



**James Robinson School Council Meeting Monday, Feb. 2, 2020
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

In Attendance:

Gillian Patrick - Principal
Laura Meffen - Chair
Arsalan Siddiqui - Treasurer
Erin Stokes - Secretary
Ardith Morris
Sarah Ali

Business

1. Review and approval of minutes of last meeting
 - Approved

2. Review of Voting Members
 - Reviewed Members who have missed 3 consecutive meetings
 - These Members will no longer have voting rights this year, but are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and to comment on issues

3. Treasurer's Report
 - *See attached file in email for full report
 - Cost Sharing and Technology Update:
 - shipment of 50+ Chrome Books (cost about \$2000)
 - Old ones were not being used by kids anyway
 - Transfer \$4000 from Pizza/Subs to General
 - \$12 324.70
 - About \$5000 has been spent from Fundraising Plan (\$13 000 is left, but probably won't spend about \$5000 of the Fundraising Plan)

4. Playground Funding
 - ** See attached copy of the PowerPoint in email
 - About \$17 000 is in Playground fund
 - Can we move the playground to minimize the travel of the rubberized wood chips (the proposed ground cover)? A good option, not sure of the cost
 - We are in line for a catch-basin reconstruction, but it has been put off for years
 - Can parents get involved by advocating for a change in the grade on the playground? Has been cited as a Health and Safety issue by staff
 - Can move \$25 000 into the Playground Fund account

- Board is replacing the pea gravel Board-wide
 - Can we keep the money for replacing pea gravel for future ground cover?
- Proposing an allocation of 50% of funds each year toward Playground Fund for 3-4 years (about \$7000-8000/year)
- A proposal to champion 1-2 big fundraisers a year to add to that
- Comments from Council
 - Worries about the parent commitment necessary to put on these types of events (and lack there of)
 - Worries about the rise in the cost of the structure over the years
 - Are there grants available? (Cannot count on that until we are ready to build; must be spent in the same calendar year)
- Should we go back to staff and look at a way to move some money out of the Fundraising Plan?
- Inviting Alumni to Fun Fair as a way to get donations toward the play structure (maybe in 2021)
- 50/50 draw as a fundraiser (need an OLG licence)
- Movie Night as a fundraiser
- Sarah suggests a Science Fair fundraiser for older students
- Laura suggests one day a month for a fun type of food for sale (sushi, samosa days, pasta days)
- Brainstorm a list of ideas for fundraising
- Apply for an OLG licence for the 50/50 draw (about \$50)
- Bake sales can happen at Fun Fair

5. Grad Committee - Sarah

- Binder has been acquired
- Sarah wants someone who has done it before to advise her
- A committee needs to be established now
- Grade 7 parents have not volunteered to help/be a part of the planning; some may be willing to help on the day
 - What the Committee is responsible for:
 - Food for after grad socializing at the venue (Bill Hogarth S.S.), party room is decorated
- Kids fundraised last year (cookies/popcorn)
 - Terra Cotta cookies have been contacted for Valentine's Day (min 4 cases = 192 cookies, box is \$33.63, can make about \$250)
 - Grade 8s can help with advertising, ordering, and selling
 - Cost of a cookie is \$2
 - Ardith to buy a box of cookies for her church
 - Sarah and Laura willing to meet with Grade 8s about what their vision is (with Gillian's help)
 - Considering a joint committee with students

6. Fun Fair Committee

- Issues with people to be volunteer/run the event
- No bouncy castle rule set by the Board

- Food was crazy last year
 - The 2 option system from 2 years ago worked well
- Next meeting come up with a vision
- Ideas: Bollywood dance workshop, Henna
- Doesn't have to be a big thing
- Laura and Gillian to send an email to parents about volunteering for the committee

Principal's Report

Not discussed in detail.

***See attached file for details

Topics covered in Principal's Report (see attached file for details)

- ETFO Job Action Update Grad trip
- Sports teams
- Robotics tournament
- Report cards ~ term 1
- Character assemblies and wristbands
- Field trips
 - Aussie X Author Visit
 - First Nations Artist & Consultant
- New A/V System
- Character Street musical
- Welcome new staff
- Enrolment projections for Sept. 2020
- Adult ESL and Skills Training classes
 - Minimum 15 enrolled to run
 - Could possible be offered in Warden and Hwy 7 community area

Action Items

- We need someone to head-up Fun Fair
- Come to the next meeting with a vision for Fun Fair [Council]
- Brainstorm a list of ideas for for Playground Fund fundraising [Council]
- Apply for an OLG licence for the 50/50 draw [Gillian]

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2020

Attached Documents (included in the email):

*Treasurer's Report

**Playground Discussion PowerPoint

***Principal's Report