

Jacob Beam School Minutes

February 23, 2016

In Attendance: Christine Waler, Mel Jones, Sarah Bacchus, Liz Martinez, Laurie Arsenault, Kellie Svoljsak, Cassie McNiven, Rachael LeBlanc, Irene Petsinis, Kathy Horton, Samantha Felsbourg, Greg Murphy, Krista Capes, Karen Mills, Jeff Mills, Michelle Weiss, Leah Genovese

1. Call to Order, Introductions – Cassie McNiven (Chair)

2. Grade 8 Student Report:

Girls and boys' intermediate basketball went well, boys made it to the semi-finals.

Pink shirt day tomorrow; grad photos are on March 4th, Jersey Day is on Friday.

Candygrams were sold on Valentine's Day. Snack Shack is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SSP program went to Brock, \$100 grant to buy food for SSP students. Question (Karen): Can you send out a remind text for Snack Shack? Mrs. Waler – Yes. **Action Item:** Send out remind for Snack Shack.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2016: motion to pass the minutes: First – Jeff Mills, Second – Rachael LeBlanc. Any discussion regarding the minutes? No.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

School Council Spiritwear: Mrs. Waler got a quote for \$18/shirt (shirt included). Krista made logo ideas and we voted on which one to use on the shirts. **Action Item:** Mrs. Waler will get a firm quote. Voted – Orange shirt, black logo. Update: Found shirts for \$10, should have them for the vendor fair.

5. Account Balance Update

Summary for Parent Council: \$2,729.21

Summary for Playground Equipment: \$2,239.88

6. Principal's Report – Christine Waler

A decision has been made regarding the kindergarten play equipment and Henderson's will be installing a slide as soon as weather permits. The cost is well above our projections, coming in at over \$9,000. We will be selling cookie dough in the spring to help offset the additional \$4,000. Question (Laurie): Will the whole school be selling the cookie dough? Yes, but no pressure.

Our intermediate basketball season is over. Our students participated with great enthusiasm and energy. We are currently in our junior basketball and gymnastics seasons. Our students, once again,

showed their incredible Bengal spirit throughout the season. We are currently looking for a volunteer to coach our junior girls' basketball team.

We now have Mathletics licences for all students in grades 5 and 6 in addition to having Dreambox licences. Students are encouraged to use both programs to enhance their math learning. Until the end of March, grade 7 and 8 students also have access to Mathletics.

We had a very successful kindergarten open house in January. We already have 22 September registrations for junior kindergarten.

French Immersion registration for September has now been completed. We have four students registered to enter French Immersion at Central School in Grimsby in September.

We had one application to the DSBN Academy in St. Catharines – a grade 6 to 12 school.

We now have 134 families signed up for the Remind app.

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 24th. We will have an assembly to celebrate caring and responsible behaviour in our school. We will talk about strategies for addressing any type of bullying behaviour.

We will, once again, be hosting a Parent Math Night in the spring. Come out and do the math your kids are doing!

Our primary division (K-3) will be attending a Fred Penner concert on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Mr. Murphy and grade 8 students who came to school on the day buses were cancelled helped our community by shoveling snow for our neighbours.

Sign Quote (ballpark): The quote for a new sign is \$10,000. Old sign is a danger. Could get a loan from the board but would rather not do that. Question: Is loan interest free? Mrs. Waler: I believe so. And we cannot use a used sign.

Code of Conduct: Motion to approve our current Code of Conduct, motion passed.

7. Chair's Report – Cassie McNiven

Vendor Fair Update:

\$40/table, with a minimum donation of \$25 in product to be used for a basket raffle/Silent auction.

We have 20 vendors committed. We have to make sure we have enough space. There will be face painting and Crockadoodle with a mascot. Silent auction vs. Basket raffle. Every shopper will get a 'passport', collecting stamps to encourage people to visit all vendors. The grade 7 and 8 classes are doing a BBQ and a Bake Sale on the stage in the gym. The BBQ is going outside the doors in the parking lot. They will be making signs as well.

Volunteers for the vendor fair: Mel can help Friday after school to set up, Samantha and Irene are available all day, Jeff , Karen, Mel, Liz, and Krista are available Saturday morning.

Concern is getting people there. Made a Facebook event. **Action Item:** Krista is making a flyer to distribute. Karen, Jeff, Kathy and Samantha all can distribute. They need over 300 copies. Trying to get a story in the paper. Question: anyone have a connection to anyone with bags? **Action Item:** Samantha will look into getting bags, Kellie looking into signs throughout town to advertise the vendor fair.

8. Committee Reports

Nothing to report

****Next meeting – talk about Wendy’s night****

Vendor Fair meeting: Monday February 29th at 6:30pm.

Next meeting is Thursday April 21, 2016, 6:30pm.

Motion to Adjourn – 1st:Liz Martinez, 2nd: Irene Petsinis