

## Jean Little Parent Council Meeting

April 9, 2018

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1. **Attendance:** Kim Robinson, Sam Hoekstra, Heather Davis, Emma Raye, Karen Gorrie, Jennifer, Sarah Burns, Carolyn Yule, Amy Rutgers-Kelly, Jacqui O'Carroll

Regrets: Jean Downs & Ainsley Thompson

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2. **Review of minutes:** Approved

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3. **Principal's update & financial report: Heather**

-\$10,087.16 - \$55 = current balance in account

-Amy reimbursed \$55 for pizza lunch (prize to winning class who raised the most \$ for the dance-a-thon)

-Some of the students joining the new special education class have been visiting the school. This is junior/intermediate special education class and will have a maximum of 10 children.

-There is a new teacher to replace Mrs. Kirby as she is now on maternity leave. The new LTO teacher is Sarah Hogg.

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4. **Wellness Initiative: Emma**

-Everything is ready for tomorrow evening. Emma will arrive at 5pm to organize tables etc. Yoga will happen in library. Dwayne (custodian) will try to vacuum as soon as YMCA after-school kids have left and move tables aside. Need to check speaker in gym to use for music. Nutritional student from U of G will be in staff room. Someone from the YMCA is coming, someone from GC open door program *may* come. Emma has: collected leaflets for display from organizations around the city, created info and recipes of what the nutrition student will make during the event, purchased gift cards for yoga, Zumba and nutrition student and written thank you cards.

-PIC members are encouraged to invite all their friends to encourage a good turn out!

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5. **Movie night: Jacqui & Carolyn**

-We have 3 potential movies to choose from: Paddington 2 (pre-release), Ferdinand, and Indian Horse (pre-release). Decided upon Paddington 2. It will cost \$175 to purchase. Our next (and final) movie night of the year is *Thursday April 26*. As usual, doors will open at 5:30pm and movie will start at 6.

-**ACTION**: create flyer to distribute to families and posters for school. Include info about Indigo fundraiser (details below) and family fun night on back of movie flyer.

-**ACTION**: Heather to purchase dvd/blue ray player, speaker, extension cord, hdmi cable, and Rubbermaid bin to hold all movie night supplies.

-**ACTION**: Carolyn to get float, juice boxes and water

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## 6. Family Fun Night: Sarah & Carolyn

-We are trying to maintain a balance between holding FFN as a fundraiser but also as a community event for families to enjoy. It has historically been our biggest fundraiser. The main funds raised will come from the silent auction (this may be smaller than in years past given what has been popular/raised money etc.). We hope it will generate roughly the same funds. Since a large portion of the food has been donated, we hope to make more money from the food this year. Food prices have been increased marginally, while not being cost prohibitive for families. Cookies and popcorn will also be sold at the Family Fun Night as well.

- A couple of games will cost money, but most activities will be free. The water activity and duck race will cost money. Sports with Mr. Prieur and Gary Robinson will be free, as well as Fight the Knight. A craft table will be free as well. We will ask the DJ if he will do some dancing/dance games with the kids.

- Henna is being explored as an option for an addition activity this year.

-**ACTION**: Jacqui will inquire whether some of the students at College Heights in cosmetology are interested in this.

-Jacqui will order 500 Dragon cookies from College Heights to help promote Family Fun Night. Cookies will be sold for \$1 two days before the event. Sam will have her grade 8s sell them at snack. Primary morning and Jr./Intermediate afternoon. One cookie per student. Cookies will be sold on Tuesday June 5. A reminder about cookie sales will go out on the Monday.

- **ACTION**: Posters need to be put up around the school to promote Family Fun Night.

- **ACTION**: Sam will create a note to send home with a reminder about FFN and that cookies will be sold.

- **ACTION**: Dragon mascot is available if we can find someone to wear it.

- **ACTION**: Posters will need to be created for the various stations that have tickets (e.g., Candy Kabobs; Popcorn; Cookies; Paid games)

- Cash for cookies, popcorn etc. Pre-order form for food that requires it.

- Cash aprons for volunteers. Promote for people to bring their tnoonies.

- Teachers will want a job at the FFN to keep their time focused and give them a purpose (ticket sales, food)

- Jacqui wants a helper at popcorn and cookies. We will need someone at the craft table as well.

- Tickets were suggested as a way to manage purchases of items that don't need to be pre-ordered (eg: candy kabobs, popcorn, cookies etc.)

-Pre-ordered items will include sliders, samosas, frozen yogurt and hot dogs. All other items will be valued by ticket purchases. Tickets will be \$1 each.

- Incentive to pre-order with extra tickets (i.e., 22 tix for \$20).

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## 7. Pro-Grant: Carolyn

-we will defer making a final decision about whether or not to apply for the pro-grant for next year to the May meeting. Will make the decision based on the turn-out for this year's pro-grant event (Zumba/Yoga night). If we decide to hold an event, Jacqui has proposed organizing an assembly/evening to raise awareness about the new curriculum on Aboriginal/Indigenous colonial history. This would be in line with recent changes to the ON curriculum. In order to ensure the information reaches as large an audience as possible, it was suggested that we have speakers come to an assembly during the school day (for the students) and invite parents to attend.

-**ACTION**: Heather will circulate a survey to parents to inquire what they would likely attend a parent engagement event on: Indigenous social justice issues, mental health and wellbeing, cultural diversity, nothing.

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## 8. Play ground enhancement: Amy, Kim, & Heather

-we have changed the name of the 'greening' project to playground enhancement to reflect the fact that our current projects do not actually involve planting much but rather improving the playground areas. A small group met a couple of weeks ago. We are looking at whether we can use college heights students to make structures for JL that the Board-approved contractors can then install. College Heights (CH) students can do the work for money and we can get a budget from specialist high school major.

-Amy inquired about pricing for awnings and shade structures for the Kinder area. They are prohibitively expensive (i.e., a 20x13 foot shade structure is \$8000+). We will abandon this possibility. The alternative that we are now considering is to build a permanent structure (or plant big trees).

-**ACTION**: Heather will ask board carpenter to inquire about pergola – might be faster than

-**ACTION**: Jacqui to ask CH to make 3 plexi-glass chart stands to hang over fence for children to paint on

-Amy did some research on how to minimize/prevent sand wasps from nesting in the Kinder sandbox. We should cover sand box in summer with tarp to prevent nests in first place. If the wasps do nest, we could try to flood them out. Digging and sand and shade also helps to discouraging nesting.

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## 9. Indigo fundraiser: Sarah

-Sarah inquired about a fundraiser that Indigo hosts. Essentially, on a particular day (TBD – but in early May) we get a percentage of the profits made from customers who say they were invited to the store by us (i.e., folks have to say they are from JL or were invited by someone from JL). We either get 15% back in cash or 20% as an Indigo gift card. Many other schools in the city have participated in this fundraiser. Schools usually do it once a year, ideally before a holiday (i.e., before Mother's day, Xmas, etc.). We'll try it this May (before Mother's Day) and if it's successful will do it again in November (before Xmas). Indigo only holds the event on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. We will promote this fundraiser at the April movie night.

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## 10. Adjourn at 8:10 pm