

**Edward Johnson School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Samantha W., Meghan O., Natasha P., Olivier C., Laura S., Becky D., Nadine P., Anita K., Ehsan U., Mahrukh S., Alana S.

Joining virtually: Kate B., Jamie B., Brian A., Keyvet

1. Land Acknowledgement: Olivier

2. Welcome and School Council Election Process: Olivier/Natasha

**Elections - 2022/23 School Council Executive**

Fundraising – Laura S.

Communications – Alana S.

Treasurer - Meghan O.

Secretary - Nadine P.

Chair - Natasha P.

3. Principal's Report: Olivier

- school year off to a great start
- Katherine Wainman was very helpful with transition
- lots of leadership from teachers and older students
- older students can be seen helping with Kindies, bus patrol helpers have been great
- focus on Grade 4, 5, 6 leadership opportunities (i.e. lunchroom supervision)
- Eco club should be starting up soon, other clubs are starting to ramp up
- Student council and equity and inclusion club will be combined into the "Eagles Equity Alliance"
- he will continue with weekly email updates

4. Teacher's Report: Samantha White

- settling in, establishing routines, getting to know the kids
- there was a small class reorganization, classes are now settled
- Terry Fox walk is Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Fall Fun Fair/Open House Night/Book Fair in Library on Sep 29<sup>th</sup>
- photo day is currently scheduled for Sep 30<sup>th</sup>. Olivier will see if this date can be changed so it doesn't coincide with Orange Shirt day. Whole class photos will be taken in the Spring.
- Samantha will go back to teachers and ask if they have any ideas about potential residency programs or curriculum-linked programming (i.e. like Dance Ed or the ropes course done previously)

## 5. Treasurer's Report: Meghan

- Approved a budget in the Spring of \$21,660 for 2022-23
- We have a total of \$29,310 between the Upper Grand Learning Fund and our school bank account
- Hardtop was painted over the summer at a cost of \$2,300
- We have \$5,000 in a playground reserve fund (Council is required to keep funds in reserve to maintain/repair playground equipment)
- Estimate for current playground maintenance/repairs is \$2,100 (Council to connect with Olivier on this)
- This leaves \$19,700 remaining to work with. We will allocate this to our long-term account which will go towards new playground equipment
- Looking into options for residency programs, so if we find something suitable funds will need to be allocated for that

## 6. Communications review of survey: Natasha/Alana

- Survey about communication preferences was sent out to parents last week
- the majority of responses indicated that email communication is the preferred method
- Suggest we also keep up with the school council Facebook posts
- The survey also asked if it was time for a school logo update. Responses were mixed 50-50. Olivier suggested the Equity Eagle Alliance could start to work on a new school logo and come up with ideas. Any logo update would need to be run by the Board. Given the potential for a new logo we will hold off doing any spirit wear until this is finalized.

## 7. Community Events: Natasha/Jamie

- Family Fall Fair is happening on Sep 29th (the Fall Fair will replace the Family Fun night traditionally held in June, we are trying to get our fundraisers done earlier in the school year)
- Winter holiday concert in December
- Skating days at University of Guelph, one in each of January, February and March
- Revisit the Spring Art Show - incorporate this with Earth week and include a clothing swap. We may also try to get Speed River Cycle out for some bike tuneups
- Possibly an outdoor movie night in June

## 8. Fundraising Review, including upcoming Fall Fair: Natasha/Laura

### Current fundraisers:

- Dominos pizza
- Subway
- Mabels Labels and Flip Give (Laura will try to get out more reminders about these programs)

- The Fall Fair will include a bake sale table, pumpkin orders, fall mum order and silent auction
- In December we will go with poinsettias and gifts baskets
- Will start approaching businesses in January 2023 for auction items for the next Fall Fair
- Dance-a-thon in March; students to come up with the theme
- May – flower baskets and Royal City Nursery gift cards
- Cookbook, Jamie will spearhead this

9. PIC: Need a new PIC rep

- Mahrukh is already involved with PIC and so she volunteered to be our PIC rep

10. Choose Garden Day: Meghan/Alana

- Need to pick a day to do fall yard/garden cleanup
- October 16<sup>th</sup> is the date
- Will try to coordinate the pumpkin delivery for the same date

11. Items to be addressed at the next meeting: Choose community event dates.

12. Conclusion of meeting: Natasha Thank you for coming out!

School Council reminders:

1. Submit agenda items to Chair (ejschoolcouncil@gmail.com) one week prior to meeting.
2. Be aware of the agenda topics and time.
3. Please enter the Google meet with microphones off.