

**L'Ecole Edward Johnson Public School
Minutes for School Council Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2018**

Attendance:

Nadine P.	Amanda G.	Katherine W.	Meghan O.	Sarah M.	Maureen O.
Elisha P.	Samantha W.	Elizabeth A.	Jamie B.	Noor	Jennifer H.

1. Welcome and Approve October Minutes

- October Minutes approved
- Motion to approve Minutes by e-mail so they can be uploaded to the website quicker – all in agreement

2. Treasurer's Report – Meghan

- account sitting at \$22,427.00 (note that most of this is pizza funds, some of which will be used to purchase pizza)
- starting next month Meghan will start to break out pizza money so that we have a better idea of what funds we have actually raised
- suggested we talk about doing the Black History Month item as the February community night
- do we want to do the ice skating again this year? See Miscellaneous

3. Principal's Report - Katherine

- Thanks to all who helped with the gardening day
- Friendship bench is now installed outside
- Staff are continuing with focus on growth mindset
- Carla Sheffold (EA) has some great ideas (Images of Eddie the Eagle in the gym, "Home of the Eagles", etc.)
- Progress reports go home November 20, 2018
- Maria Stolfi is doing yearbook this year; she wants it to be out before the end of the 2018-19 school year and so she has already started to work on it
- Leslie Shapiro is happy to help out again with the school choir
- Leslie will play the harp during a moment of reflection for the Remembrance Day assembly
- A heads up that the Grade 6 students will be fundraising for their year-end camping trip; likely won't start until after Christmas
- School funds are going to pay for Grades 1 through 5 to see Greg Laroque
- Not sure what the event for the Kindergarten kids will be
- Grade 6's will be going to the Upper Grand Empowerment Day
- Suggestion to plot out spirit days; will discuss later in meeting

4. Teacher's Report – Samantha White and Elizabeth Andrews (ECE)

- Samantha
 - o Update as to how teachers are spending various funds provided by Council
 - o Two teachers have already spent \$100 discretionary funds
 - o Grade 2 team going on a field trip (using bussing funds and going to tap into programming funds as well); they are going to the Wellington Museum (ties into social studies). This trip will be free for the students.

- Kindergarten teachers have used up half of the bussing funds for the apple orchard field trip
- Elizabeth
 - Waiting for insurance information back for pottery trip
 - Suggested the Acorn Card Fundraiser
 - Mixed thoughts from staff
 - Curriculum already busy, cards are expensive (\$30 for one dozen), older grades not interested
 - Suggested that Katherine could ask at staff meeting to see if anyone is interested
 - Is this a school council fundraiser or a school fundraiser? Discussion around not having too many fundraisers at one time. Perhaps something for next year? Jamie mentioned that we could potentially arrange the printing on our own which could make the cards more affordable.

5. **Black History Month Discussion**

- February 2019
- Discussed potential of having local Afro-Tribal dance group come to the school
- The group would be looking for donations (food, baby items, monetary) to ship to Africa
- Will come to the school for 1.5 hours
- Laura MacNeily brought the idea to the table (she does a display every year in the front by the office)
- Barrels cost \$150.00 to ship to Africa
- Suggestions to run it more like an assembly (perhaps have Kindergartens in one group, Grades 1 to 3 in another group, Grades 4 to 6 in another group)
- Katherine will present the idea to staff
- Council could fund the cost of three barrels (\$150 each) and then the rest would be donations from our school community
- Amanda to look into whether or not they can do three sessions in one day

6. **Holiday Concert Raffle Baskets**

- Jen and Kerry are purchasing holiday baskets
- Hope to add it to School Cash online as of Nov 19th to purchase tickets
- Ticket purchase will close December 12th
- This leaves council one week to buy everything

7. **Indigo Event – Jamie B. (November 12, 2018)**

- Everything looks good
- Maureen to ask Leslie about the harp – maybe to play at the event?
- Jamie to look into creating a Facebook event
- Spread the word

8. **Mindfulness Event/PIC Update - Maureen**

- Mindfulness event (recap)
 - Easy to pull off
 - Two parents Avril and April helping facilitate
 - 11 families (35 people attended); all ages (Kindergarten to Grade 5)
 - Tactile, visual, auditory, and movement kinds of mindfulness strategies

- Good feedback from kids
- Would like to do it again if possible
- PIC Event
 - Maureen didn't make it to the most recent event
 - There are no pro-grants available this year
 - There is a PIC event tomorrow and Thursday night – there will not be a Spring event due to lack of pro-grant
 - Going to continue to meet every month for as long as they can
- Sub-committee on equity and inclusion
 - Haven't had the opportunity to meet yet
 - Hoping to meet next week
 - King George has it and hoping to run it here
 - One teacher has asked to be involved (Lauren McDonald)
- Treaty recognition week mentioned

9. Spirit Days

- November 29th – sports/activity day
- December 21st – PJ Day
- January 31st – Disco/party wear (same day as dance-a-thon)
- February 22nd – Future You day
- March 8th – PJ day/crazy socks
- April 18th – backwards day
- May 17th – hat day
- June 20 – crazy hair/spirit wear (family fun night as well)

10. Miscellaneous

- Skating at U of G
 - Jamie to look into some dates and report back at next meeting; possibly February 2019
 - Cost last year was \$257.23 plus minimal insurance cost; held on a Sunday morning
- Family Fun night
 - Need to move the date
 - Looking at June 20, 2018
 - Amanda to check with Cleo the Cloud

Next meeting Tuesday, December 4, 2018