

John Black Public School - Parent Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom Meeting (Virtual)

Chair: Richard Pinder

Treasurer: Catherine Shelton-Galdes

Secretary: Shared Responsibility (June – Catherine Shelton-Galdes)

Principal: Kathy Gossling-Spears

School Members Present: Kathy Gossling-Spears, Nia Pommier, Luke Kordupel, and incoming Principal Sarah Schoettler.

Council Members Present: Richard Pinder, Melissa Mulligan, Stephanie Jones, Rami Kridli, Kim White, Catherine Shelton-Galdes

Minutes	Action Items
<p>1. Welcome, Introductions and Regrets Agenda approved by Stephanie, seconded by Kim.</p>	
<p>2. Review and Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes Approved by Melissa, seconded by Stephanie.</p>	
<p>3. School Council Nominations Melissa is willing to step into the Chair role, but would prefer to share responsibilities with a Co-Chair. Richard will bring Melissa and any other willing Chair up to speed on the SC email account and other Chair tasks over the summer.</p>	
<p>4. Principal's Report Land Acknowledgement: From the Anishinaabe to the Haudenosaunee and the Métis, these treaty lands are steeped in rich Indigenous history and modern traditions. As a community, we have the responsibility to honour and respect the four directions, land, waters, plants, animals and ancestors. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples, on whose ancestral and treaty lands we teach, learn and live. The Upper Grand District School Board covers the ancestral and traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and Saugeen Ojibway Nation Territories. Staff Update: A warm welcome to Sarah Schoettler who has been named as the new Principal at John Black effective June 30th. Nia Pommier will be a temporary VP at Spencer Avenue in the fall. James McLeod is moving to Ecole King George to teach Grade 6 French Immersion Amanda Pereira is moving to Centennial Hylands and will be a Special Education teacher We are sad to see Nancy Richardson, Jessica Cowperthwaite, Kelsi Darmon, Abbygail Breckles, Brandon Eyer and Briana Gancasz leave us at the end of the school year. Brick and Mortar enrollment vs Remote: Our current enrolment for brick and mortar is 360. There</p>	

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are 4 students registered for remote learning in the fall.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be accessed through an online portal this year due to Covid. Parents will have access using their current email address on file at the school. More information should be coming out next week with details.

Communication:

Continue to check the board website, our school website and UGConnect. The Facebook page will become inactive as of June 29th. Messages, updates will come through School Messenger.

Transportation Update:

<https://stwdsts.ca/newsletter/?fbclid=IwAR2NSEIQkDFeOxohC5SENOvDcrzUFi83jhaSpVgDwphT1Fj0QQ-e7WaKdQA>

Opt Out information-if your child(ren) is eligible for busing and you won't be using the service this year please opt out. You can opt back in at any time.

First Time Rider program is August 31st. Registration is now open.

Soccer Posts:

Due to damage and age the soccer posts have been removed. A replacement suggestion may want to be considered in the fall.

Grade 8 Grad Information:

Drive-thru celebration like last year. We will follow Covid protocols by distancing and sanitizing as recommended by Public Health.

Anti Racism in the UGDSB:

As an educational community we have a responsibility to identify and describe racism and oppression and then work to dismantle it. The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to disrupting systemic racism and oppression in all of its forms. We will implement ongoing mandatory anti-racism and anti-oppression training for all staff, review our protocols and policies, including our hiring practices, and be fully transparent and accountable to all Upper Grand students, staff, families, and stakeholders in an ongoing manner.

Our Canadian flag continues to be lowered today as a result of the horrific incident in London this week. The board has posted the following message on all websites:

The Upper Grand District School Board would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Muslim community following the horrific violence in London, Ontario, which killed four family members and sent another family member to hospital with serious injuries. Officials are reporting that this is an apparent hate crime and that the victims were targeted because of their Muslim faith.

Our condolences go to the victims, their family members, friends and loved ones and the entire Muslim community.

Islamophobia, racism, hate and oppression cannot be tolerated. We stand in solidarity with the Muslim community, many who may be feeling pain and fear. The UGDSB is committed to disrupting Islamophobia and will continue to take action in anti-racism and anti-oppression work.

