



**James Robinson School Council Meeting Monday, Feb. 7, 2022
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – via Zoom**

In Attendance:

1. Carolyn Lamy - Principal
2. Laura Meffen – Chair
3. Danielle Botha (Iatrou) - Co-Chair
4. Erin Stokes – Secretary
5. Sarah Kennedy – Equity Committee Chair
6. Heather Bramer
7. Julie Wong-Lyle – Treasurer
8. Sarah Ali
9. Danielle Zhou
10. Jeanette McLellan
11. Azeem Zaidi
12. Mr. Minicuci – Teacher
13. Carolyn Campbell
14. Sarah Ali

Sending Regrets:

Soraya Mangal - Communication Committee Chair

Meeting Started at 6:30 p.m.

Business

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Review and approval of minutes: Danielle approved, Julie second
3. Principal Report – C. Lamy
 - **Jay Care Affiliate School** – Mr. Minicuci
 - Mr. Minicuci applied for “Challenger Baseball”
 - Training session with Jays Care for modified baseball
 - The plan is to start in April and go to June
 - Team up Mr. Minicuci’s class and the ME classes
 - A leadership opportunity for Mr. Minicuci’s class
 - Received modified equipment to teach and learn baseball
 - Lots of curriculum connections
 - An inclusive opportunity to connect students and curriculum

- Laura suggested letting parents of the ME class know if/when there is a game
- Heather asked if there is an opportunity for volunteers or Blue Jays to come out
- **Wish list for recess equipment** to incentivize active recess play (balls, skipping ropes) - Mr. Minicuci
 - School is purchasing a cart to hold future equipment (balls, hula hoops and skipping ropes)
 - Principal Asked if School Council would fund this well-being initiative – asking for approximately about \$1500
 - Water Fountain has been purchased by the Board.
 - Heather and Laura propose taking money from Fun Fair account to pay for recess equipment, then doing more focused fundraising with this as a goal
 - Laura proposes a cheque drive for fundraising
 - Carolyn L. says we really need to spend the Fun Fair money, it has been in the account too long (Council isn't supposed to keep money very long, unless it is a capital project like the Playground) and we can fundraise for a fun fair when we are able to have an event like that at the school
 - Other needs going forward: technology – the need for replenishing technology is ongoing and this Carolyn Lamy was able to get additional funding from the Board to purchase 92 Chromebooks
 - Moving forward – the school will need support of SGF and Council to replenish Chromebooks
 - A vote was held to move funds out of Fun Fair for purchasing recess equipment: motion passed
 - Azeem asked what happens to old Chromebooks and iPads (with the thinking that maybe they could be sold); Carolyn L. explained the process for the adding to the number of Chromebooks and how they go to the Board for refurbishment
- **Grad** - Mr. Minicuci
 - Grade 7s did a pay it forward campaign (raised about \$1000)
 - Waiting on Health and Safety rules for grad to finish planning
 - Laura asked if/when a parent committee will be needed; unknown what will be necessary or when
 - Laura also mentioned that families are very supportive and will help out any way they can
- **School Safety Visit**
 - Annual visit
 - Everything is in order and recommendations have been completed
 - Includes teacher use of PPE and use of disinfection

- **Paparazzi:** grade 8s are gathering pictures
- **Black History Month**
 - Subscription purchased to the Saidat Show: Differentiated activities for all grade levels
 - Grades 3-6: Celebrate with Stories and Music and Dance from 10-11 on Friday
 - Celebrating Black Excellence video (showed a bit of the video; can take a look on your own)
 - Shared other events on the Board website
- **School Improvement Plan:** Staff are engaged in PD to support dDismantling Anti-Black Racism, Mental Health and Well-Being, Instruction and Assessment Goals (integrated with equity)
 - SIP →a focus on reducing barriers (what is good for those marginalized is good for all –Learning For All Ministry document)
 - Leadership Team: looking at data to support students and PD opportunities including →collaborative professional inquiry
 - School has reached out to Inclusive School and Community Service Team to facilitate PD and initiatives
 - Well-being of teachers and students -is important
 - Elementary GSA - Gender Sexual Alliance (for Intermediates) has been started with support of Inclusive Schools and Leadership team
 - JRPS Book Study group (for staff: in regards to Dismantling Anti-Black Racism); Laura asked if parents can do a book club – maybe in the future
 - Ongoing PD regarding Dismantling Anti-Black Racism, Equity, and CRRP (instructional practice and assessment – i.e., BIG IDEA - how can we embed authentic learning opportunities that are culturally relevant and responsive to the needs of our students?)
 - Mental Health and well-being opportunities and initiatives (yoga, mindfulness pottery)
- **Raven's Nest:** supporting 7-8s
 - Danielle Z. asked: Is the Nest a physical or virtual space?
 - It is a physical space; students can go at recess to play cards, talk with CYW; with cohorting it has been reserved for 7s and 8s and they have the greatest needs; students are working on Black History Month display and are selling Valentines's cards on Feb 10 and 11
- **February Events:** Lunar New Year, Story Telling, Pink Shirt Day, 100ss day, Family Day, Flag Day, Lantern Day, and Black History Month

4. Treasurer Report – Julie:

James Robinson PS - Treasurer's Report						
For the period:	December 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022					
Last updated:	February 7, 2022					
Opening Balance:	\$	48,750.49				
Closing Balance:	\$	4,750.49				
Account		Balance Forward	Expenses	Revenue	Balance	Notes
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	\$ 44,000.00		\$ 129.84	see notes under activities
Totals		\$ 47,750.49			\$ 4,750.49	
Activities:						
- playground payment of \$44K has cleared						
- no other account activities since last treasurer's report						

- No real movement

5. Chair's Items – Laura

- **ProGrant** (Parents Reaching Out workshops)
 - To support mental health and well-being, through a lens of social inclusion
 1. Story time: Families send in a book that resonates with them to be read by a teacher or Principal
 2. Food-making demonstration
 3. Presentation of curriculum-type games
 4. Mindfulness/yoga
 5. Presentation of Eco Classroom
 - Need a subcommittee to survey community for wishes, time of day, who would be interested
 - Budget is \$500 (in case items need to be purchased or people hired)
 - Design workshop
 - Present virtually
 - Looking for volunteers
 - Asking if Council has other ideas
 - Contact Laura if you'd like to help: Danielle and Sarah Ali volunteer
 - Sarah Ali has been working with a Metal Wellness group, she can connect with them for support
 - Jeanette asked if she can guide a hike; Carolyn thinks that procedures may need to align with Covid rules, but things can change
- **Letter Support of Encouragement to JRPS Staff**
 - Send your notes of encouragement to Laura by Thursday, to be part of the letter (can ask other parents to contribute)

- Cannot do coffee or treats right now

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15

Next Meeting: Mar. 7, 2022