

# JOSEPH A GIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Agenda

November 25th, 2024

7 pm meeting

**School Council Attendees:** Brett McLean, Nadia Ghafoor, Pina Olsson, Saejal Ohri, Andria DeCesare, Lisa Papa, Michelle Gallo, Caroline Ferraro, Victoria Globocki, Rosemary Alam, Ariadna Shafet, Kiri Lutchman (online), Nick Di Mondo (online)

**Absent Attendees:** Sabrina Ponzo, Janet Alexanian, Shinder Rao, Nitasha Ragnauth

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES – SAVE THE DATE:**

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

1	<b>Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Call to Order, Review of Norms</b> <i>Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm</i>
2	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b> Caroline/Andria approved minutes from October meeting
3	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>  Reviewed November financial report ending November 19, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total revenues \$1,365.50</li><li>• Total expenses \$2,653.71</li><li>• Closing cash balance \$ 23,123.97</li><li>• Funds available \$7,742.72</li></ul> Saejal/Andria approved financial report for November
4	<b>School Council Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>School Council Forum Report</b> - Pina and Lisa attended two sessions: Running an Effective Parent Council and Mental Health/Screen time. Shared some information about each session. Lisa to send links to resources.</li><li>• <b>Spring Fair Update</b>- discussed vendors/food trucks (Mr.Corn/Harvey's, petting zoo, inflatables, etc.). Pina/Daniela to follow up in January. Council approved \$4000 for Spring Fair.</li><li>• <b>Grad Wish List</b>- Brett briefly discussed funds/expenses. Recently approved of \$1,500, which will go to DJ and Award/Plaque Inscriptions. Monies remaining will go towards lowering the cost of grad activities/dinner. Addition of \$750 donation - monies to be spent on 'reusable' grad decor. Grad Committee to meet December 5 to connect/share. Intermediates selling smencils; monies collected will also go towards lowering the cost of grad activities/dinner. Will revisit funds at the next meeting if need be.</li><li>• <b>Fundraiser Ideas/Information</b> - discussed and approved of 'Big Box Fundraiser'- monies raised to purchase recess equipment for each class. Lisa to email coordinator to organize. Date to be determined (April?)</li></ul>
5	<b>Principal's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>X-Movement (Digital Platform)</b>- \$3000 grant approved; \$800 will now be used towards other goals, such as a 'Family Engagement Evening'. 1 year Subscription</li></ul>

	<p>shared with teachers, as well as families (Gibson Gazette).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Updated Fundraising Plan (Grant Information)</b>- Council previously approved funds for smart board TV, apple air time display and speakers/cables/handheld microphones/mixer for gym (arrived). <b>Update:</b> School contributes \$2,655, Board Contributes \$6,195 (Total: \$8,850). Board only approved of 65” TV (approx. \$1,000+). Expenses for TV, mount, etc. will all be included under cost sharing (\$2,715 reserved). Remainder of any monies will go to School Tech (Chromebooks/Robotics).</li> <li>● <b>Winter Concert (December 19th)</b> - Date shared with families in the Gibson Gazette. Two different times for families to attend: AM - JK to Gr.2/PM - Gr.3-8</li> <li>● <b>Staff-Student Volleyball</b> - tied in to Food Drive (Bring a can, watch the game)</li> <li>● <b>Holiday Food Drive</b> - organized by Ms.Au’s 7/8 class. Communication coming out this week.</li> <li>● <b>Colour House</b> - ‘Making a Difference’. Led by the intermediate students, who are working together to create ideas to engage students across the grades (Ex. writing cards for the elderly, making bracelets, etc.). Kick off Assembly November 29.</li> <li>● <b>Special Interest Service Providers</b> - We now have Ten Ten Sports and Young Rembrandts. Surveys (google form) sent to all families. Interest shared in Martial Arts, Sports, Art, etc. Caroline made a suggestion for all representatives coming into the school for lunch programs to wear a volunteer label or coloured shirt.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Fundraising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Fresh from the Farm Concluded</b> - First time Fundraiser: \$490 raised! Will revisit in Spring for next school year.</li> <li>● <b>One time donation</b> - Shared with families in the Gibson Gazette.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Family engagement:</b> ‘Gibson’s World’. Sub-committee (Saejal, Pina, Lisa, Caroline, Nadia)- more information to follow.</li> <li>● <b>Virtual Meeting:</b> December 3rd @ 6:30 pm (Juilliard and Joseph A.Gibson: French Immersion 2025/2026)</li> <li>● Caroline suggested supervision at the path at the back of the school. Brett to look into it.</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Adjournment</b> <i>Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.</i></p>

## Appendix

Information gathered by Lisa and Pina from the School Council Forum

### School Council Forum Report

#### Running an Effective School Council

- Family Events throughout the year
- Teacher Involvement

- \$500 (Board gives school \$ for volunteers to watch children during parent council)

### **Resources:**

Ontario School Councils - A Guide for Members

<http://www.ontario.ca/page/school-councils-guide-members>

School Council Handbook - Revised 2023

<https://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/schoolcouncils/documents/schandbook.pdf>

School Fundraising Guideline

<http://www.ontario.ca/page/school-fundraising-guideline>

### **Mental Health and Screen Time**

- Discussed the rules and policies of the use of devices in school
- Discussed the impact of screen time and shared ideas or suggestions as to how we can limit screen time at home and outside of school
- Discussed the harm in vaping, as well as, statistics of use in schools
- Shared resources for kids and families

### **Resources**

Canadian Lung Association - B R E A T H E

<https://www.lung.ca/>

<https://www.lung.ca/smoking-vaping/how-talk-your-child-about-vaping>

Helping your child manage Digital Technology

School Mental Health Ontario

<https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/info-sheet-helping-your-child-manage-digital-technology/>

Canada's Centre for Digital Media Literacy

<https://mediasmarts.ca/>