

JOSEPH A GIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Minutes

October 16, 2023

7 pm meeting

School Council Attendees: Claudia Fisher, Laura Celli-Henriques, Nadia Ghafoor, Mike Ghafoor, Pina Olsson, Judy Cutrone, Caroline, Ferraro, Saejal Ohri, Michelle Gallo, Janet Alexanian, Lisa Papa, Andria De Cesare, Rosemary Alam, Narmin Shirin, Jeanie Defulviis, Nitasha Ragnauth, Nick DiMondo, Kathy Ariai

Absent: Edona Vila, Sabrina Ponzio, Kiri Lutchman

FUTURE MEETING DATES – SAVE THE DATE:

Nov. 20

JAN. 22

FEB. 12

APR. 15

MAY 13

JUNE 10

1	Welcome and Call to Order 7:02pm
2	Approval of Previous Minutes September Minutes – First approval – Pina and seconded by Caroline
3	Treasurer’s Report Reviewed September Financial report, total revenues \$43,406, no expenses to report, total funds available \$1,541.23. Reserve Funds Spending– outdoor benches paid, slightly under budget, Jerseys put on order, chromebooks purchased and bike rack installed, all will clear in October. First approval Nadia seconded by Nick.
4	Principal’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work done on picnic table and concrete pads under all seats• 20 Jerseys purchased• Chromebooks purchased• Hot lunches on hold with the Board• Smoothies trial until December• Oct 18th Cross Country Area Meet• Oct 19th - Hazard House Fire Safety Presentation – Gr. 2-8• Oct 19 - Purple shirt day – awareness to LGBTQSI+ community; focus on anti-bullying and acceptance and inclusivity of all• Fall Dance on October 31 – lead by students• EDSBY parent teacher interview dates will be available shortly (no JK for evening and day interviews – only SKs) for November; JKs will have in-class observation visits with families

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro-Grant available, on specific projects – see Claudia for link to application if interested. • Tentative Spring Concert date is – Thursday June 13th • Spring Fair date is confirmed for Thursday June 20th. • Dance with Justin (3 week program), Claudia to provide pricing for November • Winter Dance – option if no Dance with Justin
6	<p>Teacher’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnival - French immersion and French teachers are trying to organize a day for full school participation. Will reach out to Council for support (ie. hot chocolate station). • Pumpkins – some teachers have some plans for Halloween, no need for Council support • Support for outside toys (soccer, volleyball, basketballs) total cost \$378 – Motion for Council to reserve \$200 - approved. • Forest of Reading Program includes Silver Birch, Red Maple, and Blue Spruce; reading programs for both English and French streams; total cost \$731.69 for K-8; this will qualify for academic support towards the school. Consider a \$ per child if can’t cover the entire costs. Motion to approve total costs \$731.69 - all approved.
7	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Donation Drive</u> – currently at \$2,275 • <u>Pizza</u> – Claudia to share at next Council the total profit to be earned for the year. Will re-open in again in January to see if families want to adjust their orders; and to include new families; Daniela to reach out to Pizza Nova to separate the cheese and pepperoni pizzas in different boxes. Also Claudia will check with Daniela regarding the extension to the pizza lunches to end of year. • <u>Cookies/Specialty Items</u> – Gluten free options available starting this week • <u>Finalize Spring Fundraiser Idea and goal at the February Meeting:</u> Possible fundraising ideas shared by Laura and Nick: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skyzone gift cards, - Frozen cookies dough - World’s finest chocolates - Farm Fresh Produce Baskets - Coin Collection in Class
8	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and updated School Council Constitution – posted in Edsby • Reviewed and updated School Council Year-at-a-Glance – posted in Edsby • School Council Brochure – members to provide feedback on why be part of School Council; to be included in kindergarten and French Immersion registration packages • Spring Fair – Council voted to have Mr. Corn for Spring Fair; Pina will reach out to confirm the date with him

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten bench (to bring up again at next meeting as possible fundraiser goal)
9	Adjournment/Next Meeting - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm• Next meeting – Nov. 20