

John Young School Council Meeting - May 26, 2021 at 6:30pm

Google Meet: [Meet - fpk-xzqs-vwh \(google.com\)](https://meet.google.com/fpk-xzqs-vwh)

Attendees: Jaime Routliffe (Vice-Chair), Roxanne Driscoll (Vice-Chair), Marit Lely (Treasurer), Paula Chang (Secretary), Kevin McHale (OCASC Rep), Laura Dubois (Community Rep), Rob James (Principal), Mark Heckman (Vice-Principal), Jennifer Wilson (Kinder Rep), Kirsten Woodward (Junior Rep), Sebastian Towler, Kristine Storah (2021-2022 Vice-Principal), Jessica Hall, Robyn Hastie

Absent: Dwayne Routliffe (OCASC Rep), Arron Driscoll (OCASC Rep)

The meeting began with an announcement by our Vice-Principal Mark Heckman. He will be retiring at the end of this school year. Rob James introduced and welcomed our new Vice-Principal, Kristine Storah. Kristine is coming from Glen Cairn P.S. where she is the Learning Support Teacher. Kristine knows our kids, school, and community well.

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (Jaime)
 - a. Approved
2. Review of Minutes - February 24, 2021 (Jaime)
 - a. Approved - minutes can be found on the School Council tab on the JYES website
3. Treasurer Report (Marit)
 - a. Fundraisers: Little Caesars, JYES Clothing, Dominos Pizza Night
 - b. We received a cheque from Mabels Labels.
 - c. We wrote cheques for gift certificates for the winners of the Spring Break Scavenger Hunt.
4. OCASC Report (Kevin)
 - a. Some schools raised concerns surrounding communication between schools and parent communities regarding COVID-19 outbreaks.
 - b. School calendar not yet Ministry approved. The OCDSB approved calendar has the first day of school as September 9th, 2021 as they will be putting PD Days at the beginning of the year again. There has been no mention regarding staggered entries.
5. Principal's Report (Rob)
 - a. Big heartfelt thank you to the School Council for their continued support.
 - b. Thanks to the teachers as well. Quite the year and it is not over yet. So much asked for with all the changes and pivoting, and they have all done an amazing job. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work this year.
 - c. No updates regarding the possibility of a return to school in June.
 - d. Return in September: Similar as this year (cohorts, no mixing, no assemblies, no field trips, etc). Starting with tighter restrictions with the hopes to loosen up as the year goes on.
 - e. Plan is to inform parents prior to the first day of school who their child's teacher will be for a smooth first day.
 - f. End of year items: Kinder Info Night and Grade 6 Moving Up Ceremony will be done virtually. More information to come by email.
 - g. New Pride flag going up on June 1st across all OCDSB schools.

- h. School classes organization chart for next year was presented. Current enrollment is around 600 or so, with classes returning to pre-COVID sizes which is across the OCDSB.
 - i. Jessica Hall asked a question in regards to filling in the gaps next year when students return after lots of disruption the last 2 years and students will be at different levels. Jaime responded that there had been discussion regarding this the Zone Meeting with Trustee Christine Boothby. The OCDSB is looking at ways to support this, such as having teachers move around schools to work with groups of students. Rob said that everyone is behind therefore benchmarks and other assessment tools to get a sense of where children are and to meet them where they are will be a focus in September. There's also the social/emotional aspect of being away from school for a year (for some) to consider.
6. Teacher Reports
- A. KINDER:
 - a. Kids are doing extraordinarily well. It's hard to believe that they are only 4 and 5 year olds on the screen.
 - B. PRIMARY:
 - a. There was no Primary Representative present.
 - C. JUNIOR:
 - a. Staff are really impressed with student engagement.
 - b. Craig Cardiff, a singer/songwriter had a colleague of his from Halifax, work with the Grade 6 students to create their own Moving Up Ceremony Song. Students wrote lyrics, some sang the lyrics, and the song was created. Students are now making their own songs on Soundtrap and will be having a coffee house on Friday to listen to each other's creations such as rap battle and 4 girls who are singing a song together.
 - c. Virtual Leaving Ceremony: discussion/meetings in coming days. Slideshow, some 'fun' awards instead of usual formal awards.
7. Upcoming Events/Call for Volunteers (Jaime)
- a. Scholastic Book Fair - June 1 to 13
 - i. Virtual Book Fair
 - ii. Buy 1, Get 1 FREE!
 - iii. Free shipping for orders over \$40
8. Other Business (Jaime)
- b. Yearbook Update
 - i. Yearbooks have arrived! They will be sorted soon and then we will come up with a plan for distribution.
 - c. Spring Break Scavenger Hunt
 - i. We had 8 families who received \$25 Gift Cards (4 for Laura's and 4 for

- Domino's). Families seemed to have a lot of fun.
- d. Community Use of Schools
 - i. The OCDSB is asking School Councils to plan ahead for next year and book permits for our events. The deadline to book is June 18th. Exec. members will need to meet to finalize a proposed calendar.
 - e. Outdoor Classroom
 - i. Rob, Kevin and Jaime met with Kurt Berger from the Facilities Department to discuss some options for JYES.
 - ii. We have a budget of approximately \$20,000 between the school and School Council.
 - iii. We are looking to create a space next to Portable 6 where the trees and old tetherball pole is.
 - iv. The area will consist of a mulch base with boulder and log seating.
 - v. We are looking at possibly adding some more trees.
 - vi. It will need to be done in phases due to cost but we are hoping to have phase 1 completed this summer or early fall.
 - vii. Kurt will get back to us soon with more details!
6. Adjournment - Time: 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: September 2021