

**L'Ecole Edward Johnson Public School
Minutes for School Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

Attendance:

Nadine P. Samantha W. Elisha P. Katherine W. Jennifer H. Meghan O.
Natasha P. Daniella M. Terry H. Laura S. Rebecca D. Amanda G.
Stephanie K.

1. Welcome and Intro to Council

- Discussed voting process and available Executive positions
- Nomination forms made available

2. Treasurer's Report – Meghan

- Meghan reviewed the current budget
- UGDSB came to clear up garden
- \$5,000.00 out of \$20,000.00 budget leftover could be under spending and over fundraising. These funds could get moved into the long-term project account
- Long-term project account carried over, sensory hallway funds still there, UGDSB is piloting the sensory hall
- Hub sensory items on Carla's "to do" list
- Meghan is doing weighted lap blankets
- Amanda Ammon is sorting out STEM equipment
- Chrome Books were \$900, which was less than expected
- The budget for this year needs to be finalized
- Outdoor bin equipment has been ordered. We are looking at changing the bin program so that there are several large bins outdoors (as opposed to a bin in each classroom). This will hopefully make it easier to have items returned to the bins and won't take up valuable classroom space. We will likely purchase bins similar to those already in the Kindergarten area (which Meghan recently unlocked and discovered additional toys)
- We will need to make some decisions about maintenance that needs to be done on the playground (i.e. cracks in hardtop)
- \$8,000.00 in Upper Grand Learning Fund can be used for playground upkeep

3. Dance Residency

- Program runs daily for a period of two weeks
- 3 hours per class
- Each class will present a dance at the end
- Our school will likely be doing a hip hop number
- May try to book John F. Ross for the performance (Katherine will look into this and book)
- Need to look into capacity – do we need to limit numbers attending?
- The charge to students for the program will be \$15.00 (Council will cover the balance out of the long-term project fund)

4. Principal's Report - Katherine

- Great start to the school year, not too many class changes
- Hired a teacher for Room 13 (Aimee Rathbone)
- Family Handbook is ready to go. Katherine would like a submission from School Council to add to it
- Katherine needs to look into garden box location to ensure that it does not interfere with snow plows
- Agendas are en route

5. Teacher's Report – Samantha White

- Pretty settled September, not too many changes
- Getting ready for the Open House

6. Community Event – October 17, 2019

- Talked about a clothing exchange (EcoClub would like to see this as it would go towards our Greening Program)
- Would be great to have student involvement
- Katherine will speak with Yvette and Amanda, Meghan can help
- Rebecca offered to do a board game night if we think that October is too soon to organize the clothing exchange

7. Pizza/Milk/Lunchbox/Spirit wear

- Dominos does pizza at Waverly and they will do sorting/delivery (would save a lot of volunteer time) – we have contacted them for prices
- We have also contacted Ginos for prices
- Discussed gluten free options for pizza
- We agreed to continue offering gluten free but increase the cost (not very many people order it and there is a lot of waste as we need to order entire pizzas)
- **Motion to increase cost of gluten free pizza to \$3.00 per slice – PASSED**
- As with previous years the gluten free will be offered in cheese only
- Amanda to provide Katherine with master order list and contact person for pizza (in case there are any errors that need to be sorted out)
- First pizza day will be October 4th (doing Thursdays again this year)
- Hoping to start milk by October 1st
- Lunchbox will be coming on Tuesdays (Subway). Order forms will be going home this week or next
- Spirit wear vendor has new suggestions for products
- Meghan suggested removing the personalization option so that all orders can be done through School Cash Online (would streamline the process significantly)
- **Motion to remove personalization as an option - PASSED**

8. School Garden Project

- Possible community garden day this fall
- May try to do this in conjunction with building the garden boxes
- Meghan will work with Katherine to determine the number of garden boxes and the location
- Still need to clear out old boxes (remove boards and spread out soil)
- Thinking of doing garden day on Saturday October 26, 2019

9. Fundraisers

- Indigo raised about \$300.00 (tentatively booked for November 12, 2019 this year – may want to push it a few days later to avoid November 11th)
- Holiday raffle baskets raised \$1,600.00
- Fun Night raffle baskets raised \$700.00 (Council paid for basket contents)
- Fun Night total raised was about \$2,500.00
- Dance-a-thon raised about \$7,000.00
- Spaghetti night (school fundraiser) is in November this year

10. Committee Sign-Up Sheets

- Sign-up sheets passed around, including Garden, fundraising/grant writing, Family Fun Night. Sign up if you are interested and want to help out.

11. 2019/20 Proposed Funding Allocations – MOTIONS ALL PASSED

- Outdoor bin maintenance \$1,600.00 (\$100/class)
- Gym equipment \$1,000.00
- Curriculum-linked programs \$6,400.00 (\$400/class)
- Bussing \$3200.00 (\$200/class)
- Discretionary \$1,600.00 (\$100/class)
- Discretionary \$800.00 (\$100/planning teacher)
- Silverbirch \$2,000.00
- Community events \$960.00 (\$120/event)
- Snack cupboard \$800.0 (\$80/month)
- Grade 6 graduation \$500.00
- Family Fun Night \$1,500.00
- Insurance \$150.00
- Hub \$500.00
- Annual yard maintenance \$500.00

12. Other School Council Business

- Bike tune-ups raised \$110.00 at Family Fun Night – those funds will be given to the Eco Club
- Rebecca suggested having parent ambassadors for each class. They could attend Council meetings to discuss classroom needs and wants
- Meghan also suggested that students themselves could come to Council meetings to bring forward issues
- Spirit Day will be September 26, 2019 – wear your school colours (also Terry Fox day)
- Remaining Spirit Day themes will be decided at October meeting
- Someone made a suggestion that Council put aside extra items that could be used for holiday concert (i.e. extra props in case students forget theirs at home)
- Will discuss holiday door decorating at October meeting
- **September 17, 2019 – email motion from Meghan to replace playground swing seats. The cost for repair is \$906.36. Motion PASSED.**

Next meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2019 (EJPS Library 6:30 to 7:30)