

# John Black Public School - Parent Council Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Location:** Zoom Meeting (Virtual)  
**Chair:** Richard Pinder  
**Treasurer:** Catherine Shelton-Galdes  
**Secretary:** Shared Responsibility (Nov - Catherine)  
**Principal:** Kathy Gossling-Spears

**School Members Present:** Kathy Gossling-Spears, Nia Pommier

**Council Members Present:** Richard Pinder, Stephanie Jones, Catherine Shelton-Galdes, Carrie-Ann Nind, Kari LaPensee, Rob Murray ; Kim White, Rami Kridli

**Regrets:** Lisa Roszel, Paula Allen, Laura Holmes, Melissa Mulligan, Jana Lebert

<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Regrets</b>                      Agenda approved by Carrie-Ann, seconded by Rami</p>	
<p><b>2. Review and Approval of October Meeting Minutes</b>                      Approved by Stephanie, seconded by Catherine  <i>Action item from last meeting:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Snack bins are in classrooms and are being replenished by Melissa and Jana</i></li> <li>2) <i>UGLF – Need to have a project to associate with the funding</i></li> <li>3) <i>School Council Nomination Forms were sent out</i></li> <li>4) <i>By-laws to be circulated to group before next meeting</i></li> </ol>	
<p><b>3. School Council Nominations</b></p> <p>All members wishing to be a officer/member must submit the School Council Nomination form by Jan 25th.</p> <p>We do not have a secretary at this time, therefore we will rotate the position though School Council members.</p>	<p><i>All – return nomination form to Rich via school email by Jan 25th</i></p>
<p><b>Staffing Updates:</b> Denise Skerritt is now .5 SERT and Kelsi Darmon is now .5 Grade 6/7. Kelsi knows the school and our students very well as she did her Laurier placement with us last year. Kindergarten registration is still taking place online until January 22nd. We have 14 registrations to date.</p> <p><b>Chromebooks:</b> A huge thank you to School Council for all of your support over the past several years to help us maintain a very good inventory of Chromebooks in our school. Together between the school budget and school council fundraising we are in very good shape. To date we have loaned out over 70 Chromebooks. We do have an order in for replacement Chromebooks which we hope will come by Spring. We have also ordered 3 new iPads.</p>	

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<p><b>Enrolment for the remainder of the year:</b> There will be no additional intent to change survey for elementary students this school year. What this means is that there will not be another board-wide reorganization in elementary schools at this time.</p> <p>This news will come as a relief to some as it will avoid another full system reorganization of students or teachers changing classes. We have heard from our communities that student well-being, stability and consistency in schools and classes is important, as is maintaining the relationships established between teachers and students.</p> <p><b>Public Health Screening Tool:</b> This is the most recent update from the Ministry.  <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/</a>                  Still following the plan to return January 25th as per Public Health and the Ministry. Hopefully we will have more information from the announcement tomorrow from the Chief Medical Officer.</p> <p><b>Communication:</b> Continue to go to the board website and the school website for updates. Consider downloading UGConnect for up to date information from the board as well as our school website.</p> <p><b>Report Cards</b> will be going home on February 18. Waiting for confirmation about how they will be distributed to families.</p> <p><b>Snowshoes:</b> Should be arriving at Litzen's on the 18th and then shipped out.</p>	
<p><b>5. Financial Report</b>                  No change to the bank balance, it remains \$7,770.53.</p> <p>The \$500 Community Fund remains unused for the 2020/21 school year. Kathy will advise when it is needed.</p> <p>A motion was passed in December to allocate up to \$2,400 for 30 sets of snowshoes. Catherine to contact Sheri to determine when the school needs the funds by.</p>	<p><i>Catherine to confirm with Sheri when funds need to be changed.</i></p> <p><i>Rich and Kim to go to bank and close account</i></p>
<p><b>6. Student Report</b>                  Deferred</p>	
<p><b>7. Community Report</b>                  Deferred</p>	
<p><b>8. School Council Plan for Year</b></p> <p><b>a. Fundraising</b>                  Deferred</p> <p><b>b. Social Events</b>                  Deferred</p> <p><b>c. Student / School Day Enrichment</b></p>	

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<b>Student Meal Days</b> No school lunch plan at this time.	
<b>9. Next Meeting</b> – Tuesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> 2021	
<b>10. Meeting adjourned</b> 7:15pm	