

Edward Johnson School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Olivier Cutz, Maria Stolfi, Nadine P., Christine P., Alanna S., Anita K., Brenna H., Natasha P. (virtually), Mahrukh S. (virtually), Kate B. (virtually)

1. Land Acknowledgement – Olivier
2. Principal's report – Olivier
 - Lots happening at the school, including trips, celebrations, Grade 6 grad, etc.
 - EQAO happening end of May/beginning of June
 - Recent Professional Development has focused on literacy (phonics in particular) and math (focus more on literacy for younger grades and math for older grades)
 - Continuing with the math pilot program with Grades 5 and 6 (transition to English instruction)
 - Upcoming changes regarding "The Hub"/Room 12 (CYC office)
 - o The CYC office will become "The Hub" and the old Principal's office will become the new CYC office
 - The play structures are now opened up and the students are really enjoying them
 - STEM fair/open house coming up on May 3rd
3. Teacher's report – Maria
 - Nothing to report
4. Approval of February Minutes – Natasha
 - **Motion to approve February Minutes – Passed**
5. Treasurer's report – Natasha
 - Meghan passed on the following updates which Natasha presented (not much to report)
 - o Teachers are spending their allocated programming and bussing money
 - o An order for new recess equipment will go in this week
6. Mud Kitchen – Nadine
 - Nadine provided a brief update on this project
 - We submitted a Greening form, sketch and proposed location photo to the Board and they have come back requesting a drawing of the market stand (only the mud kitchen concept drawing was submitted initially) and a markup on the photo of the proposed location in "the forest".
 - When surveyed, the primary teachers' preferred location for the mud kitchen/market stand was "the forest" as opposed to the Kindie enclosure
 - Brief discussion around placement of mud kitchen and market stand. It was suggested that near a tree would be suitable as this would provide shade and something to secure the equipment to.
 - Nadine will provide the additional requested information to Olivier to pass along to the Board

7. Community event/STEM Fair (May 3, 2023) – Alanna
 - Clothing swap
 - o Students will be encouraged to bring in two t-shirts (one to trade, one to donate). They will be allowed to choose one shirt from the selection at the school. The surplus shirts will then be donated to Hope House.
 - o Shirts will be hung in Kindie hall and ordered by size. Alanna will look into borrowing hangers from a local dry cleaner)
 - o Older kids will be on hand to help younger kids choose a shirt
 - Scholastic Book Fair will be happening in the library
 - Beaver Tails food truck will be on location
 - The Eco Club will be collecting single use plastic bags (i.e. milk bags, bread bags) which can be used in the school
 - We have asked Speed River Cycle if they want to attend as well (offering bike tune-ups). Still waiting to hear back from them.
 - The Webbs are going to be hosting a “selfie spot” for photos
 - We will also be collecting donations for the North Riverside Neighbourhood Group (toiletries, Alanna will make a “wish” list)

8. Fundraising – Natasha
 - Final fundraiser for this year will be selling Royal City Nursery gift cards (\$25 and \$50 gift cards, some of the proceeds go to the school)
 - No spring flower baskets this year

9. PIC update – Mahrukh
 - Nothing specific to Elementary to report

10. Items to be addressed at next meeting – May 16, 2023
 - Upcoming PIC event at CWDHS
 - o “Building Engaging School Councils”
 - o April 26, 2023 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm
 - o Christine offered to attend. Alanna may be able to attend as well. Mahrukh will also be there.
 - o Alanna will post the information on the Facebook page
 - Pre-budget meeting
 - o Natasha and Meghan will get together to discuss next years budget and present their suggestions to Council at the May meeting
 - o If you would like to be part of this pre-budget meeting reach out to Natasha or Meghan
 - o They will also discuss possible fundraisers for the 2023-24 school year