

John Black Public School - School Council Minutes

Date: Monday, February 7th, 2022

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

Council Members Present: Melissa Mulligan, Carrie-Ann Nind, Catherine Shelton-Galdes, Margaret Beacock, Sarah deLange, Rami Kridli, Anneke McCabe

Regrets: Luke Kordupel, Natalie Dorie, Stephanie Jones

Minutes	<i>Action Items</i>
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Melissa Mulligan welcomed everyone. 	
<p>2. Review and Approvals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. February 2022 meeting agenda: Approved by Rami Kridli, seconded by Margaret Beacock. b. January 2022 meeting minutes: Melissa suggested that "Peter's property" be changed to "the park property" in the Welcome and Introductions section of January 2022 minutes. Change was accepted. Approved by Melissa Mulligan, seconded by Sarah deLange. 	
<p>3. Principal's Report, Sarah Schoettler</p> <p>New LTO Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawson is no longer with us and I have hired Brigitta Gooch who is the new teacher in the 5/6 classroom. Ms. Gooch has transitioned smoothly into the class and our school <p>Term 1 Report Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our teachers have done a great job writing their reports. Report cards go home on February 17th <p>Grad Photos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetouch confirmed they will be doing our grade 8 Grad photos next Tuesday, February 15th • Information will be sent to families asap <p>Black Heritage Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February is Black Heritage Month and staff have been provided with rich resources to ensure that the lived experiences and contributions of Black Canadians are being taught and reflected through the learning • Presenters - We are excited that we have a few presenters for our school. • February 8th, 2022 - D.O. Gibson will host the first annual Black Canadian 365 conference for students across Canada. The Change The World Assembly will cover Viola Desmond, the Coloured Hockey League and Black contributions to hockey. Along with featuring Black Canadian musical contributions from Oscar Peterson, Maestro Fresh Wes, and Drake, it also includes a special appearance by Toronto Raptor Legend Jerome "JYD" Williams! In his 	

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trademark style, Gibson will speak and rap throughout the performance for an expected audience of over 50,000 students while focusing on the contributions of Black Canadians as part of Black History Month. The event will take place virtually on Zoom with students tuning in from their classrooms nationwide.

- February 9th - Annette Power (School Council member at Dolson my previous school) Storyteller, Annette Power, will delight classes in kindergarten through grade 4 with the novel titled The Spider Weaver: A Legend of the Kente Cloth. Listen, learn and participate in this interactive tale with drums, artifacts and activities.
- February 16th - Kyle Smith (The Guelph Museum) will be presenting to our junior and intermediate students about the history and background of - Richard Pierpoint
- Richard Pierpoint Plaque - I spoke with a representative from the Guelph Black Heritage Society regarding the plaque on our property. We will be meeting in March to gather their input on how we can ensure the plaque is accessible and public facing.
- Mural: We will also be seeking their insight on a mural of Richard Pierpoint. Whether this is appropriate and if so we would like their input on an artist and insight on features of the mural.

WHY Survey

- Beginning on February 14, the Upper Grand District School Board is collecting information on student health and well-being from youth, parents/guardians/caregivers and school staff. The Well-Being and Health Youth Surveys are designed to help us understand how well we are doing creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments in our schools. It also provides important information about the physical and mental health of youth in our area. Information was sent out to parents/guardians today, February 7th.

Vaccination Clinic

- Public Health clinics are being organized to provide first or second doses to students, staff and families in school and community clips across our region. WDGPH is hosting vaccination clinics at select school community locations based on data. Forms were due today and are being sent to public health. Parents were to access the forms online to fill or could call the school on February 8th if they required a printed copy.

4. Teacher's Report, Luke Kordupel

- On behalf of the teachers, thank you so much for considering the requests which have been shared on the wishlist. We are beyond grateful for anything that School Council views as an option.
- We are grateful for the space we have at John Black and the outdoor equipment that we have been able to purchase, much of it with School Council support. Our snowshoes and skis are used pretty much every period. We have had to come up with a sign up schedule to ensure that each class equitably has opportunities with them. Many of our students experience their first opportunity to ski and snowshoe at school and it is awesome to see them having so much fun with them.
- Fort building has also been an engaging activity for the students, and it is neat to see them work together and come up with some great structures.

