

**L'Ecole Edward Johnson Public School
Minutes for School Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

Attendance:

Nadine P.	Katherine W.	Alana S.	Jamie B.	Colleen M.	Meghan O.
Kate B.	Dominic B.	Natasha H.	Monica G.	Rebecca D.	Nicole P.
Yvette T.	Kara P.				

1. Welcome and Introductions

Some housekeeping items – Katherine/Natasha

- if you have an agenda item to share, please let Natasha know one week beforehand or table it at the end of meeting during “Other School Council Business”
- try to be aware of agenda, topics, and time involved in discussion
- please remember to mute your mics when in Google meet

2. Principal’s Report - Katherine

Bullying prevention plan

- has to be updated and posted on website each year
- a little challenging this year
- Natahsa, Victoria Motto, and Carla Scheffold have helped out
- Julie Young is a community partner
- typically like to have a student on the committee but it didn't work out this year
- if Katherine gets a chance to have some students look at the plan and get their feedback she will
- typically posted by Sep 30th
- most of the document is a template but there is an opportunity to include something unique to the school
- cyber bullying doesn't seem to be a big issue at our school given K-6
- prepared by the Safe School Committee
- we will be doing a new climate survey, both Natash and Katherine agreed that if they can get as much community/parent involvement that will really give us some meaningful feedback
- equity and inclusion calendar included in the newsletter, will try to incorporate this in the announcements

Voice amplifiers

- quite a need in the whole province of Ontario
- not encouraged to buy off Amazon
- Katherine is working with the Board to source some, hoping to hear back soon
- \$80 to \$100 each, so reasonable cost

Playground ideas

- people were wondering about sun sails
- Ecole Guelph Lake had them installed recently
- four posts including a mud kitchen, two "storefronts" and chalk board
- done by someone at "Outdoor Centres"
- process included getting quotes and filling out an "outdoor alterations and greening form"
- cost was \$8,100

Feedback from teachers

- most items being requested are for outside, things for the kids to do
- one teacher wanted a class set of buckets from Home Depot (for sitting, drumming, etc.)
- teachers would like to have the \$100 classroom fund allocation again this year
- one teacher has organized someone to come in (K class) to drop off some clay and kids can make something and then it will be picked up and fired/glazed (Katherine happy to pay for this out of school funds if it is a one-off)
- having outdoor storage for equipment, gym teachers are basically teaching outside most of the year. Quote from Board, three sizes, \$300 for small, \$450 medium, large \$600. Katherine has the specs. Meghan and Katherine to connect on this, perhaps three bins, one for K, one for primary and one for junior

Celebrations

- can't have people in the building but we had our Google open house, seemed to go well
- perhaps we can invite people virtually to the Nov 11 assembly
- for the holiday concert, Ms. Anselmini-Lofton is going to try to coordinate something virtual

Fundraising

- Katherine received an email from the Board office confirming that there is **no** fundraising until further notice

3. **Teacher's Report – Yvette Tendick**

Yvette is happy to be teacher rep at meetings

- here to observe, nothing in particular to bring up
- happy that outdoor items are being requested, nice for kids to have items to play with
- Terry Fox update - Mme Paxman also helped organize. Have asked all classes to participate to see if we can "get across the country" by doing laps around the school yard. Each class has to post their kms every month. Healthy competition so lots of fun.

4. School Council Elections

Motion to vote in Jamie as Fundraising officer - PASSED

5. Treasurer's Report - Meghan

- not much to report
- some more confirmed numbers
- \$5k in reserve for emergency repairs on the play structures
- play structure with the slide has a cross-piece that is broken, no repair cost estimate yet
- Katherine advised that there is a company that comes out every year to inspect the play structures and advises what needs to be prepared. She believes the cost is going to be about \$700. That \$700 can come out of the \$5k budget. The idea is that we always want to maintain \$5k in reserve. Typically, when dance-a-thon funds come in we top up the \$5k. Should we take these funds from the UG Learning Fund or from our operating budget? Something to think about.
- Funds in our school operating account \$16,516.41. \$110 of this belongs to Yvette for the Eco Club.
- FlipGive funds have been requested, still waiting
- Katherine suggested that sun sails (such as what Ecole Guelph Lake has) is something we include in our discussion for future spending considerations.

Katherine has looked into Chrome Books (i.e. how many do we have)

- remote school has access first, so a lot have gone out for that
- we have 23 left at our school
- when a Chrome Book is in disrepair at remote school it gets switched out with one from a brick and mortar school
- may not be much availability for Chrome Books right now anyway due to high demand
- Some discussion around do we have a number of Chrome Books we are working towards? May not be realistic to have a class set for each class, primary's had tubs that were shared, juniors had enough to be comfortable
- every teacher in the school has one so some have been distributed to teachers
- is it possible to approach Best Buy and/or Staples for grant programs?

Katherine didn't see why not as this is not related to Fundraising. Jamie will look into this.

6. Lost & Found

The items are starting to pile up

- there was a suggestion to have a lost and found posting on the Facebook page
- Katherine will try to take photos and send to Alana and Monica, they will then post on Facebook
- if Mme Motto wants to post some herself that would be helpful

- if parents are not on Facebook, how do they see the pictures? Can we send by email or post somewhere? Could possibly create a Google album?
- Katherine will try to post something in the individual Google Classrooms, will revisit next meeting
- Monica brought up creating a Google page for school council to help get the word out (i.e. alternatives to Facebook). Natasha to add to next meeting agenda.

7. **Other School Counsel Business/Discussion**

Whiteboards

- Jamie is working with Home Depot, hoping for a donation of whiteboards. She will also talk to Lowes/Home Hardware about the request for large buckets

Domingo

- brought up garden in the front, seems a bit abandoned
- who does the landscaping?
- he would be happy to take a look at things, is this something that he can do?
- he would be happy to put together a plan for landscaping
- Katherine advised repair work needs to be done with the three companies the Board works with,
- an inspection needs to be done and one of those three companies needs to do the work
- garden has had many different looks over the years
- had a group of parents come in last year to help clean it up, cocoa, timbits, was a great day
- got put aside due to pandemic
- Board does have landscaping company that mows lawn, aerates
- maybe a good idea for Spring if we can do it

Natasha will send out email to see who is interested in getting together to discuss where funds should go.

Meghan to Yvette

- does she have a wishlist for equipment this year?
- Yvette can make one
- very different year so some of the equipment we would typically use in the gym is not being used - have been working on soccer for the last few weeks, probably could do some floor hockey, maybe basketball
- she will look into it and then get back to us
- wobble boards were a previous "wish". Meghan had ordered some for the outdoor recess bins. There is a set of 6 wobble boards in Council closet. Please take and use. Also some extra balls, please take what you need.

Katherine distributed chalk that was in the Council cupboard to the Kindies.

Question - How are students doing with masks?

- Waverley is doing a "mask drive", sewers are making/donating masks to the school
- Katherine said our school received a large box of masks from the Ministry
- right now, probably not a need
- got some from Guelph Gryphons masks and some donations from school community grandmothers
- Natasha will make a FB post about the importance of labeling masks so they don't get lost

Next meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020 (6:30 to 7:30)