

**John Young School Council Meeting - March 30th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Google Meet:** <https://meet.google.com/ata-ufnk-hjr?authuser=0&pli=1>

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), Amanda Mariscak (Kinder Rep), Jenn Wilson (Primary Rep), Jeff Peasley (Junior Rep), Jessica Pallett

Absent: Laura Dubois (Community Rep), Kristine Storah (Vice-Principal), Arron Driscoll (OCASC Rep).

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (Jaime)
  - a. Addition of update of the New Fernbank E.S. from Principal, Todd Thompson with the Principal's Report
  - b. Approved
2. Review of Minutes - January 2022 (Jaime)
  - a. Approved - minutes can be found on the School Council tab on the JYES website
3. Treasurer Report (Marit)
  - a. Food Day sales \$2623.85 to date
  - b. Mabel's Labels \$62.25 cheque received
  - c. Lorenzo's fundraisers: \$160.10
  - d. Pro Grant cheque received \$500 (for parent involvement)
  - e. Funds available of \$6053.20
  - f. From Jaime:
    - i. With Food Days and some other fundraisers now allowed, we will be able to do some more fundraising this year and start next year with some money and hopefully return to our very healthy School Council budget in 2022-2023. We encourage the divisions to take a look at the money they still have in their budgets and start some spending! The primary team still has a lot of money and the Juniors have their division budget as well as their Scholastic budget.
    - ii. Many classes still have their workshop money. This may now be used to lower the cost of a field trip. Each class has \$244. We received the following note from Scientists in Schools: "Our virtual program is quite similar in many ways to our in-person workshops - students are still provided materials for experiential learning related to that topic and they still engage with the presenter by sharing their thoughts and answering/asking questions. Each student receives their own mini bag of materials that allows them to fully engage in the topic! They get very excited to open up their bag of goodies AND they get to keep everything to continue exploring after the workshop. Our presenters, who join the class virtually, are still quite effective at engaging with the students by discussing their observations and results."
    - iii. Kirsten Woodward and Jaime are going to look at doing a Green Team initiative in the front garden with the funds available.
    - iv. There is still some literacy (\$1700), numeracy (\$2500) and science

(\$1500) money for the school.

4. OCASC Report (Dwayne/Kevin/Arron)
  - a. Minutes can be found on the OCASC website.
  - b. PIC - trying to arrange more Pro-Grant guest speaker series
5. Principal's Report (Rob)
  - a. Changes since March Break - Bit of shock for everyone with changes, but gradual return to more normalcy at school is occurring.
  - b. Most students and staff are still wearing masks indoors.
  - c. Case of 5th's disease reported
  - d. Zones for recess being eliminated. Down to just two now: Primary and Junior
  - e. These changes are strange for Grade 1 and 2's - they have never experienced school without Covid restrictions.
  - f. Staffing shortages - coverage of all staff is still a daily challenge.
  - g. Healthy kinder enrollment for next year reported
  - h. New Fernbank school may impact numbers and staffing, but not as much as predicted (so far at least)
  - i. Class placement requests for next year have been sent out to parents.
  - j. School Climate Survey upcoming - Ministry Survey - for 4-6th grade students
  - k. EQAO is back - almost entirely online. Window for completion: May 4-18.
  - l. Few new chromebooks and the last one from the most recent remote learning period has been returned. In good standing on the tech front!
  - m. Principal of New Fernbank ES, Todd Thompson, joined for a brief update:
    - i. Planning is well underway for the opening of Fernbank Elementary school that is scheduled for September 2022. Extensive planning and preparation is underway to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for students and families. Any specific inquiries related to the school should be directed to their email address: [newfernbanks@ocdsb.ca](mailto:newfernbanks@ocdsb.ca). Information updates will be provided to families as they are finalized.
6. Teacher Reports
  - a. Kinder (Amanda Mariscak)
    - i. Butterflies ordered
    - ii. Rocks and Rings this week - kids loved this!
    - iii. Cleaning Storage room - thankful to the admin for providing release time for this.
    - iv. Picnic tables are arriving next week.
    - v. Leaps and bounds of learning happening, and lots of mud in the yard!
  - b. Primary (Jennifer Wilson)
    - i. Working on communities
    - ii. Monkey Rock concert before March Break. Kids loved it!
    - iii. Next week: Ramadan spirit week is happening. Different activities each day to celebrate. Posters are being made to put up around the school.
    - iv. Reading buddies are being set up now that restrictions are being lifted.
    - v. Scientist in schools - to book in coming months.
  - c. Junior (Jeff Peasley)
    - i. Scientists in schools will be booked in coming months.
    - ii. Kids love removal of zones and the ability to see friends in different classes.
    - iii. Focus on kindness/caring/compassion/empathy occurring this month.

- iv. Rocks and Rings - everyone is loving taking part in this.
  - v. Building using recycling materials, light and sound experiments, giant maps of Ontario being made, interactive maps of Canada (google maps as platform), field trip planning to Bill Mason center underway.
7. Upcoming Events/Call for Volunteers (Jaime)
- a. Food Days
    - i. Order forms were sent home by email. The deadline for orders is April 11th.
    - ii. Food Days will begin April 20th and we'll alternate Domino's Pizza and Subway on Wednesday with a few popcorn days as well. We will be offering apple slices and apple juice from Laura's on the Wednesdays.
    - iii. Our previous food day volunteers will be back (THANK YOU!) and we will be looking for Junior student volunteers to help with handing out the items.
    - iv. Once the food orders are completed, if there are extra slices of pizza to complete an order, I would like to use those slices for some students in need at JYES.
  - b. Little Caesars Fundraiser to be canceled and replaced with Bags2Schools fundraiser, if possible.

8. Other Business (Jaime)

- a. The March Break Scavenger Hunt only had 9 families participate. They sent many photos and notes about the fun they had. They each got a \$25 gift card to Maverick's Donuts and the 10th gift card will be saved for use at a later date.
- b. Jennifer Wilson's class is doing a Ramadan Spirit Week April 4th the 8th. It was created by the students and will focus on kindness and helping others. Tuesday, April 5th will be a one day food drive in support of the Kanata Food Cupboard. Their goal is for each class to bring in more items than they have students!
- c. Yearbook: The deadline to order will be April 22nd. The yearbook is coming together well! Proof pages have been sent to teachers and we should have the portrait images from Lifetouch soon. There is no scheduled day for retakes.
- d. PRO Grant Speaker Series: It was decided not to book one since enrollment has been low for our virtual activities.
- e. Kinder picnic tables will be coming on Monday!
- f. We are hoping to be able to do an in person book fair and BBQ before the end of the year.

9. Adjournment - Time: 7:44 pm

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 27th, 2022**

