



**James Robinson School Council Meeting Monday, December 6, 2021, 2021  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – via Zoom**

**In Attendance:**

1. Carolyn Lamy - Principal
2. Lisa La Marca – VP
3. Laura Meffen – Chair
4. Danielle Botha (Iatrou) - Co-Chair
5. Erin Stokes – Secretary
6. Sarah Kennedy – Equity Committee Chair
7. Georgia Dikeos
8. Danielle Cassalha
9. Julie Wong-Lyle – Treasurer
10. Arsalan Siddiqui - Fundraising Committee Chair
11. Soraya Mangal - Communication Committee Chair
12. Sarah Ali
13. Dan Zhou

**Sending Regrets:**

Heather Bramer

Meeting Started at 6:35

**Business**

1. Review and approval of minutes: Danielle B. approves, Arsalan seconds
2. Principal Report – C. Lamy
  - Grade 3 gifted testing
    - All students in grade 3 wrote test including online students
  - Grade 8 Open Houses and information nights
  - Two weeks of Anti-bullying initiatives
    - Kindness, Pay-it-Forward, fostering good relationships, door decorating, Pink day, Spirit days, Kindness quotes
  - Holiday Celebrations: Kwanza, Hanukkah, Christmas
  - Working on introducing some new Spirit wear: be kind (T-shirts) and some JRPS Raven winter hats and sweats.
  - New White Pine Tree planted - donated by a community neighbour
    - Officially a Jays Care Affiliate school - Mr. Minicuci applied for this program (more info to follow in the Spring)

- Holiday Giving
    - Markham Food Bank
    - Toy Drive – toys will be donated to families in community and Toy Drive
    - Mittens and Hats donations (can be given to kids in need at the school)
    - Making baskets of food from the food drive to be delivered to families
    - School Council members and staff purchased items to add to baskets (chocolates, soaps, books, etc.)
    - \$1000 in donation cards from a staff member added to baskets
    - C. Lamy bringing food to Food Bank on Saturday, December 18 @ 9 a.m. and parent volunteers are welcome and needed.
  - Kindness event (Pay-It Forward)
    - Grade 7s are making candy cane reindeer to be sold in support for the Grade 8s' grad
    - \$1 donation
  - C. Lamy shared pictures of the door decoration contest/spirit day
3. Land Acknowledgment
  4. Treasurer's Report

James Robinson PS - Treasurer's Report						
<b>For the period:</b>	November 1 to November 30, 2021					
<b>Last updated:</b>	December 2, 2021					
<b>Opening Balance:</b>	\$	48,750.49				
<b>Closing Balance:</b>	\$	48,750.49				
<b>Account</b>		<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Notes</b>
School Council Fall Fest		\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	no change from previous report
School Council Fun Fair		\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	no change from previous report
School Council General		\$ 1,120.65	\$ -		\$ 1,120.65	no change from previous report
School Council Outdoor Eco Classroom		\$ -			\$ -	no change from previous report
School Council Pizza - Sub		\$ -			\$ -	no change from previous report
School Council Playground Fund		\$ 44,129.84			\$ 44,129.84	see notes under activities
<b>Totals</b>		\$ 47,750.49			\$ 48,750.49	
<b>Activities:</b>						
- playground payment still pending investigations						
- no account activities since last treasurer's report						

- \$46 000 will be paid out for the playground, minus \$100
5. Board has provided JRPS with 90 Chrome Books
  6. Fundraising Plan
    - Ongoing – C. Lamy currently working on plan and will present at February meeting
    - Item needed: \$2500 for water fountain by the gym (not covered by Physical Plant)
    - C. Lamy to look into if this can be an item purchased with SGF's.

## 7. School Council Update

- School Council Symposium Workshop (Danielle, Laura, C. Lamy, and Lisa attended)
- Discussion of Pro-Grant, Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy (Laura's take-away: de-streaming), Mental Health and Well-Being (ABCs of mental health and the Board's initiatives, great resources on the Board website)

## 8. Fundraising Committee – Arsalan

- Flip Give
  - Notice went out to inform parents
  - Arsalan shared videos about Flip Give
  - Asked C. Lamy to imbed the videos in the next Edsby blast
  - Could put people on teams on Flip Give? (Not sure about whether it is inclusive)
  - Share them with our kids?
  - Share the ongoing balance with the community?
  - Soraya to put together a blurb for the weekly newsletter and January announcements
- Tru-Earth fundraiser
  - Year-long fundraiser, goes with school's Eco profile
  - Sarah suggested sharing a script for parents on their social media for sharing fundraising with friends and family

## 9. Pro-Grant - Laura/Danielle

- Application proposal was submitted for a grant for a Mental Health and Well-Being and Dismantling Anti-Black Racism night (virtually). Ideas include:
  - Story time with family favourite books
  - Cooking with family favourite snacks and recipes

## 10. Tree Canada Grant (with Jeanette)

- Applied for \$3500 for 2022 Grade 8 graduating class to plant 2 sugar maples to replace the big sugar maple by the playground
- C. Lamy completed Board required forms and the proposal pending grant money has been approved

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54

Next Meeting: Feb. 7, 2022