

JOSEPH A GIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Minutes

October 28th, 2024

7 pm meeting

School Council Attendees:

Brett McLean, Nitasha Ragnauth, Nadia Ghafoor, Pina Olsoon, Kiri Lutchman, Saejal Ohri, Sabrina Ponzo,, Andria DeDecesare, Lisa Papa, Nick Di Mondo, Michelle Gallo, Madiha Chatha, Verouika Shavrina (non-voting), Shinder Rao, Nazli Jafari, Angela Li

Absent Attendees:

Victoria Globocki, Janet Alexanian, Rosemary Alam

FUTURE MEETING DATES – SAVE THE DATE:

Nov 25, Jan 13, Feb 24, Apr 7, May 12, June 2, Fair: June 19

1	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Call to Order and Review of Norms Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.
2	Approval of Previous Minutes Approved minutes from September meeting - 1st approval Pina and 2nd approval Caroline
3	Treasurer's Report Reviewed October Financial Report ending October 23, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total revenues \$10,430• Total Expenses \$4,970• Closing cash balance \$24,117, funds available \$16,331.83 Prior year expenses were paid this period. First approval by Sabrina and second approved by Saejal.
4	School Council Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology• Grade 8 graduation• Spring fair• STEM Night• Updated Constitution
5	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent-Teacher Interview Night - schedule will be sent home this week, progress reports will come home prior to that.• X-Movement - education combined with physical fitness and a parent engagement evening and well as bookfair (Jan 20th week); Teachers will receive a digital subscription resource (videos etc)• Fall Dance - October 31. Voucher to Marley's game given away as a raffle during the dance (2 winners per session), secured by Sabrina. Brett pulled the names at the dance, and announced the winner at the end of the day.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EQAO Results - Good news! Grade 3 did well above average in reading, writing, on par with average in math. Grade 6, generally aligned with province, writing lower, math is a priority item to focus. Engaged with a math consultant to do some training consulting with staff and pairing math feedback shared from students. Will bring the lessons and learnings into the classrooms at the teacher's discretion. Will attend grades 1-8 most likely. ● Remembrance Day Assembly ● School Professional Learning Next Steps ● Book Fair (Volunteers Needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteers requested for book fair Jan 20th 2025- Saegal and Caroline volunteered.
6	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One time donation drive - Council approved as next fundraiser. Sub-committee: Caroline and Victoria. Should be connected with specific spend: library technology improvements - <p>Fresh from the Farm</p> <p>Spring/Fall Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising Plan - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library display - Samsung TV smart board \$2,215 - Brett to investigate whether this qualifies for cost sharing. Council approved spend ○ Apple Air time display - \$500 Council approved spend. ○ Speaker for Gym Long and McQuad - wireless handheld microphones, speakers, cables, Mixer, \$3,404 Council approved spend. ○ Grade 8 Graduation \$1,000 - (award, DJ, decorations, flowers). Council approved \$1,500 spend. ○ X-Movement Grant from Board (\$3,000 grant still pending,\$800 progrant reduction) \$4,514 - January - Council Approved. ○ Cost sharing for technology \$4,000 board will match (chrome books, ipads, projectors and other class tech) - Brett to research other applicable technologies. Council deferred to Nov board meeting. ○ Spring Fair \$4,000 - Council deferred to Nov board meeting ○ Outdoor equipment (balls, etc) \$1,000 - deferred to Nov board meeting ○ Forest of Reading \$732 - Council approved spend. ○ Kindergarten celebration of \$100 - Council deferred to Nov board meeting. ●
8	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan Market - council buy items and sell the items at the fair - all proceeds went to council. Feb 28 to March 29. Ideally before March break. ~\$500 - deferred to Nov board meeting pending more information. Consider Cultural evening at Maple evening. ● Consider using EDSBY or Whatsapp for council chat. Council approved sharing emails with each other. ● Family Potluck Feb?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution revisions - Brett reviewed changes - Council approved changes to constitution
9	Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Appendix A

Joseph A. Gibson Fundraising Plan for 2024-25

Fundraising Initiatives - School Council					
Item	Timeline	Amount			
Starting Balance (October 23rd)	Sept	\$15,871.83			
Pizza (\$207 per week * 24 weeks)	Year	\$4,982.40	Projected		
Cookies (\$100 x 31)	Year	\$3,100.00	Projected		
Fresh from Farm	Fall	\$460.00			
Winter/Spring Fundraisers					
Total:		\$24,414.23			
Projected Expenditures					
Item	Timeline	Amount			
Library Display Area - Samsung 75", Mounting Bracket, Labour	Winter	\$2,215.00	Approved		
Library Display - Apple Airtame	Winter	\$500.00	Approved		
Long and McQuad (Microphones, Speakers, Cables, Mixer)	Late Fall	\$3,404.09	Approved		
Graduation	June	\$1,500.00	Approved		
x Movement	Jan	\$4,514.35	Approved		
Cost Sharing	Feb	\$4,000.00	Wait to Vote		
Spring Fair	June	\$4,000.00	wait to vote		
Outdoor equipment	Spring	\$1,000.00	wait to vote	Potentially make a list and ask for donations	
Forest of Reading	Late Fall	\$732.55	approved		
Kindergarten Celebration of Learning	June	\$100.00	Wait to vote		
Total Expenses		\$21,885.99			