

**John Young School Council Meeting - September 29th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Google Meet:** <https://meet.google.com/cwp-orie-tym?authuser=3>

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), Kristine Storah (Vice-Principal), Vanya Meh (Kinder Rep), Kirsten Woodward (Junior Rep), Robyn Hastie, Susan Junkins

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

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (Jaime)
  - a. Approved
2. Review of Minutes - May 2021 (Jaime)
  - a. Approved - minutes can be found on the School Council tab on the JYES website
3. School Council Elections (Rob)
  - a. 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. As Jaime is currently working part time in a casual position at JYES, she will be sitting on the School Council as a non-teaching staff member.
  - c. The 2021 - 2022 School Council Executive will be:
    - i. Roxanne Driscoll - Vice Chair
    - ii. Marit Lely - Treasurer
    - iii. Paul Chang - Secretary
    - iv. Kevin McHale - OCASC
    - v. Arron Driscoll - OCASC
    - vi. Dwayne Routliffe - OCASC
    - vii. Laura Dubois - Community Representative
4. Treasurer Report (Marit)
  - a. 2020-2021 Year End
    - i. Funds received at the end of the year from Mabel's Labels \$55.26. The cheque from FlipGive has been sent and it's for \$108.77.
    - ii. Our year end report was sent to the OCDSB:
      1. Opening Balance: \$25,545
      2. Amount Collected: \$7,099
      3. Amount Spent: \$25,790
      4. Closing Balance: \$6,854
  - b. 2021-2022 School Year Budget - It was proposed that available funds be used for the following items and that other fundraising this year go towards the outdoor classroom:
    - 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 - \$2000
  - c. Scholastic Credits
    - i. \$1996.75 available - \$665 per division

5. OCASC Report (Dwayne/Kevin/Arron)
  - a. The first meeting is scheduled for next week on Thursday, October 7th, 2021.
6. Principal's Report (Rob)
  - a. Enrollment is up at JYES, so a 6th kindergarten class was added prior to the start of school. Current numbers at 643 with a few starting next week. Westwind is seeing the growth we did prior to the redirection of students in the Fernbank area and is now redirecting students to Stittsville PS. There are a lot of LTO's and challenges getting casual staff. Enrollment projections in the OCDSB were low.
  - b. Virtual Meet the Teacher - Teachers will be selecting a half hour time slot between 4pm and 5:30pm on October 12th, 13th or 14th. They will share the link with families directly.
  - c. There continues to be bus driver shortages. We were able to get one route back. The brown bus morning route will resume as of October 1.
  - d. The Terry Fox run occurred today. - Pylons/markers were set up that had information relating to the event throughout the route. Students ran in class cohorts. We have surpassed our fundraising goal of \$1300.
  - e. Today was also Rowan's Law day. Staff and students will be reviewing concussions
  - f. September 30 is the first official National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day). It is intended to be a somber day and will be addressed with students in an age appropriate way that will allow them to gain further knowledge regarding this part of Canadian history. Rob shared a quote with us: "Education got us into this mess, and education will get us out of it." - Murray Sinclair
  - g. Covid update - 2 isolated cases, reported early on, no spread at school. Closed two class cohorts for different periods of time, but did not impact any buses. Will likely face further challenges around this as the year unfolds. Hoping for no system wide shut downs, rather focus being put on cohort closures, where necessary. Teachers have been instructed to have virtual classrooms set up for cases where a pivot to virtual learning is necessary.
7. Teacher Reports
  - a. Kinder
    - i. Focusing on establishing routines, walking in and out of school, practicing sharing, and learning to calm our bodies.
  - b. Primary
    - i. Not present at the meeting. Still finalizing teacher reps for this position (likely Nicole Castonguay and Sonia Goncalves)
  - c. Junior
    - i. Gone reasonably well. Numbers of students in rooms this year is a challenge. Trying to figure out how to navigate with so many in the same space. Reinforcing safety protocols with students.
    - ii. Focus right now is on establishing routines, discussing COVID safety protocols, mental health discussions (stress check ins, tool boxes)
    - iii. Terry Fox run - very excited about.

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 in person events.
  - b. We will continue to use Google Meet for School Council meetings. As we are still limited in what we are able to do, the October meeting will be cancelled at this time. If any new updates become available, we will schedule a meeting and send out a notice in Mr. James' weekly email.
  - c. Domino's Pizza Night - Wednesday, October 21st, 2021
  - d. Scholastic Book Fair - November 8th to 22nd, 2021
    - i. It will be a virtual link again this year.  
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5164648>
  - e. Holiday Tea - November 20th to 28th
    - i. It will be a virtual event this year, similar to last year.
    - ii. More information will be shared on the JYSC Facebook Page and through Mr. James' weekly emails.
9. Other Business (Jaime)
  - a. Outdoor Classroom Update: The Richmond Nursery donated 6 trees (2 for kinder) to JYES that were planted in the yard in August. We have ordered 7 picnic tables (2 for kinder) which should be at the school in the next couple of weeks. We are currently awaiting an update from facilities. These will be able to be used during class time for teachers to bring their student's outdoors.
  - b. Fall Clothing Order: Order forms will be sent out in this week's weekly update. New this year, a JYES pink shirt for Pink Shirt Day!
  - c. Yearbook: Mme. Sinden has agreed to be the teacher representative for the yearbook this year. Mme. Sinden and Jaime are hoping to be able to have students involved this year, as much as possible. The Grade 6's will be designing the cover again this year.
10. Adjournment - Time: 7:27 pm

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 24th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**