

John Black Public School - School Council Minutes

Date: Monday, November 15th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Google Meet (Virtual)

Chair: Melissa Mulligan & Carrie-Ann Nind

Treasurer: Catherine Shelton-Galdes

Secretary: Margaret Beacock

Principal: Sarah Schoettler

School Members Present: Sarah Schoettler, Luke Kordupel, Ainsley Stewart

Council Members Present: Melissa Mulligan, Carrie-Ann Nind, Margaret Beacock, Sarah deLange, Catherine Shelton-Galdes, Stephanie Jones

Regrets: Rami Kridli, Anneke McCabe, Natalie Dorie

Minutes	Action Items
<p>1. Welcome, Introductions and Regrets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sarah Schoettler introduced Ainsley Stewart (gr 7, Mr. Hirst) as representatives of John Black Student Council. b. Michelle Youngblood is a teacher and parent of 3 students at John Black PS who is getting involved in school council at her own school and so decided to attend school council for her kids' school as well. 	
<p>2. Review and Approval of September 2021 Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. November meeting agenda: Approved by Catherine Shelton-Galdes, seconded by Melissa Mulligan. b. October meeting minutes: Changes include adding Anneke McCabe to regrets and location to Google Meet. Approved by Carrie-Ann Nind, seconded by Stephanie Jones. 	
<p>3. Principal's Report, Sarah Schoettler</p> <p>Support to the Trafford Family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to express our appreciation to School Council for the support provided for the Trafford Family. Your immediate and thoughtful response was truly appreciated. <p>Report Cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families will be able to access their child's report card beginning on November 18th. If you have any issues with accessing the parent portal, please call us and we will support from the office. • Teachers will be setting up interview time frames through the online booking system • Parents can book their child's interview starting on November 18th. You can message your child's teacher if you would like to coordinate having rotary teachers present as well. • Information for accessing the report card and setting up an interview time will be shared on the website and through email this week. <p>Equity Audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During Bullying Prevention and Awareness week, a google form will be sent to families to seek parent/guardian input about how welcome, included and reflected our families feel at John Black. • There are about 10 questions for families to respond to. Teachers will also be asking our students similar questions to gather their voice and input and this data will be used moving forward in all aspects of our planning as we continue to ensure our school is a safe, 	

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<p style="text-align: center;">equitable and inclusive space for all.</p> <p>Division Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At our last PD day, staff spend time analyzing student literacy and numeracy assessment data to determine where students are struggling. They then worked together to create a plan for developing student inquiry, lessons and assessment that as a team they will hone in on to build student capacity. • Our next step will be to come back together with student work, analyze responses and focus on next steps • Ultimately the goal is to improve student success in the area of need. 	
<p>4. Teacher’s Report, Luke Kordupel</p> <p>Primary-Will have an extra curricular begin soon which is called Pinball. It will be done by class to promote cohorting.</p> <p>Junior- open gym has continued for the juniors led by Mr. Shirk (Grade 7 homeroom teacher) Many clubs which have been asked for by the students are continuing.</p> <p>Intermediate- Volleyball intramurals are starting soon. We have had over 60 kids sign up in intermediate. We are looking to create teams which are by the student classes, this will promote cohorting as well. Open gym has continued for the intermediates led by Mr. Shirk (Grade 7 homeroom teacher) Cohorting is also happening during open gym too. Students shoot on their class’ net while they are in an open gym</p>	
<p>5. Student’s Report, Ainsley Stewart</p> <p>The focus of John Black student council this year has been on equitable and inclusive fun days. For example, Autumn Day (dress up in fall colours) and Comfy and Cozy Day at the end of each month (dress in PJ’s or most comfortable clothes).</p> <p>This year because there are no assemblies to bring the whole school together due to COVID, school council is making video assemblies. There are 2 videos, 1 for kindergarten to grade 3 and another for grade 4 and up. These are meant to keep the students informed, while keeping them engaged. It is important to represent all voices from kindergarten to grade 8, so they are working to represent those who have less of a voice at school (ie. young students). There will be a vote to decide the school mascot (bear vs badger). They have organized Dance Days every Friday where they play music, and the kids are encouraged to “dance like nobody’s watching”.</p> <p>Student Council is also working on a transition video for students from feeder schools, and those students who are new to the area to watch.</p>	
<p>6. Financial Report, Catherine Shelton-Galdes:</p>	

