

## Jean Little Parent Council Meeting

March 5, 2018

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**1. Attendance:** Kim Robinson, Carolyn Yule, Emma Raye, Sam Hoekstra, eno's dad, Karen Gorrie, tom's mom? Jian Wang, Heather Davis, Amy Rutgers-Kelly

Regrets: Patti Tolton, Jean Downs

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**2. Review of minutes:** Approved

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### **3. Principal's update: Heather**

There is a district support meeting tomorrow. Two superintendents, curriculum leader, directions team from JL (Heather, Sam, Sarah Fries, Mrs. Kirby, and 2 others) are involved in the review of the school. The directions team brings together information from the school re: what to focus on for the school's improvement plan. District support will do a walkabout through school to collect data and will sit down with JL team to discuss the data.

Financial update:

- The last movie night raised \$124
- Montana's night raised \$350
- Dance-a-thon raised \$3182.25
- Total in PIC account: \$10,087.16

Greening update: Heather received the site plan from Tatianna, and it was circulated at the meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the plan's exclusive focus on the kinder area. PIC had hoped that Tatianna would also provide ideas/suggestions for the other side of the school (i.e., 'loose parts' improvements). There was a lengthy discussion about the importance of being able to present a multi-staged greening plan to the broader school community if we hope to raise funds. Concern was expressed that it will be difficult to engage the majority of the school community to participate in fundraising if the sole focus seems to be the kinder area. We decided that a separate meeting was needed to discuss the greening plans. This meeting is scheduled for **Monday March 26 at 6:15pm**. All are welcome to attend.

In order to begin with the improvement of the kinder area, we must submit an alterations request to the board (which Heather has done). Moving the fence is first stage and then Board approval will enable us to complete the rest of the plan. We will use a board-approved contract to move the fence. For non-Board contract work, we need 3 quotes for any project over \$5000.

Some next steps for the greening plans include:

- Obtaining student input from older grades (i.e., not kinders) re: what kinds of playground options they would enjoy (include visuals of some possibilities)
- Figure out how much money will need to raise in order to ask community to contribute

- Review plan from Tatianna once we have costs and decide as a committee when we want to implement the different phases (timelines).
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#### **4. Dance-a-thon update: Amy**

This fundraiser was a great success! It raised over \$3100. Mrs. Haveman's class raised the most money and enjoyed a pizza lunch on behalf of PIC. This is a fundraiser that we would want to do again next year. Mrs. Murray offered a lot of support for the event. There were some complaints about music (some of the primaries felt that some of the songs were too baby-ish) and it also cut out a couple times because of internet. Most families who donated, gave the \$20 amount suggested on the pledge form. Almost all of the money was raised by the K-grade 5 students.

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#### **5. Wellness Initiative: Emma**

Emma circulated a draft poster for the upcoming wellness initiative on April 10. She is still looking for a yoga instructor (has emailed a woman who runs parent & child yoga classes). Emma has booked a Zumba instructor. We discussed how much money to pay the instructors and decided that \$200 would be appropriate. Other organizations will also provide info about their services either via representatives or flyers (e.g., Guelph Community Guide, YMCA will run booth, GCVI students will advertise their 'Open Door' program that focuses on students struggling with mental health issues, Little Kickers, Royal City Ball Hockey). A 4<sup>th</sup> year U of G nutrition placement student will run a snack bar (with groceries PIC provides). She is planning to provide 3 'fun and healthy' snacks that parents can prepare quickly. She will bring recipe cards. We will pay the U of G student \$100 or \$150.

-*ACTION*: PIC needs to provide blenders for nutrition student to use to make smoothies.

-*ACTION*: Emma to copy fliers to send home to JL families

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#### **6. Movie night: Carolyn**

The final movie night of the year will be held on Thursday April 26.

-*ACTION*: Heather to buy equipment for next movie night

-*ACTION*: Jacqui to organize movie and order more popcorn (if necessary) and cookies

-*ACTION*: Carolyn to organize volunteers and drinks

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#### **7. Fresh from the Farm: All**

A decision was made that JL will *not* participate in the spring fundraiser. We didn't think the amount of vegetables provided for \$15 was a good deal and so didn't anticipate many families would participate.

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**8. Pro-grant:** All

The pro-grant (for \$1000) is due June 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a grant to support a parent-focused event. We will decide on topic at April meeting.

**9. Family Fun Night:** Carolyn

Plans for the FFN are underway. Montana's will donate 200 sliders for the event and will cook. A water truck has been booked so families can bring their own mugs from home and we will not be selling bottled water. The food prices have been decided and the committee is finalizing the games that we will hold. We will not have the bottle drive this year.

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**10. Other business:**

A question was asked re: why children were not allowed to chew gum on 'break a rule day'. Heather explained that gum is a choking hazard for the younger grades.

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Meeting adjourned: 8pm