

John Young School Council Meeting - October 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/yqw-aedm-idg?pli=1&authuser=2>

Attendees: Jaime Routliffe (Vice-Chair), Roxanne Driscoll (Vice-Chair), Marit Lely (Treasurer), Paula Chang (Secretary), Dwayne Routliffe (OCASC Rep), Kevin McHale (OCASC Rep), Rob James (Principal), Mark Heckman (Vice-Principal), Vanya Meh (Kinder Rep), Melissa Davis (Primary Rep), Kirsten Woodward (Junior Rep), Sarah Wilson (Junior Rep), Sebastian Towler, Robyn Hastie

Absent: Arron Driscoll (OCASC Rep), Laura Dubois (Community Rep)

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (Jaime)
 - a. Approved
2. Review of Minutes - February 2020 (Jaime)
 - a. Approved - minutes can be found on the School Council tab on the JYES website
3. School Council Elections (Rob)
 - a. There were no new nominations.
 - b. Jaime Routliffe and Paula Chang's employment with the OCDSB was disclosed. It was approved by all in attendance that there were no concerns with conflict of interest.
 - c. Jaime Routliffe must step down as Chair due to employment with the OCDSB.
 - d. The 2020 - 2021 School Council Executive will be:
 - i. Jaime Routliffe - Vice Chair/Fundraising
 - ii. Roxanne Driscoll - Vice Chair/Food Days
 - iii. Marit Lely - Treasurer
 - iv. Paul Chang - Secretary
 - v. Kevin McHale - OCASC
 - vi. Arron Driscoll - OCASC
 - vii. Dwayne Routliffe - OCASC
4. Treasurer Report - 2020 Year End (Marit)
 - a. There wasn't much to report since last year due to the school closure. A message was sent to families with Hot Lunches with the option to keep a credit, donate or get a refund.
 - b. An email was sent this week to families who requested to keep their balance with the option of changing their decision due to no food days this Fall.
 - c. The budget for this year will need to be reviewed once the school has had the chance to review last year's information. Jaime proposed that we ensure the following items are committed to even though fundraising will be limited this year:
 - i. Grade 6 Year End Funds - \$2000 (we can look into ways the students can help School Council to earn these funds)
 - ii. Community Gifts Cards for the Holidays - amount to be determined based on estimated needs
 - d. Focus on items that will increase the outdoor learning environment.
 - e. Staff reimbursements may not be feasible this year but we will look at the Scholastic credits to see how we can support classrooms. Division teams will report back in October with their ideas.
5. OCASC Report (Dwayne/Kevin/Arron)
 - a. The AGM was early October but we were unable to attend. The first meeting is scheduled for October 15th.

- b. OCASC has indicated a concern with OCDSB's suggestion of recording and distributing School Council meetings.
- c. Minutes posted on website every month, can check back on their website later for other updates that have been missed during the AGM.
- d. The PIC meeting is more informative so we will attempt to attend these meeting monthly.

6. Principal's Report (Rob)

Updates

- Presently no cases of Covid-19
- Current enrollment 470
- Approximately 30% of our students are in Virtual School
- Students doing very well adapting to new rules and routines - require reminders but are doing their best
- Extra day custodian assisting Josh with his daily cleaning
- Doing our best to keep up with changing guidelines
- Staff of John Young are doing an outstanding job providing a safe and engaging environment for all our students

7. Teacher Reports

a. Kinder

- i. There are 4 kinder classes this year. Classes A and B are working on leaf inquiry and learning why they change colour and classes C and D are doing a spider inquiry and time lines.
- ii. The classes are spending a lot of time outside including their morning meetings. They are making good use of the Wonder Wagons and the painted areas in the yard which are very helpful for outdoor learning.
- iii. Students are doing lots of hand washing, the kids seem happy.

b. Primary

- i. Things are going well, the students are working on getting into routines.
- ii. Staff has been pleasantly surprised, most kids are coming with masks which has been a nice way to start the year. They are starting to see signs of mask fatigue but are reminding students that mom and dad send it so please wear it.
- iii. Kids have adapted really well. They are washing hands, using hand sanitizer and taking advantage of the weather and getting outside.
- iv. Classes are doing lots of review, figuring out where students are at and filling gaps from last year.
- v. Staff are working on finding a solution due to papers and books not being

able to go back and forth. They are looking to see if they can figure out an option with digital resources.

- c. Junior
 - i. It's been a successful start to the school year. Things are on the right track.
 - ii. Grade 6's are doing a Terry Fox Challenge across different classes. Since it couldn't be done in person they decided to challenge each other. The kids are doing laps for their challenge to beat the other classes. A few other junior classes have joined in. It's been great for getting students active and they are really motivated.
 - iii. Looking for other ways to keep them active but physically distant. Outdoor learning materials and DPA equipment would be helpful. They purchased class sets of clipboards so learning could be done outside. Classes are taking advantage of this, even using sit upons that classes made. Outdoor learning is a switch and everyone is adapting to it.
 - iv. Classes are learning about Orange Shirt Day. The Grade 6's were serious about this, diving deeper into our learning and understanding of truth and reconciliation. Some classes did a virtual Q and A which provided authentic and real answers. The students were very interested and it was a worthwhile experience.
 - v. The Junior classes are making use of technology as much as possible, using google classroom and submitting work online. They practice and use this skill as much as possible.
 - vi. There is a good amount of chromebooks in the school, about 30 or so were loaned out for students in OCV. Staff are being strategic in regards to the sharing of chromebooks and thinking outside of the box about how to use them.
 - vii. No field trips are allowed at this time, classes can only be on school property for outside work.
- 8. Upcoming Events/Call for Volunteers (Jaime)
 - a. There is no need for volunteers at this time as we are still waiting for further direction from the OCDSB on what we can and can not do this year. We do know that we can't have any events.
 - b. Google meet for school council meetings: still waiting to see and hear what we can and cannot do.
 - c. Scholastic Book Fair - Week of October 19th: We will receive a link for our own online book store. Other information is coming any day! It will be a 100% virtual book fair, like an online bookstore.
- 9. Other Business (Jaime)
 - a. We briefly discussed fundraising ideas. We are going to look into Flip Give and a bottle drive. We are still waiting for more information from the OCDSB.
 - b. Jaime has sent an email requesting for more information regarding clothing orders and grad hoodies, really want to make sure this happens. Signatures will be an issue that we will need to look into, it may take longer. We will look into a way for remote learning Grade 6's to be included somehow.
 - c.
- 10. Adjournment - Time: 7:53 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.