aware of what will be discussed.
 - Parents should email the School Council to request child care for a meeting.
- *Staff Appreciation Luncheon*
 - The Staff Appreciation Luncheon is on Wednesday, June 19 at 11:30am. Families will be asked to contribute to the potluck lunch. The School Council will confirm the parent volunteer that will lead it.
 - The Singing In the Round concert will be earlier the same morning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Next School Council Meeting

- Thursday, May 16 @ 7pm.

Schedule of 2018-19 Meetings

Thursday, June 20

**TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 2019**

OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – MARCH 1, 2019 \$13,645.42

ADD: Dance-a-thon, Marlies, Pizza, Sub money - \$3,211.95

LESS:

Chq. #147 – Teacher Amount – Melanie Leis	(\$100.00)
Chq. #157 – Pizza Lunch Supplies – Shannon McKechnie	(\$49.40)
Chq. #163 – Bella Poster Reimbursement – Veronica Zeballos	(\$150.00)

CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – MARCH 31, 2019 \$16,557.87

TOTALS TO BE NOTED:

March Subway total: \$142.50

March Pizza total: \$368.95

Shannon McKechnie

Treasurer

April 25, 2019

**TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 2019**

STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 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	\$0

STATEMENT OF TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2019

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$15,905.77
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	\$0
TOTAL	\$16,557.87

TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2019 \$15,905.77

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
April 25, 2019