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5. Financial Report, Catherine Shelton-Galdes			
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 Gossling- Spears		\$ 96.05	
Chromebooks for Learning Commons		\$ 2,082.00	
Fall Fundraiser (SchoolCashOnline and Cash)	\$ 2,685.00		
Fall Fundraiser Ice Cream Bar Prizes		\$ 181.88	
Community Fund (Paid Out)		\$ 390.95	
Totals:	\$ 2,685.00	\$ 3,210.03	
Balance as of J anuary 31, 2022			\$ 7,181.74
FORECASTED INCOME & EXPENSES:			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance as of J anuary 31, 2022			\$ 7,181.74
Contingency Fund (Hold until needed-playground repairs etc.)		\$ 1,000.00	
Community Fund (Hold until needed)		\$ 109.05	
Parent Involvement Funding	\$ 500.00		
Fall Fundraiser (in UGLF account)	\$ 144.38		
Totals:	\$ 644.38	\$ 1,109.05	
FORECASTED BALANCE			\$ 6,717.07
6. Community Report			
Nothing new to report.			
7. Council business items			
<p>a. Spring fundraiser: Sled-a-thon Feb 16-18 – Melissa Many great prizes have been donated; sleds, drones, PS4 games. We will need funds to top off prizes (eg. ice cream sandwiches, gift cards for older kids.) Motion (Melissa): To use up to \$135 on prizes. Passed by majority vote. Supervisors will be used in place of parent volunteers during the Sled-a-thon.</p> <p>b. Teacher Wishlist items: Melissa Items on wishlist from each section include:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">FDK (Kindergarten) \$216.38 + tax = \$244.51 - Number sense tool, magnetic letter builder set, cardboard building blocks</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Primary \$350 budget + tax = \$395.50 \$50 STEM supplies - Nollert (whiteboards covered by school) \$150 Levelled Readers \$150 Math/Language manipulatives (Gr 1/2)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Junior - \$499 + tax = \$563.87 Science Material for all Junior classes</p>			

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<p>Intermediate - \$407.31 + tax = \$460.26 2 science slide sets, HDMI Microscope, Magnet fraction sets x2</p> <p>Motion (Melissa): To spend on in-classroom STEM, Science & Learning materials. Total for all 3 divisions - \$1472.69 pre-tax or \$1664.14 Passed by majority vote.</p> <p>Motion (Melissa): \$500 towards purchase of used cross country skiing equipment. Passed by majority vote.</p> <p>This leaves technology (Chromebooks), Gaga ball pit and front hallway mural on hold. Chromebooks are difficult to get ahold of currently, Gaga ball pit is being looked into (2nd quote), and the mural concept is still being worked on.</p> <p>c. Student/school day enrichment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Parents Reaching Out (PRO) – There is only a \$500 grant available. PRO grant planning is tabled till after March break to see if we can gather at Pierpoint Park. -Student lunches – Catherine <p style="margin-left: 40px;">There was much discussion about whether the cost of lunches other than pizza is too expensive. Things to consider, include cost for families with multiple children, inclusivity, diet considerations. Hot dog days and milk are considered to be too labour intensive, since we don't have parent volunteers currently. Also, milk is perishable, and with so many absences, it is hard to keep from going bad. It was agreed that we should stick to pizza days mean time. We want to make it easy for parents to prepare lunches, but also allow all kids the opportunity to have a special lunch. It is easy to distribute extra pieces to kids who have been identified as in need. Currently the teachers make this decision – some discussion on how to identify these families, as food insecurity is a sensitive topic with stigma attached.</p> <p>d. School Council By-Laws – Carrie-Ann suggested creating a subcommittee to look at current by-laws and suggest changes. Email if you would like to participate.</p>	
8. No new business	
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.	
Next Meeting – Monday, April 11th 2022	