

JDH School Council

JDH Library

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm, motioned by Heather, seconded by Basel

In attendance: Basel, Ali, Riley, Jenn, Julie, Tracy, Nathan, Stephen, Heather, Naomi, Shirley

Meeting started with approval of the agenda as presented, motioned by Ali, seconded by Heather

Chair report was given by Stephen (2022/23 School council chair). Many topics were discussed, highlights included how to spread word about council - share what we do and many levels of involvement (one time, regular meetings/committees). Currently the council has an email distribution list, facebook group page, and starting to gather a member list. Stephen would like to get a survey out to the teachers to see how we can help them, what supports they would find most useful. Tracy and Nathan will help with a survey and add Stephen as a colobarotor so that he can see the results/responses.

Principal report was given by Tracy Oldfield Baker. It has been a great start to the school year, JDH's overall enrollment is down from the previous year. Currently the 2023/24 school year has 619 students. They started this week with having an assembly for the various divisions and tried to make them interactive and fun. They will continue having "Feel Good Friday's", "Thinking Thursday's". The roof replacement and pavement around the school is complete and includes painting on the pavement to provide some activities. Tracy went over some of the staff changes and that they have just finished interviews for a partial planning position. Upcoming in September there are a few important dates - 12th drill day, 27th (during Truth and Reconciliation week) they will observe orange shirt day, 28th will be purple shirt day to support Rowan's Law and the 29th is picture day. An email was sent to all families prior to school starting and within that email is a link to the calendar with the dates and many more. Nathan will continue this year having a leadership group - this is ideally for grade 6's.

A brief treasurer's report was given by Heather, (2022/23 treasurer). 2022/23 was a successful year which saw the return of many events. Highlights of last year included topping up the playground fund. The School Board requires this to be at \$10,000. The dance-a-thon in March was the most successful event for raising funds and the kids had a great time.

Elections were then raised.

Shirley nominated Stephen to return as Council Chair, and it was seconded by Heather, Stephen accepted and everyone agreed.

Shirley nominated Ali for Social Media, and it was seconded by Basel, Ali accepted and everyone agreed.

Ali nominated Basel for Vice Chair, and it was seconded by Shirley, Basel accepted and everyone agreed.

Basel nominated Heather for Treasurer, and it was seconded by Ali, Heather accepted and everyone agreed.

Basel nominated Jenn and Julie as Co Secretaries, and it was seconded by Heather, and all everyone agreed

The student reps were discussed. Continue with an essay/video/audio component, provide topic to grade 7's and ask anyone interested to contribute. Goal is to have 1 student from each of the english and french tracks. The student reps were fantastic and a great addition to the council group.

It was discussed that even though the council positions are filled it would be ideal to get more members to share the workload of events with.

It was agreed that for the core council members Wednesday evenings are better suited for best attendance of council meetings.

In the 2023/24 school year council would like to aim for 3 movie nights, 2 dance-a-thons (during the day) and 1 pizza night.

The results from the student survey conducted by Riley and Brodie was reviewed and the council members thank Riley and Brodie for taking the time to complete the survey with various classes last year.

A graphic/insert was shown that Trina had put together to go out to families of JDH to explain a bit more about what JDH Council does and how to get involved. Ideas were discussed how best to circulate the flyer. Thank you to Trina for taking the time to put this together.

A motion was put forward by Stephen that council purchase a few items such as table cloths, banner, flag etc. with JDH Council and JDH's colour/logo on it. It was seconded by Ali and agreed by all. Expecting to be around \$200. It was brought up that Ali could work with Riley on some graphic designs.

A motion was put forward that the family movie night's be used as fundraising for Tech in the classroom, by Stephen and seconded by Ali, it was agreed by all.

Each event will have a specific fund raising focus, it was discussed that council will focus on 4 areas - unless otherwise indicated by the results of the teacher survey. The 4 areas will be: tech in the classroom, field trip support, classroom supplements, and special days for kids - such as the Art Day.

School trips were briefly discussed - primarily how/timeline to request a specific trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm by Basel and seconded by Ali, agreed by all.