

Minutes of the School Council – May 16, 2019

Present: Mr. Newman, T. Pryke, S. McKechnie, V. Zeballos, M. Young, H. Tower, N. Viller, T. Anastassiou, M. Hamilton

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

- *Recent Events*
 - The Senior and Junior co-ed volleyball teams were champions at City finals and Conference finals respectively.
 - At the end of April, teachers participated in “Unleashing the Learning”, which is a TDSB sponsored event about innovative technology, new learning, and mental health, and helps teachers be more responsive to the needs of students.
 - 83 students competed at the track and field meet at Centennial. Of those, 56 students (70%) advanced to the West Finals on June 3.
 - Toronto Rush Ultimate Frisbee Clinic came to work with the ultimate frisbee team.
 - May's character trait is Integrity, and June's will be Perseverance.
- *EQAO*
 - The grade 3 and 6 students will write the EQAO from May 22 to June 3, in the mornings.
 - EQAO testing has components for reading, writing and mathematics.
- *Kindergarten Information Night*
 - The Kindergarten Information Night was on May 16 from 5:30pm-6:30pm.
 - Parents of students starting JK in September met staff, visited classrooms and learned about school programs. School Council members attended to provide information about School Council and collect email addresses for the email distribution list.
- *Equity Work at JSB*
 - The school continues its work to ensure students experience success and equity of outcomes, and have their lived experiences and background reflected. There is a focus on Culturally Relevant Responsive Pedagogy.
 - All staff participated in a half-day workshop with an equity coach.
 - The grade 8 student leaders are recruiting grade 7 students to be leaders next year.
- *Safety and Facilities*
 - The chimney was repaired.
 - Art pieces are now on display in the halls.
- *2019-20 Staffing*
 - The process of teacher transfer/surplus still continues, and must be completed before teacher assignments are finalized.
 - 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.
- *Upcoming Events*
 - May 7, 14, 21 – Swim to Survive began May 7 at Memorial Pool and continues to May 21

- June – Toronto International Rugby Federation is coming back in June so all classes (K-8) can participate and learn about rugby
- June 6 – school panoramic photo (rescheduled from May 13 due to rain); copies will be sold for \$10 through School Cash Online

Treasurer's Report

- Read and received.
- As of April 30, 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 April Pizza Lunch raised \$359.40. The April Subway Lunch raised \$131.00. These funds are being held to use for Bellapalooza floats.
- The School Council will allocate funds for a water refilling station; the school is getting a quote.

School Council Report and New Business

- *May Pizza Lunch*
- The May 24 Pizza Lunch will be moved to May 31. The School Council will include this in the next email blast.
- *School Wish List*
 - The school will prioritize the items it provided on the wish list last month.
 - A parent may be able to acquire a second-hand green screen.
- *JSB Needs Survey*
 - The School Council will conduct a survey of JSB families.
 - There was a discussion about the types of questions to include on the survey: parent concerns over announced education cuts; and which School Council events they attended, and why they did/did not attend.
 - The draft survey will be ready for feedback by the end of May.
- *School Council Presence at Bellapalooza*
 - School Council members will wear the School Council t-shirts at Bellapalooza, and speak to parents about School Council, to add a personal face to the School Council.
- *June School Council Meeting*
 - The June School Council meeting will be chaired by another School Council member.
- *School Communication on Behalf of School Council*
 - Email blasts and phone blasts the school sends on behalf of the School Council will include “on behalf of the School Council” to distinguish between school vs. School Council activities and communications.
- *Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant – Parent Workshops*
 - 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.
 - 13 parents attended the Power Struggles workshop on March 5.
 - 9 parents attended the Homework Strategies and Study Skills workshop on April 3.
 - 8 parents attended the How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, How to Listen So Kids Will Talk workshop on May 2.
 - The School Council provided free child care and light refreshments, and asked participants to complete a feedback survey. Survey results indicated parents enjoyed the workshops and would likely attend similar events again. The report back to the Ministry is due in July.
 - School Council will ask parents to notify it if child care they requested is no longer needed.
 - It is unclear if the Ministry of Education is making PRO grants available for next year.

- *Staff Appreciation Luncheon*
 - The Staff Appreciation Luncheon is on Wednesday, June 19 at 11:30am.
 - The School Council will request potluck contributions and volunteers after Bellapalooza.
- *Singing in the Round*
 - The Singing in the Round concert for kindergarten to grade 5 students is the morning of June 19.
- *Bellapalooza Planning Update*
 - Bellapalooza still needs more volunteers to help on May 25. The School Council will send an email requesting more volunteers
 - Logistics were discussed regarding pick-up the borrowed generators.
- *Wasp Management in School Yard*
 - Deferred to the next School Council meeting.
- *Education Cuts*
 - A parent spoke about the impact of announced education cuts at the high school level, which include tri-level classes (three grades in the same class), and teachers required to teach subjects that are not their specialty. Many school councils are writing to local MPPs.
 - The School Council agreed to write a letter to the MPP of Etobicoke-Lakeshore expressing its concerns about announced cuts to education. The Premier, Minister of Education and Trustee will be copied on the letter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Next School Council Meeting

- Thursday, June 20 @ 7pm – last meeting of the year

**TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 2019**

OPENING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – APRIL 1, 2019 \$16,557.87

ADD:

LESS:

CLOSING TOTAL BANK BALANCE – APRIL 30, 2019 \$16,557.87

TOTALS TO BE NOTED:

April Subway total: \$131.00

April Pizza total: \$359.40

Shannon McKechnie

Treasurer

May 16, 2019

**TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 2019**

STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 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 APRIL 30, 2019

SPORTS	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	\$0
OPERATING	\$15,905.77
ARTISTIC FUND	\$0
TEACHER FUND (CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$0
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MATH RESOURCES	\$0
GREEN SPACE	\$0
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$0
TOTAL	\$16,557.87

TOTAL OPERATING BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2019 **\$15,905.77**

Shannon McKechnie
Treasurer
May 16, 2019