



**James Robinson School Council Meeting Monday, Nov. 4, 2019
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

In Attendance:

Gillian Patrick - Principal
Krista Keirstead - VP
Laura Meffen - Chair
Nancy Christoffer - Vice Chair
Jasjit Kaur
Sarah Ali
Arsalan Siddiqui - Treasurer
Carolyn Campbell
Soraya Mangal
Erin Stokes - Secretary

Meeting started at 6:30 PM

Business

Approval of the October Meeting Minutes: approved

Executive Positions: Chair, Treasurer

- Gillian opened meeting due to lack of Chair
- Laura Meffen to be Chair
- Nancy Christoffer to be Vice Chair
- Vote for Chair and Vice Chair: unanimous
- Arsalan volunteered to take on position of Treasurer; vote unanimous

Financial Report

- Fall Fest:
 - Candy sales \$442.75 minus their purchase
 - \$1200 more than last year
 - cash online about \$1800
 - \$3400 total in profits
- Arsalan suggests an electronic sharing of the Treasurer report
- Laura suggests holding back Pizza and Sub money to pay for next month

Fall Fest Feedback

- Laura shared feedback about Fall Fest: Difference Making ballots went well; snack selling went very well; gym looked great; try cash online next year; 7s and 8s helped with selling snacks
- Flyer home was translated into simplified Chinese; reached out to other families that may have needed another translations

Fun Fair Debrief

- Carolyn shared that Lions Club will BBQ and supply BBQs for free, we supply food
- Thursday, June 4th Fun Fair date, 4:30 tentative time

Grad ~ Nancy

- Grade 7 parents do Grad for Grade 8s
- Did fundraising in preparation for Grad, a committee formed, binder will be updated and passed to new Grad Committee
- Sarah Ali has a child in grade 7, willing to head up Grad; will sit down with Nancy to talk about binder and past years; Sarah to collect names for a committee
- Grad at Bill Hogarth due to accessibility; all one space (cafe and stage)
- Grad on June 15th
- Pickle Barrel for after party
- Get 7s and 8s involved in fundraising for decorations, food, bring down cost for graduates
- School will handle reaching out to interested parents for the committee

School Council Meeting 2019-2020 Dates

- Dec. 2
- Feb. 3
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 8 (to debrief Fun Fair)

Principal's Items:

ETFO contract negotiations

- We know what radio tells us
- Strike vote means any job action (work to rule, strike)
- All info comes from the Board and is communicated to community immediately
- Safety is first priority

Fundraising Plan (see plan for more details)

- School gets \$48 000 for operating budget
- Technology: don't know if we will get cost sharing; 94 devices retired, got 26 from Board to replace them
- Mathletes: entrance fees; can we do this every other year?
- RAZ Kids: for Primary reading at home - funds approved by Council for licensing
- Music and Art: Ms. Lum found a musical that is Character-based that can be performed any time of year; fears about job action during winter concert season; about \$400 for music licensing; new Orff instruments
- Chapters Night: in past years children performed, Soraya shared concerns about this event as a money grab; Laura talked about reframing the event as a fundraiser and reconfiguring space so everyone can see a performance; night to be planned, may not include performances this year
- Kindergarten: in need of industrial strength toys

- Scientist in the Schools: collect money to off-set cost; teachers can opt out; Mr. Monoyios will to support other teachers if they want to do it on their own instead
- Library: more materials; another author; Geckos; Forest of Reading
- Robotics: entrance fees; additional kits
- Mental Health Resources: Recess Ravens running games, jackets; other Social Skills resources
- Field Trip Subsidy: \$10 per kid
- Overnight Grade 8 Trip Subsidy: about \$1200 for families that require assistance Phys-Ed: Entrance Fees for sports; tent; Occasional Teachers for sporting events
- OPAL: tarmac will not be redone for 5-6 years, tarmac painting to be done in mean time, kids decide what they want painted (\$2500?), maybe paint part of it this year and more next year
- Grad: awards cost \$500, \$200 allocated for decorations
- Playground: Lots of issues to discuss
 - likely \$75 000-95 000 to replace
 - do we dump all funds into it?
 - walking community is less than half of school population, but surrounding community uses it
 - money has to come from Council
 - Any grants have to be spent in a timely fashion, maybe none available
 - Accessibility is necessary
 - Can we use Go Fund Me like platforms?
- Gillian to work with Chairs to put together a poll to the community to see how they would like to spend funds
- This is a draft plan

School Council Forum: November 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m., MDHS

- Need to register by Wednesday
- Can take 2 people
- Email Gillian if interested

Teacher's Report

- No representative yet
1. Intermediate Boys and Girls volleyball is underway and we have attended some invitation after school tournaments in preparation for the area tournament later this month ~ coaches Mrs. Kastanis, Mrs. Fenwick and Mr. Minicuci
 2. We had several students compete in the Area and Regional Cross Country race coached by Mr. Monoyios and Mrs. Fenwick
 3. The Community Class is continuing their swimming at Cornell Community Centre on Fridays
 4. We raised nearly \$2000 for Terry Fox Foundation ~ Mr. Minicuci dyed his hair pink anyways even though his target was \$2000
 5. Book Fair raised nearly \$1700 in books for the library ~ thank you Mrs. Truscott
 6. Grade 7 Immunizations by Public Health were in October, there are two more dates throughout the year
 7. Recess Rangers are holding low organization games in the yard two days a week for younger students. They are receiving training from public health and our guidance teacher for how to resolve conflict between students at recess
 8. Four students went to a Mental Health and Well-Being Conference with Mrs. Fenwick and have formed the school Wellness team who will be raising awareness in school assemblies and other initiatives.
 9. Green Team is up and running and have been promoting waste reduction week
 10. Grade 5/6 Bruce went to the Markham library as a field trip

11. Grade 7's went to McMichael Gallery as a field trip

Other Business

- Soraya: question about lead levels in water; Gillian says water is flushed every morning; testing is done 2-3 times a year and our water is fine
- Laura to create an Events binder to keep a record of events, budgets, contacts, and reflections
 - Also include info about Pizza and Subs

Action Items:

- Fun Fair - Lion's Club to be contacted
- Grad binder to be given to Sarah - Nancy Christoffer
- Chapter's night date to be set - Laura
- Go Fund Me for fundraising for playground - Gillian
- Polling school community on spending funds - Gillian, Laura, Nancy
- Events Binder - Laura

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2019, 6:30-8 PM

Attend the meeting via Google Hangout Link. Look forward to the link to join the meeting.