

Edward Johnson School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2023, 6:30-7:30pm

Attendance: Olivier Cutz, Natasha P., Kate B., Becky D., Richard B., Claire E., Jenn H., Rebecca L., Caitlin W., Alana S., Paul O., Nadine P.

Joining virtually: Anita K.

1. Principal's Report - Olivier

- It's been a good start to the year
- Continued Board focus on literacy and numeracy. The Director of Education has instituted quarterly goals for schools. Focus will be on identifying students which may need additional supports and work in small groups.
- Looking forward to building on the outdoor learning, STEM and arts that started last year
- Emails went out today regarding class reorganizations. These reorganizations are always difficult, but the overall composition of classes is improved as a result (i.e. smaller class sizes in junior grades and eliminated some splits which makes things better logistically). New class organization is effective Thursday, September 14, 2023.
- Monday, September 18, 2023, is a PA day (focus on literacy and safety)
- Terry Fox walk is on September 22, 2023
- Our Family Fall Fair/meet the teacher/book fair night is on September 27, 2023

3. Approval of May minutes/By laws/Council Handbook - Natasha

- **Motion to approve May 2023 meeting minutes – PASSED**
- **Motion to approve By laws and Handbook – PASSED**

2. School Council Elections - Natasha

- Executive positions that are currently filled:

Chair: Natasha Papadedes
Secretary: Nadine Paralovos
Communications: Alana Sutherland

- Executive positions that need to be filled:

Treasurer: Jenn Hyde
Fundraising: Richard Burrows
Co-Communications: Claire Elliott

- Thanks to Jenn, Richard and Claire for stepping into these roles!

3. Teacher's Report: none present

4. Treasurer's Report: nothing to report, will have more for next meeting

5. Volunteer Opportunities for the 2023-24 year - Natasha

- Family Fall Fair (bake sale table, silent auction, arranging food trucks, etc.)
- Holiday baskets (prior to Winter break)
- Dance-a-thon
- Pizza and Subway sales (coordinating with suppliers)
- Community Events
 - First one will be October 15th, a garden clean-up day
 - Need a lead person to help coordinate further events (i.e. skating days, board game nights, etc.)
- Garden clean up lead (one clean-up in October and one in May)
- Environmental initiatives (i.e. clothing swap)
- Eagle Equity Alliance (parent volunteer to join meetings)
- Library assistant
- Choir lead (Olivier suggested there may already be a parent and staff member for this)
- Maker space at recess
- Sports teams/intramurals
- Education week (i.e. last year we did a book fair, STEM fair, donation drive)

6. Fundraising review: Natasha

- Family Fall Fair (fill the pumpkin, silent auction, bake sale, may have pumpkin sales again)
- Holiday baskets
- Dance-a-thon
- Pizza/Subway (will stick with Dominos for pizza supplier)
- Mabels Labels

7. PIC update: Mahrukh (not present)

10. Upcoming meeting dates: Natasha

- October 17th
- January 23rd
- February 20th
- April 16th
- May 21st (will include budget approval)

11. Items to be addressed at the next meeting: Natasha

- Choose community events and dates

12. Conclusion of meeting: Natasha

Thank you for coming out!