

John Young School Council Meeting - September 27th, 2023

6:30 p.m. - JYES Library

Attendees:

Council Members: Jaime Routliffe (Co-Vice-Chair), Roxanne Driscoll (CO-Vice-Chair), Sebastian Towler (Treasurer), Paula Chang (Co-Secretary), Robyn Hastie (Co-Secretary), Elisia McKenna (Fundraising), Arron Driscoll (OCASC), Marit Lely (Member at Large), Dwayne Routliffe (Member at Large), Kevin McHale (Member at Large), Rob James (Principal), Kristine Storah (Vice-Principal), Jasmine Fontaine (Kinder Rep), Sumona Di Tota and Jennifer Wilson (Primary Rep), Melissa Seth and Ian Terris (Junior Rep).

Parents/Guardians: Jennie Ruschmeier, Jackie Bedard, Tiffany Robitaille, Lisa Bergen, Jenn Bowler, Patricia Doucet.

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (Jaime)
 - a. Approved
2. Review of Minutes - May 31, 2023 (Jaime)
 - a. Approved - minutes can be found on the School Council tab on the JYES website
3. School Council Elections (Rob)
 - a. 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.
 - b. The 2023 - 2024 School Council Executive will be:
 - i. Jaime Routliffe - Co-Vice Chair
 - ii. Roxanne Driscoll - Co-Vice Chair/Food Days
 - iii. Sebastian Towler - Co-Treasurer
 - iv. Paula Chang - Co-Secretary
 - v. Robyn Hastie - Co-Secretary/Communications
 - vi. Arron Driscoll - OCASC
 - vii. Kevin McHale - Member at Large
 - viii. Marit Lely - Member at Large
 - ix. Dwayne Routliffe - Member at Large
4. Treasurer Report (Marit/Sebastian)
 - a. Fundraisers since last meeting:
 - i. We received a Mabel's Labels cheque for \$78.38.
 - ii. Food days and the Welcome Back barbecue have grossed \$20,202.45 to date.
 - iii. The bank balance at September 27, 2023 is \$24,081.24.
 - iv. There is an outstanding written cheque to pay for milk.
 - v. We have funds available of \$23,583.89.
5. OCASC Report (Arron)
 - a. The minutes from OCASC meetings can be found on the OCASC website.

6. Principal's Report (Rob)

- a. Welcome to everyone. School council plays such a huge role in building a strong school community, so thank you for all of your efforts and support.
- b. School year startup - going well, things are running smoothly in the building. Kids seem to have settled well into routines.
- c. Issues with transportation have been ongoing since the beginning of the school year. The bussing situation has been a challenge for everyone. So far this year, JYES has had a number of cancelled buses. As of today, 3.5 buses are not running (out of 8). There are really no specific updates regarding when and how this situation will be rectified. Continue to follow OSTA for further information.
- d. The Kiss and Ride is up and running relatively smoothly, which is great. Increased traffic has not been a huge issue so far this school year. Drop offs and pick up seem to be running smoothly.
- e. System wide there has been a decline in enrollment across the OCDSB - down about 2,000 students Kinder - Grade 8 students across the board. Over the summer, many families decided to leave the OCDSB and either move or register with other school boards. Based on last year's prediction and past trends, a number of classes have been affected.
- f. At JYES, two classes have been lost: an English class and a French class and one teacher has been reassigned to another school in the board. Emails and/or phone calls have gone out to parents of the students that have been impacted by these changes. This message was sent prior to Meet the Teacher night so that families could meet the new teachers their student will have starting October 10th.
- g. Despite this JYES continues to have five healthy sized kinder classes. One English homeroom was lost (9 to 8 English), and one EFI homeroom collapsed as well (down to 10 from 11).
- h. Meet the Teacher and Welcome BBQ is happening tomorrow night - Thursday September 28th, from 4-6:30 pm
- i. Friday, September 29th, the board will be honouring the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.
- j. Photo day will be October 18th, 2023
- k. PD Day October 6th, 2023.

