

JOSEPH A GIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Minutes

September 23rd, 2024

7 pm meeting

School Council Attendees:

Brett McLean, Nitasha Ragnauth, Nadia Ghafoor, Pina Olsoon, Kiri Lutchman, Saejal Ohri, Laura Henriques, Sabrina Ponzo, Rosemary Alam, Andria DeDecesare, Lisa Papa, Nick Di Mondo, Michelle Gallo, Madiha Chatha, Verouika Shavrina (non-voting), Shinder Rao, Janet Alexanian, Victoria Globocki,

Absent Attendees:

FUTURE MEETING DATES – SAVE THE DATE:

TO BE DETERMINED

1	Welcome and Call to Order 7:01pm
2	Approval of Previous Minutes First approval Caroline and 2nd Lisa Papa
3	Treasurer's Report Financial report as of May 2024: Revenue \$5,553 Expenses \$13,275 Closing Cash \$14,628 Funds available after reserve funds \$ 11,762.42 First approval Sabrina and second approval Laura
4	Introductions, School Council Norms and YRDSB Video
5	Elections <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reviewed video on school council roles and responsibilities<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Highlights: (i) for the good of students (ii) deep partnership with school and community filled with mutual trust and accountability2. Elected position overview: Elected voted members commit to coming to every meetings, if you miss 3 meetings then you are lose voting privilege3. Current voting members voted to increase voting memberships from 13 to 17.4. Treasurer : Rosemary and Andrea5. Corporate Secretary: Nitasha6. Vice Charr Position - Lisa Papa7. Chair: Pina Olsoon8. Motion to dissolve last year's candidates: All approved

5	<p>School Council Report</p> <p>Open Closet - provided donations by Thursdays and any extra hangers</p> <p>X-Movement</p> <p>Update Constitution - use a sub-committee review and provide recommendations to the council. (Sabrina, Saejal, Caroline, Pina) via zoom.</p>
6	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Terry Fox (Sept 24) - cash donations accepted</p> <p>Curriculum Night (Sept 30) - 5:30-6:30pm have some social opportunities for families to meet, with Ice Cream and super smoothies. (pamphlets and council posters to be set up). Rename to "School Social / Curriculum Night"</p> <p>School Planning/Direction - common themes from parents and students : Out-door learning, Makerspace, hands-on, tests, steam, google-slides, visuals,</p> <p>Reorganization - Before Sept 30 if numbers are not aligned with ministry criteria. Our models are good, no significant movements and families were informed.</p> <p>Music - Instrumental music program will be cancelled this year, given program teacher being unavailable</p> <p>Special Interest Programs and Extracurricular - 10/10 sports and young rembrandts</p> <p>Art - paid lunch programs (limit programs to 2 at a time). Special allowance for families in need.</p> <p>Bussing Issues - Any concerns can be raised to Brett via email.</p> <p>Caring and Safe School Presentations (Sept 10) - delivered to all students in early September</p> <p>Photo Day (Oct 18)</p> <p>Spirit Store - link in the gazette</p> <p>Hot Lunches - 4 different options</p>
7	<p>Fundraising Plan</p> <p>Pizza Day</p> <p>Cookies Hybrid option - parents can pay weekly for it. Laura will do cookie sales for older kids. To determine if prices should increase due to cash online charges and increase in cookie costs (\$0.72 per box).</p> <p>Fresh from the Farm - 50% of proceeds go to local farmers and 40% goes to the school. Volunteers needed- Carlone, Saejal, Victoria and Shinder will help.</p> <p>Cash fundraiser - hold off as we have the fundraising events happening in the fall. Was a good option in the past / lots of interest from families. To revisit in October.</p>

	Other Ideas to be Discussed
8	<p>New Business</p> <p>Council Name Tags - facilitates a general connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick to follow up with Laura • Send new business to Pina <p>Pumpkin donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett to consider and discuss with staff <p>French Carnival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett to discuss with French teachers/ staff • Suggestion: Duffle bag theatre perform a french play (bilingual) during carnival week • French cafe (snacks like croissants) <p>Asking companies for donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i.e. bookstores / bread / sports stores • corporate sponsorships • We need request approval from the board <p>Council to consider the following needs (school generated funds):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AV Equipment for the gym (over 9 years old) • Display / Presentation for Library i.e. Smart Board, air tame (wireless connections) • Cost sharing for classroom technology • Grade 8 grad \$1,000 • Spring Fair
9	<p>Adjournment and Determine Next Meetings -</p> <p>Adjourned meeting at 8:41pm</p> <p>Future Meetings Dates: Oct 28, Nov 25, Jan 13, Feb 24, April 7, May 12, June 2, Spring Fair June 19th</p>