

MINUTES

Jacob Beam Public School Meeting Minutes September 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Tracy Leemet

In attendance: Laurie Arsenault, Tammy Strongitharm, Kelly Philips (Teacher), Jenn Schneider (Teacher), Tracy Leemet (Principal), Wenonah Tallman, Andrea Brownstein, Michelle Weiss, Paul Clipsham, Mary Jastremski, Michelle Bauer (Student Teacher), Kathy Horton, Marjorie Low, Cassie McNiven, Gina Allan, Bev Boden, Greg Brownstein, Victoria Derksen, Laura Fisher

Regrets: Lori Shuker, Irene Petsinis, Shelley Murre, Ellen Gretsinger

Welcome

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the April 14th, 2011 meeting and approved. A motion to pass was presented by Cassie McNiven.

Council

The council, principal, and guests were introduced.

A basic introduction to how the council conducts business was discussed including:

- Must attend at least 4 meetings to be a voting member (voting on such things like balanced school day and expenditures)
- Any parent may attend the meetings at any time
- Role is to represent all parents of Jacob Beam students
- According to current Council By-Laws, a minimum of 7 and maximum of 15 voting members allowed.

The maximum number of voting members, 15, were chosen.

Election of the council key positions opened to the voting members.

Bev Boden and Greg Brownstein put their names forward for position of Chair. All present voted, and Bev Boden was confirmed as new Chair for 2011-2012 year. Greg Brownstein and Laurie Arsenault nominated as Vice-Chair. All present voted and Greg Brownstein was confirmed as Vice-Chair.

Kathy Horton volunteered to remain Co-Secretary (note-taker) and Andrea Brownstein volunteered Co-secretary (typing minutes). No objections were made; Kathy Horton and Andrea Brownstein were confirmed as Co-Secretaries.

Motion was made and carried to add another meeting, October 13th, 2011.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: Laurie Arsenault to remain as fundraising chair. Nothing to report at this time.

Green Committee: Laura Fisher, Gina Allan and Marjorie Low. Nothing to report at this time.

Communications Committee: Irene Petsinis and Marjorie Low. Nothing to report at this time.

Treasury

There is currently no money in the playground account or the general account. All available funds have been allocated to the first phase of the new playground, successfully installed in the summer.

Principal's Report

- Its been a busy summer here at the school. The ventilation system was totally redone with new vents put in and access to constant fresh air
- Painting is set to begin shortly – the hallways and classrooms are set to be painted – we are thinking white in the hallways with an orange and black stripe and the classroom colour are yet to be determined
- The bus loop has been past to the town who has had it for some time – the hold up is something to do with the sidewalk
- After the first week numbers are in, our staffing is going to remain as is
- There is an early release day on Fri. Sept. 23rd – the students will be dismissed at noon – the staff will take part in professional development that afternoon and the schools that have to reorganize have that afternoon to change classrooms and get settled
- Pro grant we put forward last year was to increase our parent library resources – a number of books just came in – we will list them in our next newsletter and parents will be able to sign them out as soon as we have them catalogued
- Terry Fox walk will be on Wed. Sept. 28th after second break – we do have someone from the Terry Fox foundation coming to educate the children about the foundation on Friday – each child is asked to bring a toonie for Terry
- Brock student teachers had their first observation day today – we have student teachers in all the junior and int classes
- Open House was well attended last night – if you have any suggestions we would love to hear them
- Assembly this month is changed to 9:30 on Fri. Sept 30th this will be the kick off to the magazine campaign
- Sports teams – we have cross country underway already with Mr Chuchman and Mrs Holloway
- Int vball has started with boys and girls teams – Mr Millin, Mr Sotola and Mr Robinson are involved in this
- Soccer has started too - Junior girls is Mr Fung and Mrs Phillips, Junior boys – Is Sam and Int girls and boys is Mr Woelk and Mr Contonis
- We also have a Me to We club beginning for the older students – Mrs Rondeau and Mrs Holloway organized an opportunity for 9 students to go to Toronto on Sept 27th – the students had to write a letter outlining the reasons why they should be selected to go
- Picture Day is Tues. Oct. 4th

- The Board is implementing two new policies – the food and beverage policy and the new assessment/evaluation policies – we will have presentations for parents during a school council meeting to share the important information related to these policies.

New / Ongoing Business

- By-Laws to be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Suggestion to increase the number of committees and diversify so all interests are taken into account
- Year book for the intermediates. Committee required?
- Question posed about student council and their role in the school. It is not really a formal council. What is their role in enriching the school community, spirit?
- Tracy to advise if the minutes can be approved by email.
- Bus turnaround funded and ready to go. Find out why town is stalling. Newspaper involvement required? Contact at town hall requested for follow-up.

Announcements

- Picture Day – October 4th, 2011

Next Meeting

October 13, 2011 Library

Meeting adjourned.