



James Robinson School Council Minutes  
**Monday, September 17, 2018**

In Attendance:

Gillian Patrick- Principal  
Jen Millard-Chair  
Michelle Main-Treasurer  
Jennifer Baxter-Secretary  
Carolyn Campbell  
Arsalan Siddiqui  
Erin Stokes  
Nancy Christoffer  
Jennifer Tupper  
Glen Tupper  
Laura Meffen  
Giuliana Marinelli  
Petra Simmons  
Becky Banting  
Camilla Crumbed  
Georgia Dikeos  
Ardith Morris

**Call to order 6:30pm**

Introductions around the table- welcome to all & Krista Keirstead- new VP at JRPS  
She will be working p/t at our school Monday-Tuesday and every other Wednesday  
Teacher list updates & sent out Staff listing

**Approval of June Meeting's Minutes-Carolyn Campbell & Laura Meffen**

**Treasurer's Report - Michelle Main**

**Cash Balance August 31, 2018 \$33,370.12**

- Outdoor Eco Class \$1613.09 - we need to decide what are doing with this category
- Pizza money - \$122.50- in wrong category-will find it and deposit in Pizza category

QSP- we will not be running this magazine fundraiser this year- no volunteers to run it

## **Principal's Report**

- **Re-Org**- there was a huge summer influx so needed to move 20 students September 17th and it went smoothly
- **Fall Fest** - School is looking at organizing a Fall fest- one big fundraiser /year for the school. Hal- lowe'en is a suggestion. Create a buzz, add a large goal thermometer for parents and students to see what financial goals we have, tax receipt over \$25, cash net online donate forms.
- **Regular routines**-everyone in the hallways stays still while announcements and Oh Canada are on-parents, students and teachers
- **Lunchtime rules**-only grades 7 & 8 students can leave for lunch without parents, not younger grades as last year there were a lot of issues. Parent would like it re-visiting in the spring for allowX
- **Student Leadership & Empowered Youth**- its a course for grades 6-7-8 with 5 initiatives, increasing student voice & choice. There will be 3 parent evenings, 4 staff meetings. The course begins with mindfulness, self-care and love. Parent Night- October 3 during Curriculum Night (Self -Care)
- **Curriculum Night**- October 3rd
- **Edsby**- it is a live attendance format, parents can go live now and report students absence. It will help with communication and information coming home to parents. Please sign up and register.

### **OTHER**

**Fall Fest**- we are looking into having a dance on Hallowe'en or fall fun day as a fundraiser for our school

**Fun Fair** - in the spring June 6th, 2019

**Pizza Day**- Selling pizza weekly it's our major fundraiser. We are in need of volunteers to Pizza on Tuesday's-11:45-12:45. Ideally, 4 or 6 people would be great to create a rotation schedule. Please let Jen Millard or the office know if you can help- Thank you in advance!

**Grade 8 Grad**-June 24th at Markville HS reception & Pickle Barrel private banquet room for dinner

**Grade 8 Grad** Trip-a Survey went home to ask parents and students if they'd participate in the annual grade trip held each year in April or May in Ottawa . 85% of the parents need to be in agreement for the grad trip to go ahead. It's approx. \$500 for 2 nights in hotel, museums, transportation, meals.

**Lake St. George**- overnight trip for Grade 7 students scheduled for spring 2019

**Teacher Representative on Council**? Should a school teacher be on council monthly? **Jen Millard to send a note to the teachers and ask for volunteers**

**Yearbooks**- a teacher volunteer is needed this year, maybe a parent helper as well.

**Online forms**- if we are an eco friendly school- can we have our school forms electronically? It's something the board is looking into

### **OCTOBER ACTION ITEMS / Agenda**

- Jen Millard to send a note to the teachers and ask for volunteers for Teacher Rep on Council
- Pro Grant-\$1000 "Parents Reaching Out"-School may organize a Wellness Fair in November, evening sessions
- Movie Night in Fall?
- Hallowe'en dance?
- Quoting for AV equipment for gym-much needed-Gillian
- Look at Fundraising Plan for subsidizing the Grad trip for students who require additional assistance.
- Tuck Shop-Grade 8 classes to run for Grad fundraising
- Curriculum enhancement
- Breakfast Program- still looking for a volunteer to run the program-it's taking up too much teacher time. Provide 3 food groups/day, food prep and shopping will need to be organized. Gillian to ask for volunteer in her next Blog. School may go to system of offering 1-2 snacks for students all day, instead of morning program
- Town Hall Meeting for Parents maybe-staff looking into it
- Aussie X-maybe this year again in the spring

**Meeting Adjourned**-8:00pm

### **Next JRPS Council Meeting**

6:30pm-8pm

**Monday October 1st**

FREE Child care is available at each meeting

**\*All are welcome\***

