

## Johnny Lombardi Council - Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022 - 7:00 PM via GoToMeeting (Chair: Tina Gandhi and Shalini Saini)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 7th at 7PM - Location TBD \*Rescheduled for a later date

Meeting Called By	JLPS Council
Notes By	Katie Steinfeld
Attendees	Deborah Abel, Cedric Tam, Falguni Karia, Frances Oghogho, Tina Gandhi, Sarah Denney-Falsetta, Samhita Gera, Gisella Primerano, Naudea Mair, Shalini Saini, Rita Angellotti, Balvinder Mathon, Ruby Dhillon
Regrets	N/A
Next Steps	Mrs. Angellotti to provide a list of outdoor items for students that the School Council can provide funding for.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome: Mrs. Angellotti
2. Review and Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes and Current Agenda: Mrs. Angellotti
3. Principal's Report: Mrs. Angellotti
4. Public Health Updates: Mrs. Abel and Mrs. Angellotti
5. Active Travel To School: Shalini Saini
6. Budget Review/Discussion: Cedric Tam
7. Fundraising Update/Planning: Ruby Dhillon
8. New Business/ Questions/ Wish List: All

- 1. Welcome:** Mrs. Angellotti
  - Everyone was welcomed to the meeting
- 2. Review and Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes & Current Agenda:** Mrs. Angellotti
  - The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed along with the current meeting agenda
- 3. Principal's Report:** Mrs. Angellotti
  - Staffing changes have taken place
  - Kindergarten registration is ongoing - currently 38 registrations but that is expected to pick up over the next few months
  - Kiss n' Ride/Morning entry - a few suggestions have been made to improve the flow of morning traffic. More volunteers are being added (students – safety patrol) to supervise the morning and afternoon pick-up to provide more safety to students and families. In addition, we are encouraging

more families to walk to school through the Active Travel Vaughan Pilot program, which we hope will continue to help ease traffic congestion in the mornings.

- Pizza day has been successfully running every Monday - pizzas are individually wrapped for students and organized by the school staff
- Spirit Days: lots of spirit days have taken place over the past two months - World Water Day, Raptors Day, International Day of Pink, etc. More to come!
- Autism Acceptance Month - a school wide art piece has been started this past week and is going well
- Successful fire drills and lockdown drills have taken place - there are 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown to complete this year
- Many extra-curricular activities are taking place again, which has been an exciting time for students and staff. Teams are being put together, practices are taking place and competitions are being held with neighboring schools
- A virtual Spring concert is going ahead, which will be pre-recorded and sent out through students' GAPPS account for families to view. Stay tuned for a permission form to allow students to participate in the concert.
- School yearbook is currently on sale - we need to sell 250 books. Hoping to finalize sales by the end of next week.
- Summer school registration has opened and has been shared with staff and families
- PEAC Regional Symposium will be held virtually on May 4 from 7pm - 9pm. The theme will be focused on successful strategies for improved parent engagement.
- Grade 8 volunteer hours - 40 hours of volunteering is required by the end of high school. Opportunities are made available within the school for students to volunteer and support staff and the younger grades.
- Upcoming:
  - Discover Kindergarten is taking place soon- including one asynchronous event to support families with the transition to kindergarten and one in-person event on May 18th to meet new students, teachers and staff
  - Wellness day is taking place on May 26 for students in grade 5 - 8. This event will focus on mental health, movement, art and more!
  - In-person graduation for grade 8s taking place on June 22nd at the Royalton (both graduation ceremony and dinner for students will take place here)
  - EQAO - scheduled to take place in the Spring (May/June) for grade 3 and 6 students online. Students will have opportunities to become familiar with the digital assessment and their platforms as they move closer to the date
  - Character assembly taking place on May 6th (face-to-face). Character trait is perseverance and integrity, grandfather teaching is wisdom and truth

#### **4. Public Health Updates: Mrs. Abel**

- Reporting of student absences still occurs to monitor if absences are increasing. There is no concern at this point.
- Staff and students continue to follow public health guidelines and rely on the most up to date screening tool to inform decisions
- As warmer weather begins, monitoring of students and staff will take place for those wearing masks in the heat

#### **5. Active Travel To School: Shalini Saini**

- Safety continues to be a priority for students and families as they walk to school and cross the streets
- This is a pilot program to improve safety in the neighbourhood - waiting for an update from the city to add additional safety measures like crossing guards and signage in the community

**6. Budget Update: Cedric Tam**

- Big Box of Cards fundraising initiative has gone very well
- We are currently sitting at approximately \$3700 in a positive bank balance
- Taxis are a cost that the school council will pay for as students get back to sports and competing with other schools. Approximate cost to be around \$300
- Grade 8 graduation is another expense that school council pays for which is estimated at \$1500 for this year
- Next meeting: Mrs. Angellotti will provide a list of needed outdoor items for students that the school council can discuss the potential of funding. Outdoor activities not only keeps kids active but also supports their mental health and collaboration with others.

**7. Fundraising Update: Ruby Dhillon**

- Big Box of Cards fundraiser did very well - numbers will be finalized this week. Delivery will take place shortly and parents will be notified when they can pick up their boxes
- Plantable Fundraiser is being replaced with a gift basket fundraiser, which provides more fundraising dollars. Ruby, Shalini, Katie, Balvinder and others interested in helping out will work together to plan it out over the coming weeks

**8. New Business/Questions/Wish List: All**

- None