

**L'Ecole Edward Johnson Public School
Minutes for School Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

Attendance:

Nadine P. Katherine W. Meghan O. Elisha P. Noor K. Rebecca D.
Colleen M. Jennifer H. Nicole P.

1. Welcome and Approve November Minutes

- November Minutes approved

2. Treasurer's Report – Meghan

- \$190.00 in donations so far for raffle baskets; still a bit of time left to get donations in
- Just now received our tax rebate (\$2,427.40) so we now have \$10,665.99 in our “long-term project” account. We need to start thinking about what we can do with those funds.
- Still have \$8,000.00 at UG Learning Foundation. This amount is typically carried over year to year to act as a buffer. Meghan suggests that we move \$3k of this to the long-term projects account.
- School spirit wear order is in. Need to come up with a new plan for next year as organizing the orders and obtaining information from families was very time consuming. Find a distributor to set up a web portal for orders due to volume. Recommend going to online orders only – negative to this is it removes option of having names put on spirit wear. If we want to keep option to have names then we need to keep paper order forms.
- Recommended we research other school councils in the area to get ideas
- Amanda and Meghan purged the council room, including the Christmas tree and decorations. Some discussion around what we should include in our holiday display this year (some suggestions were door decorating, wreaths, etc.). **Decision was to go without a tree this year and make better plans for next year.**
- Need to figure out lost and found solution for outdoor play equipment. Will try using a labeled Rubbermaid tote to encourage staff/students to put items in the bins when they come in from outside. Katherine to communicate this to the teachers. We have two parent volunteers to look after monitoring the bins.

3. Principal's Report - Katherine

- Spaghetti supper information has gone home
- Eddie t'a vu initiative has been going really well. Lots of enthusiasm and catching on. There will be a monthly draw for each division.
- Having a food drive during the last week of school. Will encourage parents to bring food items for donation during Christmas concert
- Growth Mindset work with staff is going well. There are four school-wide activities planned: academic, physical, environmental, creative (will be cross-grades)
- Talked about some equity events going on. Staff are going to read “Seven Fallen Feathers” by Tania Talaga (book about treatment of indigenous peoples in Canada). “Unlearn” posters are going to be going up in the school – hoping to designate a wall space for them and perhaps change the poster every month. Katherine passed around samples of the posters.
- Kindergarten registration is the Tuesday after Christmas

4. Teacher's Report – no teacher present

5. Holiday Raffle baskets

- Raffle committee will pick themes and put the baskets together
- Need volunteers to sell tickets the day of the concert (before and during the break between the two concerts). Nice to have two people.
- Raffle tickets are taken care of

6. Dance-a-thon

- Need a volunteer to take care of pledge forms. Meghan will take care of this but we need to decide on prizes.
- Every \$10 dollars gets you a raffle
- Prizes to be \$50.00 gift cards: two for downtown, Galaxy, Guelph Grotto, and CTRL V
- Rebecca to rent lighting from Long McQuaid and come up with a playlist
- Council to provide freezies/popsicles (will have options that for kids that cannot have traditional popsicles) and glow sticks
- **All of the above was voted on and passed**

7. February Community Night (Feb 27th)

- Suggestion to run a sport night
- Have the younger grades earlier (6-7pm) and the older grades later (7-8pm)
- Katherine to check to see if the school is available from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

8. Miscellaneous

- Going to add 30 minutes to next meeting to discuss long-term projects
 - o May be worth conducting another survey
 - o Swings need attention, some playground equipment needs painting, possibly a digital school sign out front, sun shades/sails for sand play area
 - o Katherine to communicate to teachers that funds are available for larger projects and see if there are any suggestions from staff

Next meeting Monday, January 14, 2018