

Johnny Lombardi Council - Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM via GoToMeeting (Chair: Tina Gandhi and Shalini Saini)

Next Meeting: April 26, 2022

Meeting Called By	JLPS Council
Notes By	Samhita Gera
Attendees	Rita Angellotti, Deborah Abel, Tina Gandhi, Hannah Wolfstadt, Falguni Karia, Sarah Denney, Ruby Dhillon, Shalini Saini, Bernard Meagher, Naudea, Benjamin Olthof, Sandra, Junsheng Chen
Regrets	Katie Seinfeld, Cedric Tam

AGENDA

1. Welcome: Mrs. Rita Angellotti
 2. Review and Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes & Current Agenda: Tina & Shalini
 3. Active School Travel: City of Vaughan Presentation
 4. Principal's Report: Mrs. Angellotti
 5. Public Health Updates: Mrs. Abel and Mrs. Angellotti
 6. New School Update
 7. Budget Review/Discussion-Cedric
 8. Fundraising Update and Planning-Ruby
 9. New Business/ Questions/ Wish List: All
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1. **Welcome:** Mrs. Angellotti
 - o Everyone was welcomed to the meeting
 2. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes & Current Agenda:**
 - o The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved
 3. **Active Travel to School Pilot Program:** Megan Van Kuik and Reena Mistry
 - o JLPS was selected to participate in this project (cycling, walking, riding the bus, rollerblading etc).
 - o Objective to be out of the car and targeted towards sustainability.
 - o Various criteria for school selection – i.e. neighbourhood walkability, citizens expressed traffic and road safety concerns, school serviced by a cross guard, etc.
 - o Tools – All way stop sign at Lawford and Harley approved and installation Feb 2022, Radar message board, pavement marking, review for optimal cross work location for Guardian Angels
 - o Action item: to send concerns raised during the meeting to City of Vaughan (i.e. cross guards consistency, certain areas being higher risk, etc).
 4. **Principal's Report:** Mrs. Angellotti
 - o Gifted testing: Stage 1 and 2 gifted testing is completed

- French immersion registration: has taken place for Senior Kindergarten students who will be entering grade 1
- Kindergarten registration: has begun and is ongoing
- Burlington Outdoor Education Resource Centre: visited JLPS in December and January for our grade 2 and 4 students
- Feb 4 PA Day: Focus on Violence prevention and intervention
- Term 1 reports: were distributed electronically during Feb 22-25
- 2022 Olympics: Daily announcements shared with Canadian Olympic updates
- February - Black History Month: Celebration of Black Excellence at school in Feb and all through the year; in YRDSB schools during the month of Feb, we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its diversity; we focus on creatively sharing the achievements and experiences of persons of African heritage
- Pink Shirt Day: Feb 23. Theme was to lift each other up, greater respect and inclusion for everyone.
- Character Assembly: Feb 28th. Empathy, Fairness, Initiative; Grandfather Teaching Humility and Love
- Kiss n' Ride/Morning Entry: 700 out of 800 coming to school; larger part coming through car. The role of the staff is not to direct traffic (against union protocols); 8am doors closed (1-2 staff remain after 8am who will get the students into the school).
- Virtual Earth Rangers presentation: March 6 to grade 1-6 students; presentation was awarded to the school after being nominated by the aunt of 2 of our students
- Classroom Healthy snacks bins: received a large grant for this purpose, started in February with healthy snacks (melba toast, crackers, apples, oranges) distributed to classrooms every Monday and topped up on Wednesday- as part of our Healthy schools commitment and supporting Grade 8 Volunteer Hours
- Pizza day: resuming at JLPS after March Break; no parent volunteers are allowed. Will try to manage with administrative staff, done on Mondays. The pizzas are individually wrapped and labelled and hope it is manageable.
- Social Media: We are noticing an alarming increase of online inappropriate social media/chat behaviors which are impacting students at school including their safety. These are mainly group chats that are taking place after school and on weekends; when brought to the attention of the school each instance is investigated fully and appropriate consequences are put in place
- Pro Grant: Received funding of \$800 - Thank you Tina for putting forward the proposal
- Upcoming:
 - Spring Break March 14-18
 - School Walk March 31
 - Grade 8 Grad update – in person graduation; more information will be provided as it becomes available; messaging was shared with grade 8 families
 - EQAO – will take place in the spring (May) for grade 3 and 6 students; more information will be provided as it becomes available

5. Public Health Updates: Mrs. Abel and Mrs. Angellotti

- We rely on the most up to date screening tool to inform our decisions
- Students continue to be sent home if they arrive and are symptomatic and the school office supports families with determining next steps including return dates if students test positive
- Reminder, that if you are symptomatic, based on the current guidance, 2 negative rapid-tests are required to end isolation early (one at 24 hours after symptom onset and one at 48 hours)
- Testing kits are available as needed for students who become symptomatic during the school day

10. New School Update: Mrs. Angellotti

- Meeting on March 7th with the larger community
- There is no possibility of having the school sooner than planned
- On track for September 2024
- Anticipating that JLPS will be at 600
- We will be getting one more portable to address the strain in the building now (to take back footprint in the school – i.e. library, etc)

11. Unlearn School Project: Bernard Meagher

- Motto: *To continue to improve the betterment of our world, we must unlearn and relearn.*
- Murals will be installed around the school to be thought provoking and inspire change.

12. Budget Review/Discussion: Ruby Dhillion

- Readathon raised \$1,120 from 35 students

13. Fundraising Update and Planning: Ruby Dhillion

- Big Box of Cards; there are prizes from the entity as an incentive for fundraising
- Open for 3 weeks (March 25- April 11); can we display these at school?
- Reminder will sent to parents (flyers)
- \$11 out of the \$35 will go to the school; the entity expects school of our size to do really well.

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- School drop off: a brainstorming session proposed to solve the problem
- Condo development: developer asked to go back to the drawing board (but there is a lot more development coming).