

JOSEPH A GIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

MINUTES

April 17, 2023

7:00 pm in Library

School Council Attendees: Rosemary Alam, Janet Alexanian, Jeanie Defulviis, Nick Di Mondo, Caroline Ferrero, Claudia Fischer, Michelle Gallo, Nadia Ghafoor, Christine Gulyasik, Chris Mastine, Sujani Naresh, Pina Olsson, Saejal Ohri, Lisa Papa, Sabrina Ponzo,

Absent: Andria DeCesare, Nitasha Ragnauth, Gabriela Serbu, Edona Vila

FUTURE MEETING DATES – SAVE THE DATE:

MAY 15

JUNE 12

1	Welcome and Call to Order at 7:05 pm
2	Approval of Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">February, 2023 –motion to accept by Pina; seconded by Rosemary
3	Treasurer’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial Report for February/March was reviewed by Rosemary -motion to accept approved by Pina and seconded by Sabrina
4	Principal’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Council Norms reviewed – ensure that we follow the expectations set out in the norms in order to ensure everyone’s voice is heard; suggestions encouraged and Council decisions are made as a group to best support the studentsConstruction update - busy out front; make sure students use the north sidewalk when walking into school for safety reasonsMr. Masih – resigned from the Board; waiting for the Board to fill his positionRegional Parent Symposium – is virtual this year on May 3rd; let Claudia know if you are interested in attending; if we need to fill the 10 person quota, Claudia will send out the information to the school community to invite families to attendSuper Smoothies for the Spring Fair – representative was interested in providing this at the Spring Fair; Claudia will reach out and see how she would do this – pre-order or make smoothies on the spot?Big Box of Cards – update; Daniela Leggieri is managing the return of boxes, payment and order forms; if students have only ordered one box, we are distributing them right away; made announcement as a reminder; sent an email to the community as a reminder that all are due on April 24;EQAO – Gr. 3 and 6 students; will take place through the month of May; online again this year; families have been informed;Every Child Counts Survey – information will be sent to our families on April 24th; K-3 families will complete the survey at home; Gr. 4-8 will complete at school in class; encourage families to complete as it provides information on what is going well in the school and where to improve

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JAG Tent – requested Council to purchase a customized JAG Tent to use at sporting events and Spring Fair; cost is \$1075; Council approved purchase ● Spring Chromebook Purchase – Board is offering a Spring opportunity to purchase more Chromebooks; asking to purchase 10 more to supplement the classes that still require ones (i.e. Gr. ½ and Gr. 1 classes, French Immersion); asked for \$2000 and school will supplement the difference; Council approved purchase
5	<p>Teacher’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yearbook – Jeanie reminded Council that yearbooks continue to be on sale; looking to get 100 orders – at 78; can order online and information was in the Gazette and in the front Parent Information Centre; Sabrina and Christine mentioned School Council used to be included in the Yearbook; school will do that again and use some photos from the Spring Fair last year and from the Winter Dance; anyone else is welcome to come by and get their photo taken
6	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Donation Drive ● Pizza Sales ● Cookie Sales – Christine updated Council that the sales are doing extremely well; question about the packaging with some cookies; same company – Terra Cotta – just different packaging for the specialty cookies; Christine mentioned that freezies will start to also be sold now that the nice weather is upon us; also will be selling freezies at the school Track and Field event ● Kid’s Kitchen – runs itself and fundraising profit sent to us every few months ● FundScrip – Lisa will look into this fundraiser and see what profits were made; potentially end this fundraiser at the end of this year ● Big Box of Cards Spring Fundraiser – see above in Principal’s Report
7	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising for Outdoor Benches/Seating – Claudia clarified the reason for purchasing benches and seating as there were some questions from the community about why seating when students need to be active; Claudia highlighted that social interaction is important also and students need a place to sit, play and talk that isn’t the portable steps; Outdoor classroom is always used at recesses; a bench or accessible picnic table will allow another opportunity for students who have medical or mobility issues to socialize with friends ● West School Council Forum – attended by Sabrina and she shared information she learned from the workshop on how to encourage more members to join the School Council; spoke about including information about School Council in the Welcome to Kindergarten package, French Immersion package, having School Council representation at these evening events, Parent Council in the yearbook; question on succession planning and how to ensure that can happen when new Chairs/Principal at the school; re-initiate the Edsby School Council Group; Claudia will re-invite and update for all council members;
8	<p>Adjournment/Next Meeting – adjourned at 8:15pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting – May 15 at 7 pm