**L’Ecole Edward Johnson Public School**

**Minutes for School Council Meeting**

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

* Minutes of September 19, 2016, meeting approved

1. **Treasurers Report – Suzanne and Meghan**

* Current balance $17,172.02 (includes $4,244.90 UGDSB Learning Fund, which amount is TBC)
* Annual insurance premium has been paid ($151.20) – **approved by Council**
* Actual cost of Do Re Mi is $2,800.00 (not $5,200.00 as previously approved at September 19th meeting)
* If you need to make any purchases for programs/events, speak with Meghan or Amanda first
* If you receive monies for any programs/events, please keep an accurate tally of the funds so the amount(s) can be cross-referenced later

\* Council pays for a water cooler in the quad portables and we need to vote on whether this should continue. Amanda is going to look into the current contract to confirm how much we are paying and how much the students are consuming. It was agreed that we also need to look into a cheaper option. **Vote deferred**.

1. **Principal’s Report - Katherine**

* Bullying Prevention Plan has been updated and posted on the website. Staff and students are being made aware of the updated Plan.
* The Safe Schools Committee does not currently have a community partner. Leslie S. suggested the North Riverside Neighbourhood Group. Any other suggestions please let Katherine know.
* The Anti-Bullying Magic Show is coming to our school in late November, during Bullying Prevention Week (school funded)
* EQAO is in November
* Katherine shared some insights from a nature workshop she recently attended at the Bookshelf. She suggested a “Family Nature Day” for a community event and stressed the importance of kids being out in nature.

1. **Playground Equipment - Amanda**

* Motion to paint monkey bars provided the cost is less than $1,000.00 – **passed**
* If the cost is more than $1,000.00, further discussion is needed

1. **Movie Night - Maureen**

* It was agreed that the JK–Grade 3 film will be **Alpha and Omega** and the Grade 4–Grade 6 film will be **Charlotte’s Web**
* Email Amanda or Rebecca if you are interested in volunteering
* Motion to purchase beverages/snacks at a cost of $200.00 - **passed**

1. **Art Program Proposal - Leslie A.**

* Artshine is an eight-week program that provides each child with one art project per week, which they can take home. The cost is $120.00 per student. Artshine will potentially subsidize one student per school.
* Further discussion needed

1. **Pro-Grant Proposal - Maureen**

* We applied for, and received, a $1,000.00 Pro-Grant to run a workshop for parents
* The focus will be mental health in children
* Maureen proposed to run two or three hour-long sessions focusing on anxiety, resiliency, and mindfulness in children
* Maureen would receive a small honorarium
* She would provide numerous resources for parents as well as resources to be kept in the EJPS library
* It was suggested that the sessions be run on Wednesday evenings
* Motion to have Maureen run the sessions - **passed**

1. **Holiday Market Update - Amanda**

* Need to fill 15 more tables
* Running smoothly so far

1. **PIC Update - Maureen**

* Next meeting is Monday, October 24, 2016 (not the 25th as noted in the Minutes). Maureen will be chair.
* They have guest speakers at most meetings
* Maureen mentioned that there are a lot of useful links on the UGDSB website under the “Parent” section. The PIC website also has a “Parent Resources” section. Maureen specifically mentioned Canadian Parents for French and People for Education as great resources.

1. **Update on Snack Program/Farm Fresh - Amanda**

* We are running a “Healthy Basket Program”. Each classroom has a basket that is stocked on Mondays and Wednesdays, and removed/cleaned on Fridays. There are currently eight volunteers. The program is going well.
* Farm Fresh orders being submitted today (209 veggie orders and 99 apple orders)

1. **Miscellaneous**

* Amanda suggested purchasing new school council t-shirts. Consensus was to defer the discussion.
* Leslie S. passed around brochures for a Children’s Composition Contest and the Tinker Truck science program, for those who were interested.

**Next meeting Monday, November 14, 2016, in the EJ Library (6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)**.