

Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes for Thursday, April 25, 2019

In attendance: Kellie Svoljsak, Heather Howe, Katie Fittante, Loni Pereira, Kathy Horton, Jeff Mills, Mel Jones, Rachael LeBlanc, Simon Burtenshaw, Miranda Montgomery, Stephanie Mullins, Christine Baggs

Regrets: Karen Mills, Amanda Rundberg, Sarah Bacchus, Leah Genovese

Chair: Rachael LeBlanc

1. Grade 8 Report:

Report Items	Information
<u>Sports -</u>	The badminton team participated in a tournament today and made Jacob Beam proud. Next tournament is May 3 After much practice and perseverance, the gymnastic team did a fantastic job at the gymnastics competition earlier this month. Intermediate Rugby is underway. Students will be participating in Track and Field in May.
<u>Events -</u>	We participated in some amazing Mini Boot Camp activities with Dan Giancola and Mindfulness Classes with Laura Ireland for our Spring Into Wellness Initiative led by Ms Dina and our Healthy School Team. Healthy eating, yoga and stress less activities will be coming. Also a dance o thon for the Big Bike fundraising. Make Change for Children and Muffins for Mom will be happening in May.
<u>Grade 8 News-</u>	Mrs. Zulauf and Mr. Murphy's classes participated in the Heritage Fair at Jacob Beam. students did an amazing job presenting their projects that they have been working so hard on for several weeks. The Big Bike event is coming in June and fundraising events will be happening for this

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of February 21 meeting: Mel, second: Jeff, approved

3. Business arising from minutes:

STEM Night

- very well attended and feedback was positive.
- Areas for improvement include adjusting the time to be earlier and allowing for rotating between different stations.
- Re-apply for grant if available or support this event through School Council funds in the future.
- Pizza seemed to be appreciated and Family Pizza and Shawarma was well reviewed.

4. Fundraising Update:

- Total funds from 2018/19 fundraisers: \$7,400
- Teachers have provided their wish list
- o Total ask is \$10,400 including \$800 for kindergarten STEM kits and the remainder computers and accessories
- o Kindergarten iPads is an area of high need
- o Some needed accessories e.g. wired mice for Chromebooks could be donated.
- The kindergarten play area needs new woodchips (\$2500) and the playground needs rototilling (\$500)
- o The school budget will cover \$1500 for the woodchips and \$500 for the rototilling. Playground fund is needed to cover the remaining \$1000 for wood chips
- This year's fundraising efforts were intended to go toward STEM resources
- o Several options for STEM kits were discussed as alternatives to computers and other technology
- o Kits ordered now will likely not arrive until next school year
- Motion to purchase:
- o 10 iPads (\$4000)
- o 1 Kinder Kit (\$400)
- o \$1500 for STEM kits at a variety of grade levels
- o \$500 to a dedicated STEM fund to be used to update and repair STEM equipment in future years
- o \$1000 to replenish playground fund

Motion: Mel, second: Jeff, passed.

- Orchid sales: 23 pink, 8 white, 11 yellow. Total ~\$400
- Chocolate bars \$2700
- o Laura Secord was preferred
- Opportunity to run a fruit and vegetable fundraiser in Sept/Oct for delivery Nov/Dec
- o Motion to run new fundraiser: Jeff, second: Loni, passed
- o Rachael to arrange

5. Healthy Schools Committee:

Recent activities include:

- Mini bootcamp
- Mindfulness workshops
- 8 week healthy eating challenge and 2 week no junk food challenge
- Upcoming:
- o Parent healthy shopping workshop
- o Yoga workshop

6. Principal's Report:

- May/June Events:
 - I Matter assemblies on May 10 and end of June
 - Book Fair Apr 30-May 2
 - Track and Field May 15 at BDSS (Area meet is June 4, DSBN June 13),
 - Camp gr 7th June 17-19,
 - EQAO is May 21-June 3 for gr 3 and gr 6,
 - Muffins for Mom is May 10, Donuts for Dad June 14,
 - Gr 8 Graduation is June 24 6pm, SK graduation is June 25 9am
 - Play day June 25th run by grade 7's
 - End of year trips are being booked. Bussing will be covered by the lunch/milk money raised this year
- West Niagara Secondary - Visited GFESS in Fort Erie. Programming input will be asked of school councils Next meeting is May 13. Matt Miller has been announced as the Principal of the new school. He is the current Grimsby principal and was the principal at BDSS
- Healthy Eating/Shopping workshop for parents is May 2 (during book fair week). Please join us and bring a friend. Free
- We continue to use Dreambox in all grades to consolidate and practice number sense and strategies for solving math problems.
- Staffing - we have the one more teacher for next year. We are awaiting DECE and EA staffing. Class placement and teacher assignments will not be complete until August due to staffing timelines
- Small playground needs special wood chips for safety. \$2500 is the cost for delivery and installation. School budget will cover \$1500. Need \$1000 from Playground fund. Also need \$500 for rototilling of the large playground area.
- River Lions night – date will be set up soon
- BBQ for the track and field day - school council members will bbq (Jeff volunteered)

7. New Business:

- End of year communication needed to families
- Council members to bring ideas for content to May 23 meeting

Motion to adjourn: Jeff, second: Simon, passed.