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BANKING ACTIVITY:			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Opening book balance May 28, 2021			\$ 7,706.77
Phys Ed. Equipment (Gatorskin balls&floorhockey)		\$ 459.15	
Retirement Plaque for Principal Gosling-Spears		\$ 96.05	
Chromebooks for Learning Commons		\$ 2,082.00	
Fall Fundraiser (SchoolCashOnline)	\$ 2,670.00		
Totals:	\$ 2,670.00	\$ 2,637.20	
Balance as of November 15, 2021			\$ 7,739.57
FORECASTED INCOME & EXPENSES:			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance as of November 15, 2021			\$ 7,739.57
Contingency Fund (Hold until needed-playground repairs etc.)		\$ 1,000.00	
Community Fund (Hold until needed)		\$ 384.41	
Community Fund (meals for bereaved family)		\$ 115.59	
Parent Involvement Funding	\$ 500.00		
Fall Fundraiser (in UGLF account)	\$ 144.38		
Fall Fundraiser (cash to be deposited)	\$ 15.00		
Fall Fundraiser Ice cream bar prizes		\$ 181.88	
Totals:	\$ 659.38	\$ 1,681.88	
FORECASTED BALANCE			\$ 6,717.07

Only spending since last meeting has been community support for the Trafford family and icecream sandwiches to reward the students after the Fall Fundraiser.

7. Community Report

- a. School Speed Zone Update – Mario Gonsalves was unable to attend.
- b. Road Mast Action Plan – Melissa Mulligan
Peter Boyd lives on Lamond St. and has put together a community group who are against the bridge being built at Pierpoint Park. They held a meeting November 9 which was attended by 75 members of the community. Many letters objecting to the project have been sent to town council. A date has been set for January 31/22 for the group to address town council. Peter will speak to the school council during our January meeting as community representative. The goal is to have the project cancelled, even though it is not scheduled to go ahead until 2041.

8. School Council Plan for the Year

- a. Fall Fundraiser: Melissa Mulligan
\$2835 raised during Fall Fundraiser. Melissa Mulligan put motion forward to spend \$500 on DPA and recess equipment. Seconded by Sarah deLange. Pricing is being worked out for Gaga ball pit, so it will have to wait. Sarah Schoettler mentioned that there may be a mural in the front foyer that could be funded as well. More on that later. Sarah Schoettler will ask teachers for a wish list of items. If these funds do not get spent immediately, the funds could be earmarked for future use.
- b. Student/School Day Enrichment
-Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant – Melissa Mulligan explained this was \$1000 grant we can apply for. She would like to spend this on a gathering in the Spring in Pierpoint Park.

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<p>We could invite a historian to speak about the origins of the park as well as inviting Six Nations to speak about its importance to their community. We could have students share their work that relates to the park. We could spend \$100 on snacks, and the rest of speaker costs. We can form a subcommittee to plan the event. Stephanie Jones urged the council to be mindful of who we invite to speak from Six Nations. Michelle Youngblood recommended reaching out to Colinda Clyne, Curriculum Leader for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education who could make some recommendations on how to go about this. Sarah Schoettler suggested the person who originally placed the Richard Pierpoint plaque could speak. The school is working on bringing that part of history inside the school through the librarian, as well as inviting an indigenous artist to paint a mural in the front foyer. This would include a land acknowledgement and perhaps the school mascot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School Based Funding – Carrie-Ann Nind would like to see this funding used when we are all able to gather together. It may be combined with PRO grant for the end of year event. -Facebook – Sarah deLange went through the updates to Facebook; Magic Pebble Book Fair, posts from Mr. Swan, Remembrance Day and reposts for those who can't access Twitter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Social Events – on hold d. Secretary Report – Margaret Beacock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -3 to 4 years of minutes are being compiled into a binder to be kept in the office. The last year of minutes will also be posted to the school council website. -a section of the council website will be dedicated to updates for parents, to replace the bulletin board at the school. Ideas include fundraising updates and holiday greetings. 	
<p>9. New Business (Round Table Input)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. By—law review postponed to January, Carrie-Ann will send out before the meeting so there is an opportunity to review them. 	
<p>9. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting – Monday, January 10th 2021</p>	