

Johnny Lombardi Public School
School Council Meeting # 6
Monday, May 15, 7 pm
Minutes

Present:

Rita Angellotti	Natania Fernandez
Zuhair Fancy	Falguni Karia
Shalini Saini	Tina Gandhi
Arati Vaidya	Galit Goldberger
Melissa Donia	Naudea Mair
Marisa Harris	Jasmeet
Ayesha Ghafoor	Sarah Denney-Falsetta

Regrets: Patricia Munian, Balvinder Mathon, Priya Shah, Rick Bilkhu, Kate Simans, Nadia Akhtar, Preet Singh

1. Welcome/School Updates: Rita welcomed everyone in the school council meeting.
2. Shalini asked all attendees to review and approve of the May Agenda and March minutes.
3. Rita Presented the **Principal's Report**
 - Mindfulness Moment: we have some success with doing mindful moments. More schools are taking up. Tried in few classes in Tommy Douglas. It is working 3 days a week but from June move on to everyday.
 - Staff/Student Floor Hockey held on March 24. Everyone had fun.
 - Rick Hansen Foundation Visit held on March 30. Focus is on building confidence with people some accessibility issues.
 - Edsby Launched on March 27. Galit explained how they open Edsby app then just click on A or P. Kids are given e-late slips. This helps eliminating paper. There have been some glitches but now running fine. From September 2017 all schools in York region will begin using it.
 - Grad Photos held on April 3.
 - Autism Awareness Day was on April 4. Kids read books and solved some puzzles and signed their name on it. Two Education Assistants worked with intermediates. How it feels like to be one. Brings out lot of leadership opportunities.
 - School Teams: Junior Boys and Girls Basketball (Mr. Parfeniuk, Mr. Hunte, Mrs. Reyes and Mrs. Wortzman) and Badminton, Teams Mr. Meagher. All are participated in various matches.
 - International Day of Pink and Official Opening held on April 12. Need to figure out how to post video of official opening. In Johnny Lombardi we feel pride in supporting freedom of choices.
 - Eco Team: In 20 minutes makeover in all collected 40 bags of garbage. Jasmeet said, vegetable garden is coming for Kindergartners. BINGO for each class, 5 words called out in the morning. They can win a class kite.
 - BINGO Night held on April 21. It was great success.
 - Field Trips: Grade 3 went to Heritage School House on April 26. They learned how schools were 100 yrs ago. Teachers are real teachers and they use chalk/blackboard. JLPS Band performed in Newmarket Theatre Band Trip on May 4. They are judged by professional judges. Band always have an opportunity to perform in various schools.
 - Swim to Survive Program began on April 27 for grade 3s.
 - Youth Ed Summit: Teachers apply to be part of the conference. Mr. Meagher with kids showed some of the way we embedded technology. We were invited again to show on April 26.
 - Skills Canada Competition held on May 1. We went to Congress Center, schools from all over Ontario participated. They had to create a movie on the spot in a given time.
 - Immunization Clinics held on May 2 for grades 7 and 8.
 - Let's Break the Stigma Event was on May 2. As part of good mental health and to break stigma, teachers broke tongue depressor and wrote encouraging messages.
 - Dress Loud Day was on May 5.
 - Rita presented what all is being done in QUEST conference.
 - Character Assembly was great, held on May 5.

- JLPS Recognition for Mental Wellness School: May 8
- WAVE Conference: WAVE conference is about empowering student's social skills to help eliminate violence, held on May 10. Some students have difficulty making friends. This helps them to develop healthy relationships. In simple way, Fun uplifting way.
- Grade 8 Dress Up day: grad surprise, take pictures with Props.
- Enrichment Band Performance: May 15
- Basket Raffle: draw May 19. Baskets are already on display. Kids are super excited.

4. Official Opening Re-cap by Rita: It was a success that reflected beautiful cultures in our community. All performances were awesome. Everyone appreciated hard work done by teachers and children.

5. Fundraising Committee Update:

- Zumba update – Zumba is running well. May be next year once every month can be considered. We might see more involvement with the consistency.
- Themed Baskets – All beautiful baskets are on display. Thanks to all the staff who stayed after school to put them together. Thanks to Balvinder for her donations.

6. Beautifying the School: Mrs. Goldberger (Galit)

- FDK space – We're going with Model builder and decided to install 2 chalkboards in the Kindergarten play area. Kindergarteners have tricycles now. Bigger plan is outdoor education.
- Trees in greenhouse will come in sometime.
- Galit and Jasmeet showed everyone the smartboard our kindergartners are using. It's very interactive. We are the only school in York Region with them now.
- Falguni and Ms. Wolfstadt worked with kids/parents and made quilt, displayed in library.

7. Pro Grant Application: Shalini/Rita

- Everyone agreed for nutritionist/cooking night in new school year. Idea is to engage your community. Parent and school work together. Nutrition is part of all classes. Various station will be set up with your family. Families will cook and eat together. Parents will have to sign up for the even for the smooth organization of event. This will cost almost \$3000. Shalini/Rita to fill out grant application which is due on May 25. Max from Pro Grant will be \$1000.

8. Parent Symposium Update: Rita, Zuhair, Nadia and Priya attended the symposium. It was about the technology schools and kids are using. Google apps, sharing information on icloud. And Healthy meals in schools to meet PPM 150.

9. School Store: Some parents have concerns about the school store running every day. Kids are bringing money. Minimize it to 1 or 2 times a week was suggested by one parent. Parents present did not see the difficulty with it continuing each day as only 20 -25 students a day visit it, not always the same and all food sold meet Healthy schools requirement. Fruits and veggies are always available for free in school office. Snack bins provided for each class with only healthy snacks. Rita mentioned Valentine's Day and chocolate cookie all meet PPM 150.

10. Treasurer's Report: presented by Rita

- Trees -1500
- Artist -1000- \$2000 (as approved by council)
- Bingo +400
- Zumba and baskets are not done yet.

Approx \$1500 for beginning of next year.

11. Next meeting on 13th June.