

Jacob Beam Council Meeting

Minutes: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

In attendance: Rachael LeBlanc, Craig Weir, Katie Fittante, Sarah Bacchus, Stu Beckett, Leah Genovese, Josh Prieur, Louisa Watson, Heather Howe, Christine Baggs

Regrets: Amanda Rundberg

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome and general introductions**

List of voting members was finalized: Rachael LeBlanc, Craig Weir, Katie Fittante, Sarah Bacchus, Stu Beckett, Leah Genovese, Josh Prieur, Louisa Watson, Allison MacDonald, Amanda Rundberg

Reminder: voting members must attend 4 council meetings

3. **Approval of Minutes** from October 13, 2020. Motion to approve made by Sarah, 2nd Craig. Motion passed.
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- o Formation of Committees:

Green: Chair: Craig Member: Louisa - Focus on Spring Clean-up, garden, etc., no immediate action items. Need to replant gardens in the spring that were removed for construction.

Fundraising Chair: Rachael Members: Sarah and Amanda **Action item:** Committee to meet prior to the next school council meeting and provide suggestions on fundraisers for this school year.

Healthy Schools Chair: Katie Fittante Members: Louisa **Action item:** to meet with Christine and make a plan for this school year. Some activities such as painting the buddy wall can take place since it is outdoors.

○ **Teacher Requests:**

<p>Kindergarten <u>Chuchman/Phillips</u> - more math manipulatives for class so each student can have them \$300 <u>Haney/Maroney</u> - outside play items such as chalkboards, wagon, shovels and rakes, buckets and collection tubs \$300 <u>Peters</u> - mini chairs, outdoor items for learning wagon, shovels and rakes, buckets and collection tub \$150 \$750 Total</p>	<p>Primary Grades 1-3 Outdoor mats - \$100 Math manipulatives \$450 \$550 Total</p>	<p>Intermediate 7-8 Extra art supplies for one each so no sharing \$150</p>
		<p>Grand Total \$2000</p>

Motion to approve the purchase of the teacher request items ~\$2000 made by Sarah 2nd Craig. Motion passed. **Action item:** Christine to arrange purchase of items as well as the painting of lines and chain basketball nets that were approved in October meeting (items were out of stock so need to be sourced from a different supplier).

- **Fundraising:** current balance \$5547 (includes \$2000 allocated to Aussie X). With above allocation to teacher requests ~\$1500 remains in the fund. Council agrees at this point to support teacher requests to help with this year given the circumstances.
- **Fundraising ideas discussed:**
 - M&M meats day - On Nov 30th 10% of sales will go back to our school. Shoppers simply indicate at the store that they want to support Jacob Beam (Grimsby location only). Jacob Beam families will be notified in advance (the earlier the better) by social media/regular communication. Typically we raise \$100-300 at this event.
 - Rachael presented Shaklee as a possibility. They are a company that sells green home and lifestyle products. They have several options for fundraisers but a \$25 starter pack seems to be the best option for a school fundraiser this year (\$5 on each pack sold goes to the school). Fundraising committee will discuss as an option and present in January.
- **Creative ideas for parent engagement event this year:**
 - Discussed the need to send out a survey to parents to seek feedback. There are many ways to connect virtually with parents but is this something they want? Also to give parents an opportunity to help guide council to important issues.

- **Action item:** Sarah to send out a google doc, collaborate on ideas and topics to potentially include on the survey
- **Action item:** ALL record ideas in google doc
- **Action item:** Once final, Craig will send out a Forms Survey to all parents and review feedback afterwards. Feedback will be presented to council at January meeting.
- A question was raised as to whether or not parents could attend virtual assemblies where their children were being recognized. There are privacy concerns around this but the school is looking into options.
- **By-law review:**
 - By-laws need to be reviewed at least every 2 years.
 - Rachael will send current by-laws for all council members to review. Any proposed changes should be presented and voted on in the new year.

5. Account Update

	Funds present
Stem Fund	\$1500
Fundraising Last Years	\$5547.20
Play ground	\$1820

6. Principal Report

- Welcome to Miss Mathieson. She is replacing Mr Woelk while he is off.
- We are gaining 7 students back from the virtual school at this time. 2 are joining virtual. We have 4 new students joining us this month.
- First "I Matter" Assembly was Friday Oct 30th. We talked about students who "Matter as Individuals, Learners and Community members" We introduced all staff members and had pictures of them. We played Halloween trivia through Kahoots
- We have many teacher candidates from university here until December
- We have a PD day Wednesday Nov 18th could be re-organize that day based on class sizes and numbers in the Board.

- Interviews will be virtual this year. November 19th the Progress reports will come home. Interviews will be in the days after.
- New school is continuing with Sept 2022 opening. Colours and mascots soon
- November events - Remembrance Day will be recognized with a virtual assembly
- We are working with secondary schools to support transition of our grade 8's to high school. Information will be coming home in November

7. New Business

- Parent Involvement Conference being held on November 18th. Purpose is “Building an Effective School Council in the Age of COVID”. Please send any questions you have to Rachael and she will pose them at this meeting. Rachael will present any information that can help us at the January meeting.

8. Motion to adjourn meeting by Sarah, 2nd by Craig. Motion passed.

Next meeting January 12th 2021 at 6:30 on Microsoft Teams