



**James Robinson School Council Meeting Monday, November 1, 2021
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Google Meet**

In Attendance:

1. Carolyn Lamy - Principal
2. Lisa Lamarca - VP
3. Laura Meffen - Chair
4. Danielle Botha (Iatrou) - Co-Chair
5. Erin Stokes – Secretary
6. Sarah Kennedy – Equity Committee
7. Jeanette McLellan – Community Member
8. Georgia Dikeos
9. Danielle Cassalha
10. Julie Wong-Lyle – Treasurer
11. Carolyn Campbell
12. Heather Bramer
13. Arsalan Siddiqui - Fundraising Committee
14. Soraya Mangal – Communication Committee
15. Sarah Ali

Sending Regrets:

Meeting Started at 6:46 pm (Trouble with the link and logging in. Might move to Zoom next month.)

Business

1. Land Acknowledgment
2. Review and approval of minutes: Danielle B. approves, Heather seconds
3. Treasure's Report* (see Treasurer's Report Spreadsheet below for more details)
 - Received Flip Give Credit of \$737.04
 - \$4,500 available after playground funds are dispersed. Otherwise closing balance was \$48,750
 - \$4500 closing balance
 - Money will come out of account when the final bill comes for the playground
 - \$73 000 was the final cost of the playground
 - \$12 800 additional cost
 - Seems to be some discrepancy in final accounting

- Gillian Patrick (former Principal) and others are tracking down the discrepancy
 - We are in line for 93 Chrome Books, arranged and paid for by the Superintendent, because we are unsure of the future of our funds
4. Jeanette: Gardens
- Seeking volunteers to help with decorating a winter urn
 - Carolyn C. will help with it
 - Jeanette has been spending a lot of time gardening and donating plants to the JRPS gardens
5. Discussion of October Elections:
- Four positions on the Executive (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)
 - All other positions will be Committees
 - Laura and Carolyn L. discussed and reviewed official roles
 - Soraya declares she will take on the Communication Committee Co-Ordinator role; no others declared interest in taking on the position; a vote was taken prior to meeting for need of Communication Co-Ordinator; vote indicated a need
6. Principals Update:
- Thanksgiving meal shared by the ME Class
 - Several significant observances and celebrations this month: Cerebral Palsy, Purple Short Day, Rett Syndrome Awareness, Autism Awareness Month, Halloween Spirit Day
 - Board Equity Symposium last week, staff were invited
 - De-Streaming of math for Grade 9 this September
 - Sarah wanted to know if this is just for grade 9; Carolyn L. believes it is just grade 9 for now
 - Upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly: Shared a bit of piece of music
 - Collaboratively put together with Admin and Ms. Manni, artwork, music and more
 - Parent/Teach Conference Nov. 18-19
 - Report Cards will go out electronically
 - Conferences to be book via Edsby (open until next Monday)
 - Our Grounds:
 - Putting together a grounds application to replace a tree (White Pine) to be donated by a community member (Mr. Hawkins Tree Farm)
 - Holiday Giving: Food Drive (start early), adopt a few families, Toy Drive
 - Sarah K asked about: a Family Emergency Fund
 - Laura spoke to how needy kids used to be included in the pizza and sub lunch program
 - Carolyn L. asked Erin to explain the Snack Program
 - \$13 000 has been acquired by grants for the Snack Program

- Carolyn L. spoke to building a philanthropic culture at the school through educating and communicating items like the Snack Program (and future initiatives)

7. Fundraising

- Discussed the need to communicate to families what the goal is, how much we need; transparency
- Breakout rooms: to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers
- Covid Restrictions: no food products, best to have direct delivery, everything has to be online
- Ideas:
 - PJ Days to raise funds
 - Spirit Wear
 - Outdoor Activities: movie, market, class buyout
 - Online Market: community artisans
 - Principal challenge
 - Popcorn fundraiser
 - Outdoor experience: one-way walk through, paid and timed admission, fair fee, lighted, food trucks, borrow snowshoes and cross-country skis, accessible equipment, costume contest
 - Mable's Labels
 - Virtual games night
 - 50/50 draw
 - Survivor Game (uses FlipGive for gift cards)
 - Games night
 - Coins on tape ("seeing little change...s")
 - Purchasing holiday items for silent auctions (Galabid is a free outline auction service)
 - JRPS Face masks

Future Business:

- Get Arsalan, Laura, and Soraya together to communicate FlipGive details to the community

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Next Meeting: Dec. 6

*Screenshot of Treasurer's Report Spreadsheet

James Robinson PS - Treasurer's Report

For the period: October 1 to October 29, 2021

Last updated: October 31, 2021

Opening Balance: \$ 35,559.64

Closing Balance: \$ 48,750.49

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	\$ 30,938.99	\$ 3,093.16	\$ 16,284.01	\$ 44,129.84	see notes under activities
Totals	\$ 34,559.64			\$ 48,750.49	

Activities:

- transfer of \$3,093.16 back to Admin General due to some invoice discrepancies that are still pending resolution; playground payment is still outstanding due to these invoice discrepancies which are awaiting resolution

- FlipGive credit of \$737.04 included in calculations but waiting to be cleared in account