**L’Ecole Edward Johnson Public School**

**Minutes for School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

**Attendance:**

Nadine P. Katherine W. Alana S. Jamie B. Colleen M. Meghan O.

Kate B. Dominic B. Natasha H. Monica G. Laura S.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Principal’s Report - Katherine**

* Staggered entry went well
* Public health nurse connected to our school
* Been a challenge but we are working through it and we are up to the challenge

1. **Teacher’s Report – none present**
2. **School Council Elections**

* Natasha Hrienko – Chair
* Meghan O’Blenes – Co-Treasurer
* Dominic Bernal - Co-Treasurer
* Nadine Paralovos – Secretary
* Alana Sutherland – Co-Communications
* Monica Cojocaru – Co-Communications

1. **Treasurer’s Report - Meghan**

* Still waiting for year-end figures from last year
* We have approximately $13,500 at the school bank account
* Upper Grand Learning Fund account is $7,267.53
* $751.00 with FlipGive. Started process to have these funds released to us. Funds will be sent to the school. Still in FlipGive approval process.
* $21,519 total funds available for this year. Of this amount, $5,000.00 needs to be set aside for playground structure reserves. These funds will stay with the Upper Grand Learning Fund account
* Normally we get $500 grant from school board to go towards parent involvement. Typically we would have allocated these funds to family fun night. Lost the grant last year because family fun night didn’t happen. Need to think about how we can spend that earlier in the year. Can use it towards anything communication/involvement for families.
* Budget will look different this year
* Need to keep in mind that there won’t be any opportunities for fundraising this year so next year could be tight if we spend a lot this year
* Might be a good year to push fundraisers like FlipGive, Mables Labels, etc.

1. **Community Events - Natasha**

* Online events, maybe a scavenger hunt?
* Natasha will put something together, try to get something going for beginning of October
* Jamie can assist with getting the word out

1. **Spirit Days**

* Typically fall the day before a PD day, fewer PD days this year
* PD days Oct 30th, Nov 27th, Jan 9th, May 4th and June 4th
* September – gold and green
* October 29th – Halloween, black and orange, etc.
* November 26th – crazy sock
* December 18th – PJ day
* January 28th – Future You Day
* February 12th – pay it forward day?
* Leave the rest for next meeting

1. **Choose meeting days for rest of year**

* All in agreement with 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Misc.**

* Monica asked have we ever tried to track down former students who may now work in our community to contribute funds to school? May be worth exploring but logistically could be difficult to execute.
* Dominic brought up the point that we should try to target our fundraising
* Natasha asked if she could virtually attend next staff meeting to see if there is anything that the teachers want and/or need from school council this year
* Jamie mentioned that some teachers have been asking for voice projection technology. Katherine thought that maybe school-generated funds could be used to purchase this technology. Jamie/Natasha to send the info to Katherine. Also talked about outdoor classrooms, possibly a couple of popup tents to use on hardtops, can be made in EJ colours, talked about potential storage options. This may not work logistically, but perhaps a more permanent solution like a sun sail. Something we can try to explore.
* Meghan – question re: school population and number of staff, classes etc. 13 classes this year. About 290 kids in school and about 50-60 in remote learning.
* How much are we down technology at the school due to it being loaned out to students? Using technology more in classrooms, do we have enough? Katherine to look into our Chrome carts to see how many we have.
* Monica asked whether there have been any discussions around random Covid testing in schools? Katherine has not heard anything to that effect
* Plan to get the Kindergarten kids off yoga matts for eating lunch? Tables are moving back into the classrooms per Public Health direction.
* According to Public Health Edward Johnson gets top marks, well done to staff!
* Discussion around lanyards for face coverings. Seems to be a bit of confusion around whether we should be using them or not. Katherine will chat with Public Health about this.

**Next meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (6:30 to 7:30)**