



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

In Attendance:

1. Carolyn Lamy – Principal
2. Lisa La Marca – Vice Principal
3. Laura Meffen – Chair
4. Danielle Botha (Iatrou) - Co-Chair
5. Erin Stokes – Secretary
6. Heather Bramer
7. Julie Wong-Lyle – Treasurer
8. Danielle Zhou
9. Sarah Ali
10. Arsalan Siddiqui
11. Soraya Mangal

Sending Regrets:

Meeting Started at 6:33 p.m.

Business

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Review and approval of minutes: Heather approved, Arsalan Siddiqui seconded
3. **Treasurer Report** – Julie:
 - No movement since last month
 - Some corrections to playground fund
 - \$4600 is current approximate balance
 - Need to minimize the balance by end of year, can do this by spending money in teacher wish lists

James Robinson PS - Treasurer's Report						
For the period:	February 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022					
Last updated:	March 7, 2022					
Opening Balance:	\$	4,750.49				
Closing Balance:	\$	4,620.65				
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		\$ 129.84	\$ 129.84		\$ -	to reimburse admin general
Totals		\$ 3,750.49			\$ 4,620.65	
Activities:						
- no other account activities since last treasurer's report						

4. Principal Report – L. La Marca

- March break next week
- Report cards went out last week (if parents didn't receive, can contact office)
- Grad: Booked Markham District H.S. and Pickle Barrel (don't know if we can have volunteers yet)
 - Would be nice to have former JRPS student volunteer (get volunteer hours)
 - Laura explained how things have worked in the past (parents decorating at the ceremony site and the celebration site)
 - Regroup after March Break to move forward with plans
- Black History Month: Saidat show and Njacko Backo (musician sharing African instruments)
- Anti-Bullying Day/Pink Shirt Day: activities about kindness and "Culture of Care" (have been revisiting this idea throughout the year, more to come later this year)
 - Can align with ProGrant initiative: some possibilities "Get Real Movement Inclusivity" workshop (looking at how to share our diversity and personal narrative; focus on emotions, small acts of kindness)
 - Looking at various paid programming to meet school goals
 - Survey to go out to community to find out what parents want
 - Laura liked the expressing yourself idea
 - Heather liked that the programming is building on what has been done before and that there is a plan or a throughline; likes the mindfulness piece
 - Looking forward to having the tarmac/walls clean to paint/chalk it with the positivity

- Laura suggests signs on the doors with mindful messages
- Intermural with Mr. Minicuci: Volleyball and basketball; future pickle ball
- Lunch program starts after March Break; Laura is helping with pick-up of subs
- Recess Cart: equipment will be purchased once a survey of what the school has is done (Danielle Z. asked when/if that has happened yet)
- Additional funds acquired for Snack Program
 - Making lunches for students (purchasing items to put together lunches)
 - Will be helping provide particular students with lunches from the Lunch Program
 - Laura mentioned extra pizzas and other hot lunches can be frozen for future needs
 - Danielle asked if donations can be made to support students to get a hot lunch
 - Carolyn L. said funds can go into the Nutrition Fund toward supporting kids that don't have lunches
 - Laura suggested offering a donation option on the next round of ordering or a request for subsidy
- Looking for lunch monitors
 - Paid position
 - Looking to have all areas of the playground supervised
 - Laura volunteers to do Thursdays
- Arasalan asked about sending out of FlipGive reminder (some discussion about whether or not to continue to fundraise this year)
 - Carolyn suggests Arasalan and Laura have a discussion about future fundraising
 - The school would prefer to not have a huge fundraiser as covid has been a challenge financially for many and we want to be considerate of our families
 - Most effective fundraisers seem to be the small things like a toonie for a chocolate and a valentine (could do ice-cream or freezes)
 - Heather says she thinks it is ok to step back from the hard push to fundraise now that we are done fundraising for the Playground
 - A suggestion to wrap in TruEarth fundraiser information in the blast to parents

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40

Next Meeting: Apr. 4, 2022