

SAC Meeting Minutes
Monday February 22, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Eric Risen
Heather Halnan
Andrew Hillier
Cathy Meles
Talya Postan-Feldberg
Farhan Haji
Valerie Trifler
Janice Passmore
Jackie Chan
Jennifer Moad
Leanne Oosterveld
Chris Davenport
Paul Drekolias
Kelly Dell Apa
Unah Grieve
Sarah Kussner
Peter Boross-Hamer
Caryn Podbere

General Update

- SAC was able to provide the teacher's grants x 2 (total 500\$)
- SAC provided catered holiday gifts for teachers, crossing guards, support staff in December with a local vendor who has supported JW before.
- Grad planning is currently underway; sweatshirts were designed/ provided.
- SAC heads Heather and Eric voiced that they are happy to continue their positions again next year. Asking current members as well as any parents who have interest to reach out and let them know if they have interest in continuing/joining.
- Equity committee- Survey has been sent out to staff to address diversity. Jennifer is available to address any concerns in this area as needed. If there is anyone interested in being involved in this area, please reach out to Eric/Heather.

Principal Report

- Peter appreciates all the efforts of everyone who has been diligently following covid protocol.
- Masks wearing is going really well, both from student and parents. Minimal reminders have had to be provided.
- Inspections are happening to address covid protocol and so far results have been positive.

- Thanks to all the parents who have returned borrowed technology. In addition to those borrowed/returned, 15 new chrome books have been provided/set up by the board.
- Overall online learning was a huge success. Some pertinent concerns/issues arose and they were addressed.
- JW is still currently looking for ½ time French teacher, but minimal/no applicants as of yet.
- Staffing: George B. will be at JW up until end of March. His time is limited d/t his retired status and limitations to 95 days for the year.
- Lily is on leave and will likely not be returning until end of March and Patricia is on her own at this point which is a heavy workload to carry.
- Ms. Salo is still on leave until April 6th. Ms. Glass and Ms. Labelle are both on leave, but plan to be returning next year.
- Staffing role-out for next year should be determined by April; projected to be at 624 students which is a 23% reduction over 5 years. Therefore, we are expecting a reduction of teachers next year.
- New march break is now mid April; will lead to challenges around staffing preferences since that normally happens right at the time of the new break. This might be changed.
- Between Principal and VP, they spend aprx 6 hrs a week with Toronto Public Health (mandated).
- Ministry assessment of the school has been completed which led to an 87 page report. Repairs have been laid out in terms of priority etc. Many areas of the bldg. are aged and these will be addressed in time. Regarding fence issues around building, we require a new fence due to lines/cables that were cut (bell etc.) Will not lose space due to fencing issues. Rebuild will likely take place in the fall.
- CCAT results still not known. Likely because virtual school is being done now and therefore whole process is delayed. Likely will be drawn out until April.
- Currently JW has 585 students attending in school; 48 students continue in virtual.
- 47 JK have been registered so far (55 projected?). SAC wants to ensure that communication re: JK registration is highlighted right on our home page. Registration continues to be May.
- Overall TDSB has actually lost many students due to moving out of GTA and our community is no exception.
- The cap that we have in place this year (27/class) might not be the case next year (i.e. classes might be larger).
- The issue about dogs on school property continues to exist (tends to be before and after school hours).
- Permitting of field this spring and summer is yet unknown. Since this is a big revenue source for TDSB, this likely will continue to happen. However, if you want to reach out and voice your preference to keep it more localized, this is encouraged.

Fundraising

- Spirit wear was a huge success. Going to look into spring wear options. Mark ups were kept small as the idea was to encourage spirit and accessibility along with the fundraising.