

Minutes of the School Council – March 28, 2019

Present: Mr. Newman, T. Pryke, V. Zeballos, H. Tower, N. Viller, S. Patil, T. Anastassiou, L. Wiens

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

- *Recent Events*
 - The school hosted its annual Senior and Junior Co-Ed Volleyball Invitational Tournament. Both JSB teams won in their respective divisions.
 - Students learned about the history of drums and dances from West Africa at a Ballet Creole Prologue Performance at the school.
 - The grade 6-8 ski trip was a success.
 - The installation of the railing at the top of the armourstone is underway and expected to be completed soon.
 - The character trait for March was Honesty, and April's will be Cooperation.
- *Green Team*
 - The school will observe Earth Hour on March 29 from 2pm-3pm.
 - Students are being reminded to be mindful of portions when they serve themselves at Hot Lunch, and to only take what they will eat. They can come back for second helpings.
- *Equity Work at JSB*
 - The school Equity Team met this week and discussed the data collected at the student focus groups. Staff will work on implementing strategies to address student concerns.
- *2019-20 Staffing*
 - The school has received its 2019-20 staffing allocation. The proposed classroom organization model will be shared with the School Council consultation group next week.
 - The proposed model must be approved by the superintendent by April 15.
- *Officer Nevills Presentations*
 - Officer Nevills gave safety presentations to all the students.
 - Kindergarten – role of police and traffic safety
 - Grade 1-3 – online safety and bullying
 - Grade 4-8 – online safety and bullying, with a discussion about intimate images added at the end for Grade 6-8 students
- *Foyer Murals*
 - The murals will be hung in the front foyer soon. A fireproof coating needs to be added.
 - The photos taken of the old murals that were painted over will also be hung soon.
- *Sports & Wellness Academy Applications*
 - The number of applications to the Sports & Wellness Academy is consistent with last year's numbers. The largest number of applicants is for JK.
- *Basketball Nets*
 - The basketball nets the School Council purchased will be installed soon.

- *Collection of Email Addresses*
 - In the package of forms sent home at the beginning of the school year, there was an option for parents to grant the school permission to share their email addresses with the School Council for its email distribution list.
 - The School Council received the email addresses today and will add them to the distribution list.
- *Upcoming Events*
 - April 5 – Grade 8 graduation photos
 - April 10 – TDSB International Day of Pink; the school will sell TDSB Pink Day t-shirts through School Cash Online for \$10.
 - April 25 – Terrific Tigers Assembly
 - May 7 – Toronto International Rugby Federation will teach students about rugby
 - May 8 – Middle School Strings & Band concert at 6:30pm
 - May 9 – Grade 7 vaccinations
 - May 13 – school panoramic photo at 10am

Treasurer's Report

- To be delivered.
- The March Pizza Lunch raised \$368.95. The March Subway Lunch raised \$142.50.
- The School Council allocated \$615 for Scientists in the School.

School Council Report and New Business

- *School Phone Blasts*
 - The school sent out a phone blast to notify parents of the School Council meeting and the teleconference option. The phone blasts will repeat the teleconference phone number and meeting ID number.
- *Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant – Homework Strategies 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 Homework Strategies and Study Skills is on April 3. The RSVP deadline is April 1.
 - The School Council will send an email reminder on April 1, 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.
- *Scientists in the Schools*
 - The School Council will pay for Scientists in the Schools sessions for each of the Kindergarten classes. The cost is \$615 (\$205 per class).
- *Bellapalooza Planning Update*
 - The School Council discussed Bellapalooza planning. Volunteers for face-painting are needed. Room 109 can be used to store donations to the Bellapalooza Yard Sale.
- *World Autism Day*
 - In response to a parent request, the school will add World Autism Day on April 2 to the school calendar.
- *Education Funding Announcements*
 - A parent asked if there has been any school or board discussion regarding the changes the provincial government announced impacting students with autism, as well as increased class sizes.

- The school does not have any details yet on the impact of the announced changes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next School Council Meeting

- Thursday, April 25 @ 7pm.

Schedule of 2018-19 Meetings

Thursday, May 16

Thursday, June 20