

## John Young School Council Meeting - February 24, 2021 at 6:30pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/zif-uvyy-xdn?authuser=1>

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

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

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (Jaime)
  - a. Approved
2. Review of Minutes - January 27, 2021 (Jaime)
  - a. Approved - minutes can be found on the School Council tab on the JYES website
3. Treasurer Report (Marit)
  - a. No fundraisers since last meeting
  - b. \$132 in reward credits for Scholastic book fair
  - c. \$246 for Little Caesar's
  - d. Cheque from Board \$500 (Parent Involvement)
  - e. Mass emails regarding outstanding Hot Lunches balances (all but 21 replied), been writing cheques
4. OCASC Report (Dwayne/Kevin/Arron)
  - a. The minutes from their meetings are posted on the OCASC website every month.
  - b. There was a presentation about the Human Rights Policy that is being created for the OCDSB. The presentation will be available through OCASC.
  - c. They talked again about School Council finances and wanting to get information from the Councils. They talked about possibly having meetings with Chairs and Treasurers to discuss further.
  - d. EDP rates going up next year
  - e. COW budget: 28 million deficit - shortfalls expected next year
  - f. Changes to Trustee zones (1 and 2) readjustments happening due to community growth
  - g. Apprenticeship and trades being pushed
  - h. More financial information from school councils being sought, small group meetings with chairs possible. Will be transparent re: JYES attendance at these meetings, if they happen.
5. Principal's Report (Rob)
  - a. Welcoming kids back went well. They got back into routine really quickly. Rules, zones, lines, remembered from December. Admin and staff report it is a pleasure having the kids back. Fingers crossed another shutdown does not happen.
  - b. Staff commended for pivoting so seamlessly between in person and remote learning. Was a lot of work for them.
  - c. New OPH guidelines - absences spiking in some schools. Testing is coming back quickly, kids not missing large amounts of school. Absences below usual numbers for Feb at JYES (in 20s this week vs. 30s in past years).
  - d. Covid Restrictions currently similar fall (single symptom = stay home and get

- tested).
- e. Pop up testing centers happening due to new government directive. These are based on geographical regions of the city, and notice goes out to the community to inform if happening.
  - f. Chromebooks came back with relative ease, from home. Parents got them back to school quickly. They are now in the process of being redistributed to classrooms in school, starting with Juniors and working backwards to younger grades.
  - g. School seeing some requests from virtual school to in person learning. A few classes are full in terms of cohort sizes and in this case the school could not accommodate these requests if they are made. Following OPH guidelines for this.
  - h. Planning for September underway: currently putting children from OCV back to home schools. Ball park figure of 715 students for next year at JYES.
  - i. Benchmarks for staffing: below 701 lose half a person from office staff. Aim to stay over this threshold. VP and library tech allocation impacted if below 701 as well.
  - j. Current enrollment 475.
  - k. Virtual school will happen next year with reduced capacity intentions. Only for kids with medical conditions or family with medical conditions preventing them from attending in person school.
  - l. March break was postponed until the week of April 12.
  - m. Positives to this year: the ability for kids to resolve problems and conflicts because of cohorts and only being able to play with select students in their class..
  - n. Carp River Conservation meeting happening tomorrow (Feb 25).
  - o. Return to school in September plan on the OCDSB website (agenda from Board Meeting). Decisions need to be made by parents by mid-March. September will be looking like the current model, for startup at least with hopes things may change throughout the year (Jaime).

## 6. Teacher Reports:

Universal celebration of outdoor equipment (across all divisions). Kids really enjoy having these items. Little things are making a big difference this year. Lots of thanks from everyone for these items.

- a. KINDER:
  - i. Happy for indoor gym time and outdoor play equipment. The kids are loving both
- b. PRIMARY:
  - i. Got buckets, shovels, and cones in and kids are loving them. Huge difference in recesses. More engagement.
  - ii. Scientists in schools: hope more class teachers will look into this in the spring.
- c. JUNIOR:
  - i. Big thank you for the grad hoodies. Kids were thrilled with getting them on

- ii. Snowshoe update: should be delivered any day.
  - iii. Indoor gym time: kids thrilled, look forward to
7. Upcoming Events/Call for Volunteers (Jaime)
- a. Little Caesar's Fundraiser
    - i. It will be a curbside pick up at the school on March 9th. Pick up details will be sent to those who ordered.
    - ii. 41 kits ordered - total raised is \$246.00.
  - b. March Break Scavenger Hunt
    - i. Will be changed to the Spring Break Scavenger Hunt for April 10th to 18th. May need to change the items but we'll wait and see what's happening snow wise!
  - c. JYES Clothing
    - i. Order forms for a second order will go out on Friday. Forms will be due back by March 12th.
  - d. Dominos Pizza Night
    - i. Thursday, April 22nd - the night before the PD Day
8. Other Business (Jaime)
- a. Yearbook Update
    - i. Staff are asked to please upload photos into the classroom folders on the shared drive ASAP.
    - ii. Page proofs will be sent to staff by the end of March.
    - iii. Grad Photos and Quotes: updates on photos still expected from the board. Call will be put out to grade 6 teachers for student quotes.
9. Adjournment - Time: 7:34 pm

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**