

JOSEPH A GIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Minutes

September 18, 2023

7 pm meeting

School Council Attendees: Rosemary Alam, Kathy Ariai, Andria DeCesare, Jeanie Defulviis, Nick DiMondo, Caroline Ferraro, Claudia Fischer, Michelle Gallo, Nadia Ghafoor, Mike Ghafoor, Laura Henriques, Kiri Lutchman, Saejal Ohri, Pina Olsson, Lisa Papa, Sabrina Ponzo, Nitasha Ragnauth, Narmin Shirin, Edona Vila

FUTURE MEETING DATES – SAVE THE DATE:

OCT. 16

NOV. 20

JAN. 22

FEB. 12

APR. 15

MAY 13

JUNE 10

1	Welcome and Call to Order at 7:02 pm
2	Approval of Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 2023 - Motion to accept by Nadia; seconded by Andria
3	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Reports ending August, 2023 was shared by Claudia• Incorrect revenue and withdrawal is highlighted and balances out leaving closing cash balance \$16038.05• Report approved and accepted by Caroline; seconded by Nadia
Executive members for the 2022-23 school year dissolved	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Norms and School Council YRDSB Video – Claudia shared the Norms for all meetings; shared video with all attendees; introductions of all attendees and then Claudia proceeded with review of elected positions and invited anyone interested to put name forward• Elections – Claudia reviewed the process and procedure for elections and co-roles; went through nomination forms; multiple Chair names; Chairs shared their profile prior to voting; maximum 15 on Council for voting members Election of New Executive Positions for 2023-24 School Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Chairs – Laura Celli-Henriques and Pina Olsson• Secretary – Nitasha Ragnauth• Co-Treasurers – Rosemary Alam and Andria DeCesare
5	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of new staff – Ms. Russano in the office, Ms. Partland and Ms. Yuen in kindergarten, Mlle Rodriguez in French Immersion and new EA staff – Mr. DeRoia, Ms. Misquitta, Ms. Cerezo and Ms. Monteith

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss Paulette – Memorial on November 15th for Ms. Paulette; in addition Council approved a tribute plaque on the bench in the school yard • Curriculum Night – 2 sessions – Sept. 28th starting at 6 pm • Picnic tables and bench – installed – still waiting for bike rack and jerseys • New Crossing Guard – in the morning and afterschool; Claudia will be supporting with car/bus entry • Welcome safe and caring schools presentations to all students – week of Sept. 11th • Safety Week – New bomb threat drill is added this year – will be announced in the morning to the students as will the lockdown and hold and secure drills • Terry Fox walk around the community – Fire trucks cannot attend – Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Marconi organizing the walk on Sept 27 • Sept. 27 new classes if reorganization – question about number of students at Gibson (370); this year has a higher ratio of English to French students compared to prior years. • Edsby School Council list – items found on this site – Council members will be added to the list • Reorganization – possible reorganization of classes next week; Director’s letter went home; letters to community and families affected will be shared • Constitution – updated next meeting • School Improvement Plan (SIP) –shared at the next meeting • Bus Transportation - discussed challenges / inefficiencies with bus transportation - expected to be temporary as the bus company addresses driver shortages
6	<p>Teacher’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
7	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Donation Drive</u> - October is Donation Drive Campaign; thermometer in the hallway; hoping to again reach \$5000 • <u>Pizza</u> – begins on Sept. 26 – Caroline and Victoria to volunteer to support on Tuesdays • <u>Cookies/Specialty Items</u> – Sabrina and Laura have volunteered to run Cookie Sales this year; will start in October • <u>Future fundraising</u> ideas to be discussed/scheduled for the year; Box Cards successful; Cookie Dough popular, maybe prior to Christmas
8	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabrina shared some possible school activities that Council can be involved with (i.e. Pumpkin decorating tied into Literacy on specific themes, Fall or Winter Dance, French Carnaval); Claudia to discuss with French teachers re: Carnaval and let Council know; shared that instructional time is guided by teachers and Council can always support/supplement the learning • Further ideas will be discussed at the next meeting pending funds raised and scheduling of activities • Spring Fair date – Claudia to look into June available dates for next meeting

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Adjournment/Next Meeting - 8:27 pm meeting adjourned

- Decided on upcoming meeting dates for 2023-24 school year – see above
- Next Meeting – **October 16**