

John Young School Council Meeting - November 29, 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), Marit Lely (Member at Large), Dwayne Routliffe (Member at Large), Rob James (Principal), Jasmine Fontaine (Kinder Rep), Jenn Wilson (Primary Rep), Melissa Seth (Junior Rep), Alysha Aziz (Trustee)

Parents/Guardians: Holly Hawkins, Jessica Foster, Rebecca Hellyer, Tiffany Robitaille, Jackie Bedard, Courtney McLellan

Absent Council Members: Kristine Storah (Vice Principal), Kevin McHale (Member at Large), Arron Driscoll (OCASC Rep)

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (Jaime)
 - a. Approved
2. Review of Minutes - October 25, 2023 (Jaime)
 - a. Approved - minutes can be found on the School Council tab on the JYES website
3. Treasurer Report (Sebastian)

29 November 2023 Treasurer's Report

- a. Fundraisers since the last meeting:

We received an e transfer from Lorenzo's for \$330

We received a cheque from a generous parent to help with the Gaga Ball pit:
\$100

The cake raffle grossed \$1935

The book fair resulted in \$6096.75 of sales and we will receive scholastic credits of \$2362.99

- b. The bank balance at 28 November is \$25 757.07
- c. There are outstanding written cheque to pay for Subway, Domino's, School support, Scholastic, and some cheques for your treasurer: it takes money to make money.
- d. **We have funds available of \$4 510.06**

4. OCASC Report (Arron)
 - a. The minutes from OCASC meetings can be found on the OCASC website.
5. Principal's Report (Rob)

- a. Food drive taking place from December 4-15, pick up 19th of December. This is an amazing school event that has a large impact on our community.
 - b. New bus routes are underway - all students who qualify for bussing have access to bus transportation. Busses are crowded but routes are available. Kiss and ride is notably quieter.
 - c. Next week - lock down practice procedure will be happening. Plan to do half of school at a time. Lasts 10-15 mins. Requirement is to hold two practices a year.
 - d. EQAO results - as a staff - looking in more detail at the grade 3 math results. Lots of those below grade level were almost there (only slightly below provincial standard). Looking at curriculum and expectations where struggling and plan is to focus on these concepts in all grades.
 - e. Big thank you to skating volunteers, so very appreciative of parents helping out. It makes a huge difference to have this help.
6. Teacher Reports
- a. Kinder (Jasmine LaFontaine)
 - i. Scientists in schools booked
 - ii. December craft rotation being planned
 - iii. In the process of purchasing outdoor equipment
 - b. Primary (Jen Wilson)
 - i. Love to Groove booked (April)
 - ii. Scientists in schools also booked (different workshop for each grade level)
 - iii. Participating in project - pin intramurals (?)
 - iv. Kids are loving the Gaga Ball pit
 - v. Skating is also underway
 - vi. Grade 1's are studying seasonal changes
 - vii. UV colour changing beads from science kits were used recently - kids loved them
 - viii. Some classes are building cars in unit on motion
 - c. Junior (Melissa Seth)
 - i. Gaga Ball is a huge hit with all junior classes
 - ii. Skating is going well - skates are being sharpened and also more donations are coming in. Please feel free to donate kid sized skates to the main office at any time.
 - iii. Floor hockey intramurals just finishing up
 - iv. Borden Ball will start up and run after winter break
 - v. Open Court (Basketball) is underway
 - vi. Art Club is ongoing
 - vii. Drama club starting this Friday. Led by a few grade 6 girls
 - viii. Rotation for holidays - crafts and other activities being planned
7. Alysha Aziz - Trustee (attending virtually)
- a. Please reach out at any time with questions, here to listen
 - b. Thanks for the efforts of staff and community in helping to run such an amazing school
8. Upcoming Events/Call for Volunteers (Jaime)
- a. Holiday Gift Shop - December 13 and 14, 2023
 - i. Donations of small new and gently used items can be delivered to the school between now and December 12th.

- ii. We will need lots of volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday to help with student shopping and wrapping. If you are able to volunteer, please email School Council at sc-johnyounges@ocdsb.ca.
 - b. Popcorn Day - December 15, 2023 and January 19, 2024
 - i. We will be looking for a class to help deliver the popcorn.
 - c. Movie Night - January 19, 2024
 - i. Movie TBD - Winter Theme
- 9. Fundraising (Elisia)
 - a. Purdy's Chocolate order saw amazing results (over \$700 raised).
 - b. Lorenzo's was very successful
 - c. Planning coffee, chocolate and another food option for fund raising in 2024.
- 10. Other Business (Jaime)
 - a. Yearbook - Reminder to staff to keep uploading photos!!
 - b. PRO Grant
 - i. Is anyone interested in doing the application for that?
- 11. Adjournment - Time: 7:03 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.