

Jacob Beam Council Meeting

Minutes: Tuesday, January 12, 2021

In attendance: Rachael LeBlanc, Craig Weir, Katie Fittante, Sarah Bacchus, Stu Beckett, Josh Prieur, Louisa Watson, Alison MacDonald, Michelle Moore, Heather Howe, Christine Baggs

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 3, 2020. Motion to approve made by Sarah, 2nd Craig. Motion passed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes Committee Updates:

Fundraising

- Let's over communicate, worry it could get lost due to virtual class notes
- Fundraising committee met and decided that one fundraiser would be best this year. At this fundraiser, two options are proposed: Mom's Pantry and Shaklee. Mom's pantry was sold last year along with magazines. Options include cookie dough, frozen food, seasoning etc. Ordering would be directly online. School council would coordinate delivery. Could be curbside pickup at someone's house or we could deliver porch drop-offs (depending on volume). Customers have the option of paying \$7 delivery for non-perishable items only. Shaklee was presented at the last meeting.

Motion to approve Mom's Pantry and Shaklee fundraiser as long as both can be ordered directly online made by Craig, Second by Sarah. Motion passed. **Action item:** Rachael to confirm with both companies about online ordering.

- Timing of fundraisers TBD. Committee will meet and discuss with school when it is appropriate. Will likely wait until school resumes in person.

Healthy Schools

- Have been unable to meet since the last meeting.
- School nurse is preoccupied with covid protocols.

Creative ideas for parent engagement event this year

- ★ PIC presentation Nov 18, 2020 available on PIC website. Would be great for all new council members to watch. The main focus was explaining what council's role is and how to engage parents in virtual meetings. <https://www.dsbm.org/pic/schoolcouncil.html>
- Finalize survey ideas – Google doc was reviewed and ideas finalized for survey. Purpose of the survey is both to collect information for this year in particular (considering the unique challenges with on-line learning/covid) but also in general for future years. **Action item:** Craig will prepare a draft of the survey and will send it to council for feedback.

By-law review

- Document was reviewed and a few minor changes were proposed. Motion to approve changes was made by Sarah. Second by Craig. Motion passed.

4. PIC virtual speaker series
 - PARENTING IN A PANDEMIC WITH ANN DOUGLAS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021 6:30PM - 8:00PM
 - TAKING CARE OF YOU! WITH ANNE MURRAY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 - 6:30PM - 8:00PM presentation available for download <https://www.dsbm.org/pic/speakerseries.html>

5. Account Update

- Current balance \$5590:
- Stem fund reserve \$1500
- Fundraising 2019/20 \$4090
- Playground \$1820 (2 swings need to be replaced and rototilling will occur in the Spring)

6. Principal Report – Christine Baggs

- Welcome to Mrs Billingham in the office and Ms Maddalena in grade 1/2. Ms Pearce has moved into Mr Chuchman's class, Ms General has joined Mrs Haney's class
- We continue to gain students back from virtual school and new people moving into our school area!
- Online learning continues and we are training to follow our class timetables as closely as possible with a balance of synchronous (live) teaching and asynchronous (working independently) activities. Teachers are available to families throughout school hours to answer questions and teach students
- "I Matter" Assemblies continue virtually and we continue to try to celebrate as a whole school in fun ways. We are looking to see how we can celebrate this month if online continues.
- We have a PD day Friday January 15th for teachers to write report cards. They will be "coming home" in February. Interview will be by teacher or parent request.
- Kindergarten open house is on hold - hoping we can do something live in the spring. Registration information will be out soon in media and on board/school websites.
- December events - door decorating, ping pong ball challenge, I Matter assembly, virtual Winter performance, Kahoots trivia contest, announcement trivia contest - students appeared to have fun within our new restrictions
- We are working with secondary schools to support transition of our grade 8's to high school. Virtual open houses happened, Secondary school "visited" our classes virtually to answer questions, online course selection has happened- to be completed this week
- New school is approved by Ministry for funding and includes quad gym, greenhouse and they are working on an auditorium

7. New Business –

- Grow Prosper Belong Fund - Town of Lincoln - We were successful in our application for funding in 2020. Funds would have helped pay for a community night with students, parents and Town of Lincoln community members. Proposal was for an Aussie X program. Due to covid we were unable to run the program. If the council plans to run a community engagement night in the Fall of 2021 (with or without Aussie X) this would be a good opportunity to consider. **Action item:** need a member of council to apply. Rachael has an application from 2020 that could be used as a template.

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

Next meeting April 20 2021 at 6:30 on Microsoft Teams