7. Teacher Reports

- a. Kinder (Jasmine Fontaine)
 - i. Settling into routines
 - ii. Orders from last spring are in and kids are happy with the additions. Thanks to the School Council.
 - iii. Working on a mural for tomorrow night's Meet the Teacher.
 - iv. Separate Terry Fox Run from the rest of the school, but on same date (October 4)
- b. Primary (Sumona DiTota)
 - i. Kids are adjusting well and settling in.
 - ii. Colour week theme - wear a different colour each day - has already taken place.
 - iii. Looking at some intramural sport opportunities for primary students - likely to start in mid-October

- iv. Blue Bot Mats have arrived (for coding) as well as literacy buckets for primary classrooms.
 - c. Junior - (Melissa Seth)
 - i. Juniors have settled in well to routines.
 - ii. Cross Country Meet at Walter Baker Park happening October 5.
 - iii. Girls and Boys soccer teams up and running (intramural as well)
 - iv. Three classes are busy using Glockenspiels, will move on to other classes, and other instruments like Ukulele later in the year.
 - v. Terry Fox Run October 4th - call for volunteers to help hand out freezies.
- 8. Upcoming Events/Call for Volunteers (Jaime)
 - a. BBQ - September 28th
 - i. Volunteers are required from 2:30pm to 7:30pm.
 - b. Food Days
 - i. There will be no everyday milk this year.
 - ii. Wednesday food days will start October 4th. Volunteers are needed from 10am to 11:30am.
 - iii. Volunteers will deliver orders this year instead of class representatives picking up.
 - c. Terry Fox Run - October 4th at 2pm
 - i. Volunteers required from 1:30pm to 3:15pm.
 - d. Movie Night - October 13th
 - i. Movie: TBD based on what is available from the Ottawa Public Library.
 - e. Cake Raffle - October 26th
 - i. There will be a need for donations of food and non food items.
 - ii. Volunteers will be needed from 8:00am to 3:00pm.
- 9. Fundraising (Elisia)
 - a. Selling coffee from Muskoka Coffee as a fundraiser.
 - b. Dinner night hosting - Pizza Hut (Robyn/Andrew)
 - c. Please send other suggestions or ideas to Elisia.
- 10. Other Business (Jaime)
 - a. Budget
 - i. We are hoping to approve the year's budget at the October meeting so we are looking for staff input by mid October.
 - ii. Some thoughts from School Council:
 - 1. Remove the Field Trip budget line and instead use that money for whole school workshops such as Rocks and Rings, Jungle Sport, etc. Staff indicated that they would also like to continue with the per homeroom budget for workshops as well.
 - 2. Additional picnic tables for the kinder yard are wanted. What can we do to support more use of the picnic tables during instructional time in both yards?
 - 3. Funding clubs/extra curricular groups. Example: \$100 for each club/group which would be reimbursed directly to staff members leading the club/group.
 - 4. Grade 6's - \$2000 budget again this year. Would staff like to do yearbooks again? Rob will confirm with Grade 6 team.
 - iii. Melissa Seth and Ian Terris
 - 1. JYES Sports Banner - purchased through Ottawa Technical

School. 2 banners were \$76 total. It was approved that we will cover this expense.

2. Volleyball/Badminton/Pickleball posts - it was approved to spend the approximate \$2600 on new posts that will be used by the whole school. We approved a total of \$3000 for phys ed equipment so the balance will go towards balls that were requested by all divisions.
 - iv. Jasmine, Sumona and Melissa all shared wishlist items for divisions. They included some subscriptions, outdoor equipment, music instruments, etc. It was decided that divisional budgets would be increased and other separate line items would be decreased to better use our funds. Staff will send more details numbers in the coming weeks so that the final budget can be approved at the October meeting. We will also look at sourcing items from other sources to allow our funds to go further. It was approved at the meeting to spend \$60 for new strings for the ukuleles in order to repair those in need.
 - b. Skates
 - i. The Goulbourn Rec centre has offered to sharpen the skates again this year like they did prior to COVID. We will need volunteers to deliver the skates to him, one bucket at a time. Melissa volunteered to do the deliveries.
 - c. JYES Clothing
 - i. Will start in the next few weeks and will be online orders directly with The Safety House.
 - ii. Currently looking at different options for item availability.
 - d. Yearbook
 - i. Jaime will be doing the yearbook with Lifetouch again this year.
 - ii. Looking for a staff member to assist at the school level. Sumona offered to do this.
 - iii. Reminder for all staff to take photos of their classes, while on duty at recess and during events such as Terry Fox Run.
 - iv. There is a shared drive that was created and should be in all staff's shared drive folder. Staff are welcome to create new folders when adding photos.
 - e. Staff School Council Rep
 - i. Is there a staff member who would be willing to be our rep to share our information? For example: we would email them our information to share on the conference. Sumona agreed to do this.
11. Adjournment - Time: 8: 10 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.