If you or someone you know is struggling or needs someone to talk to, supports are available both within our schools and within our communities.

UGDSB Support Services staff are available to support students and can be arranged through

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students' classroom teacher.

The Canadian flag was also lowered from May 31-June 7 due to the events in British Columbia. The following message was posted on all websites on May 30th:

From May 31 to June 7, the Upper Grand District School Board will lower all flags at school and office buildings, where possible, to honour the 215 children whose lives were taken at a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C.

As we collectively mourn this horrific loss, we acknowledge that there cannot be reconciliation without truth. The lowering of flags is not enough; substantial work must be done in our communities, schools and systems to face the historical and current atrocities faced by Indigenous communities, and to ensure that Indigenous staff and students are not deprived of their rights, and can learn and work in an environment free of racism and discrimination. In the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report there are 94 Calls to Action. We need to read these documents and do this work.

A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support for former students and those affected. Services can be accessed by calling 1-866 925-4419.

We are also flying the inclusive Pride flag for the month of June. It is hanging below our Canadian flag.

It is the expectation that UGDSB schools and offices raise the Pride Flag on June 1 as a sign of support and celebration. Along with raising the Pride Flag, the board will provide schools with intentional learning resources that centre on the contributions of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and addresses homophobia, transphobia, biphobia and other forms of oppression by first person experts.

Year End Information:

Chromebooks will be returned the first week of July. More information will be communicated once the logistics have been finalized.

Student belongings will also need to be picked up. Teachers will be coming into the school to see what items were left and then a plan will be made for pick up.

Plans of Care will be updated via email. Sheri will call parents to pick up medication that is currently in the office.

Facebook:

The John Black Public School Facebook page will be deleted as of June 29, 2021. This has been a school based informational page and if the community wants to have their own page someone will need to be the administrator and share that it is not a school sanctioned or approved school communication tool.

Community Use:

Please think about any events you may like to tentatively book for the upcoming school year and email the dates to Sheri. This must be completed by June 30th at the latest.

Farewell:

Kathy took some time to express appreciation and kind words regarding her time as Principal at John Black. The sentiment was reciprocated by those attending the meeting.

Grade 8 Graduation

Luke confirmed that the drive through graduation celebration will take place on Thursday, June 24th from 5-7pm. Luke expressed gratitude again for School Councils financial support of the grad.

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5. Financial Report			
BANKING ACTIVITY:			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Opening book balance July 1, 2020			\$ 7,770.53
Supplies for Halloween and Winter break scavenger hunts (Chq#370)		\$ 83.32	
Bank fee - bank draft to close account		\$ 9.95	
Mabels Labels cheque	\$ 57.28		
Sled-A-Thon UGLF donations	\$ 595.00		
HST Refund 2019/2020	\$ 377.23		
Graduation 2019/2020		\$ 500.00	
Graduation 2020/2021		\$ 500.00	
Totals:	\$ 1,029.51	\$ 1,093.27	
Balance as of May 28, 2021:			\$ 7,706.77
FORECASTED INCOME & EXPENSES:			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance as of May 28, 2021:			\$ 7,706.77
Snow Equipment (Skis? snowshoes)		\$ 2,400.00	
Gym Equipment		\$ 600.00	
Chromebooks for Learning Commons		\$ 2,349.27	
Totals:	\$ -	\$ 5,349.27	
FORECASTED BALANCE			\$ 2,357.50
<p>FORCASTED BALANCE does NOT include \$1500 typically held in account until needed (\$1000 Contingency Fund & \$500 Community Fund). Balance if these are taken into account is \$857.50</p> <p>Motions were approved by email vote to support the 20-21 Grade 8 Grad and Chromebooks for the Learning Commons.</p>			
6. Student Report			
Deferred			
7. Community Report			
Deferred			
8. School Council Plan for Year			
a. Fundraising - Deferred/On hold			
b. Social Events - Deferred/On hold			
c. Student / School Day Enrichment - Deferred/On hold			
9. New Business (Round Table Input)			
Heartfelt farewells and good wishes were expressed with those who are no longer going to be at John Black.			<i>Catherine to pick up SC items from Kim (cash box etc.)</i>
10. Meeting adjourned			
Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 21st 2021			