

Johnny Lombardi Public School
School Council Meeting # 5
Thursday, March 23, 7 pm
Minutes

Present:

Rita Angellotti	Balvinder Mathon
Shalini Saini	Zuhair Fancy
Arati Vaidya	Nadia Akhtar
Sarah Denney-Falsetta	Falguni Karia
Marisa Harris	Preet Singh
Melissa Donia	Galit Goldberger
Ayesha Ghafoor	Naudea Mair

Regrets: Alisha Chattha, Priya Shah, Rick Bilkhu, Kate Simans, Tina Gandhi, Natania Fernandez

1. Rita welcomed everyone in the school council meeting.
2. Shalini asked all attendees to review and approve of the March Agenda and January minutes. Agenda was emailed to everyone.
3. School council update: Alisha is no longer the co-chair of council. She has some other commitments. For rest of the school year Ayesha is volunteering as co-chair.
4. Rita Presented the **Principal's Report**
 - Staff Involvement in Ministry work: Ms. Goldberger is involved with the Ministry in the area of ELL. This project develops a continuum for Kindergartens by taking videos then analyse them. ESL and English language learners are identified on stages. Math leaders in our school will also be working with the Ministry
 - Edsby pilot project: Edsby is an innovative cloud-based platform for K-12 school districts that incorporates learning management, data consolidation and insightful analytics. It's a program that started 8yrs ago. Any teacher/administrator have shared screen. There are different sections where you can access reports, general classroom activities and effective communication with teacher. To begin with, school attendance will be electronic. In case child is late, he does need to come to office but will not get a paper slip and marked electronically late. Our school is a pilot school. Eventually it'll be a great support for teachers.
 - New Board Policies are emailed, sent to members and requested them to provide comments.
 - Dental Screening for Kindergarten, grades 2 and 8 was performed on January 11 to track any difficulty.
 - School Tours and Visits: once every week our school is being visited. JLPS is seen as school highly committed to modern learning. Lot of people are coming to see how we're operating. Met with family of schools to work on mental health. We shared our idea for mindful moments. No one is doing this in whole board.
 - School Assembly for character trait Initiative was held on 7 March.
 - MADD was held on Friday, February 10. Each year they do presentation about safe driving and they talk about drinking and driving. Gr 7/8 are involved. Information is always current, real Canadian enactment and conversation with victims and survivors.
 - First Term Reports went home on February 15
 - Intermediate Fun Night was held on February 23. It was a huge success. Games were organised in library, sports in the gym, slime-making in the art room and they made their own sundaes. They raised \$300.
 - Pink T-shirt Day held on February 22 against bullying. Messages sent on twitter and blog.
 - Artist in Residence has begun. Donald Chretien, native Canadian artist, visited and presented to whole school on February 24. Theme "Symbolism" is behind his art. 6 Large, 3x3 mounted boards will be used. Every student will get a coaster to paint in one colour. They'll pick one animal spirit, who they think they are close to. \$2000 will help for supplies. Board is also contributing.
 - Skills Canada Challenge is run by board. Grade 7 and 8s were selected for this. Students/teachers can apply for various programmes. JLPS applied for 10 got selected for 3. Selection is made randomly by board. Competed with other 17 schools. TV production and Computer animation won 1st and 2nd places. They are given challenge to work on and people

who are supporting them are actually in this field. 1st place was TV production and their topic was “Protecting the Earth” (recycling). 2nd place was Computer Animation and they made animated video on “Life of Dog”.

- Up Coming Events: Blue Jays Trip, Grade 3 and 7 Swim to Survive Program, Immunization Clinics for grade 7 and 8

5. Official Grand Opening: Official Grand Opening of JLPS is on April 12, 2017. Staff is working hard for the preparations. Everyone is invited. Tour of school will begin at 11AM. Luncheon together at 11:45AM. Kids have opportunity to join for different acts. Dance by Gr. 4/5/6. There is waving flag song. Speeches by Lombardi Family, Director, guest speaker. Trustees and Mayor will be present. Evening 6:30 to 7:30pm. School will be open for all families and friends to see all art work done and decorations. Video will be shown again.

6. Fundraising Committee Update by Melissa and Shalini:

- Zumba nights:
 - i. Zumba Kids with Romina– adults are included but it will be child-focused
 - ii. Thursdays, beginning April 27, \$5/person or need to design a package with options like 2 people or 3 people. Payment options with flexibility to upfront or in advance.
 - iii. Everyone agreed for 6:30PM on Thursdays
 - iv. Not a high potential Fundraising opportunities: sell water bottles, smoothies, healthy nut-free snacks, before/after class
 - v. Need to set up a form to send to parents to accompany the waiver that Romina is working on. Romina has asked for numbers and age/child. Form should request parents to pay upfront for all four sessions. We should get these forms to parents by March 30 and ask for them back by April 7.
 - vi. One council member per event to collect payment and organising.
- Evergreen Grant: Updates provided by Galit and Melissa. Application in progress but it’s a very long process. April 7 is the deadline before that we need to decide the type of tree and various other forms. Board has to approve it. We won’t be able to complete all these things before April 7. Called Bean n Stalk, they don’t accept fundraising. Requested them to come and have a look. Our need is environment friendly area.
- Rita proposed a Bingo Night (Friday, 21st April). School will provide prizes. Bingo machine is available. Bingo cards will be approx. \$2/card or \$5/4 cards.
- Intermediates are planning a Movie night for Friday, May 5 or May 12 as a Graduation Fundraiser. Everyone agreed for movie Moana. Pizza, popcorns, chips, water bottles will be able for purchase.
- Themed Baskets: Parents can donate items for baskets for various themes. Each class will pick a theme. Each student will bring an item per their class theme. Balvinder will coordinate decoration of baskets with other volunteers. Decorated baskets will be on display for couple of weeks. Raffle tickets will be sold.

7. Beautifying the School: Updates provided by Rita

- Project with artist Donald Chretien: Theme “Symbolism” is behind his art. 6 Large, 3x3 mounted boards will be used. Every student will get a coaster to paint in one colour. They’ll pick one animal spirit, who they think they are close to.
- Mural project with Tommy Douglas: Intermediate Art club is working with Tommy Douglas Art teacher. We’re in the middle of pricing of mural for large Gym area.

8. Pro Grant Application: Council chair person has to fill out application with Principal’s suggestions. Next year early we can try for nutritionists, who can come in to cook a healthy meal. Lot of art/math orientation. Money will be provided by Ministry that we can use in 2017 school year.

9. Parent Symposium: 3 parent from each school can participate on Wed, March 29.

10. Treasurer’s Report: updates provided by Rita

- \$300/ week for Pizza
- \$536 for lice squad each time (comes 2 times)

- \$429.00 for Movie License
- \$100 for tournament.
- \$1500 for Logo in Gym
- \$1000 for Grand opening
- \$1000(Approx.) for new carpet in Library

Rita has asked for \$3500 for Logo, carpet, Grand opening, purchasing a ceremonial tree from school council. School council has \$7300 in account.

11. New Business Questions/Wish List: Shalini will try to get in touch again with new businesses in area.

Wish List : We can have few more lunch options. A few parents had concern over pizza quality.

12. Next Meeting: To be decided.