

Jacob Beam Public School Meeting Minutes February 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Bev Boden at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

In attendance: Christine Waler (Principal), Paulette Hayward (Secretary), Bev Boden, Krista Capes, Kathy Horton, Gina Allan, Irene Petsinis, Liz Martinez, Kellie Svoljsak, Mary Jastremski and Alex Jastremski (Student Rep)

Regrets: Laurie Arsenault, Cassie McNiven, Michelle Weiss

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting were distributed.

Motion to accept the minutes: Kathy Horton. Seconded by Kellie Svoljsak. Carried.

Student Report—Alex Jastremski

Alex advised that currently the grade eights are brainstorming ideas for their graduation. The possibility of a Dr. Seuss theme or grad theme has been discussed. In class, the grade 8's are just finishing a unit on the water cycle in science, a unit on transformational geometry in math and a unit on the Olympics. The grade 8 girls went to the YMCA for a zumba class, while the boys remained at school. A fundraiser for camp involving the sale of "steeped tea" has just finished. There will be a pancake fundraiser next week.

Chair's Report—Bev Boden

There was no formal report; however, the following action items were spoken to:

Action item: Krista will send a few 11 x 17 posters based on the School Council brochure in to the school this week. Jacob Beam will laminate them. (Done)

Action Item: Chris to find out how much we made on the E-Waste recycling fundraiser (done). Ryan was contacted and advised that we made no money from that recycling initiative. In fact, we owe money for the cost of the bin rental. In the end, he stated he wouldn't charge us, but there will be no cheque issued. He will no longer be doing E-Waste recycling as he is moving out of the area.

Action item: Laurie Arsenault has agreed to continue trying to contact someone from DeSantis Homes to seek funding for the playground. (No update yet...still pending)

Action item: Decide on monetary commitment to Kindergarten outdoor play area.

Mrs. Haney had asked for some help with landscape in the outdoor kindergarten play area. Mrs. Waler has forwarded this request for the Board resolution. The tarmac is a must.

Irene Petsinis advised that the children are playing with old, broken toys and that Tonka construction toys would be welcomed. She asked that a portion of the basket raffle would go to kindergarten needs. The point was raised that the raffle did not make as much money as in previous years. There was discussion as to whether Council had or had not committed a portion of the funds to the kindergarten request. Paulette had minutes of the previous meeting and read them. In the minutes there was no formal commitment, however, a notice for the raffle that went home to parents did say that the money raised would go to Orff instruments and kindergarten play apparatus. The take away from this is that it is important to have a clear motion when having discussions about disbursement of funds.

A suggestion was made that we wait to see how the Mother's Day flower fundraiser goes and put a portion of those funds to the kindergarten toys. Kellie Svoljsak offered to ask for donations from businesses for toys but would like an official letter to present from the school to the businesses. Chris suggested that we wait on the letter and approaching businesses until we get a list from Mrs. Haney as to what it is we need and what we can have out there. We need and have the bunker in place from Campden Public School to house the items as we have no place for storage of any acquired items at this time.

Motion: To accept the idea to wait until we fundraise in May and at the May meeting we will decide what portion of our funds can be donated towards the needs of the kindergarten children: Irene Petsinis. Seconded: Gina Allan. Carried.

Action item: Chris to obtain a list of items of need from Shelley Haney

Action item: The disbursement of PIC funds will be tabled for the February meeting.

Several ideas had been presented at last month's meeting for discussion in February. Chris had contacted someone about installing a wireless TV monitor in the lobby of the school that provides information to parents about activities at Jacob Beam. She is waiting to hear if this is a possibility, although it is presumed the costs will exceed the \$500.00 grant minus the money we commit to provide babysitting during council meetings.

Motion: That we utilize remaining PIC funds (after babysitting costs) to pay for parent volunteers to attend year end trips (cover the cost for parent volunteers at the yearend trip: Irene Petsinis. Seconded: Kellie Svoljsak. Carried.

Action item: Keep track of money spend and IF there is any left over at the end of year, use it to entice new parents to attend council meetings.

Grad pins: Council will not be required to pay for “Grad” pins, as they do not exist.

Principal’s Report—Chris Waler

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- We have decided to postpone Staff Appreciation Week for now. Instead, we are doing a community event. Our Pancake Breakfast, on Tuesday, March 4th. There is a nominal cost for the breakfast. Any extra money will go towards supplementing the cost of the intermediate camp trip for families in need. The proceeds from the Valentine grams also went to the trip fund.
- On Friday, February 21st, we held a Go Canada Go! day to cheer on our men's Olympic hockey team. Students participated in a number of meaningful activities in their house colour teams and then watched the game together in the gym.
- We had a lockdown drill on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Everything went smoothly. All students were familiar with the lockdown routines and everyone in the building was accounted for within a few minutes.
- Wednesday, February 26, 2014, was Pink Shirt Day. Students dressed in pink to show their support for a bully-free school.



- Students in grades 4 through 8 will be doing the second year of the Tell Them From Me survey on bullying in the school.
- Junior boys' coach, (Mr. Fung) and junior girls' basketball are underway. A JB parent, Mrs. Whitehead, is coaching our girls' team with help from Mrs. Haney and Mr. Millin. Our gymnastics' team is being coached by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Woodland.

- Staffing is underway for next year. So far, we have 6 students going to French Immersion and one student going to the DSNB Academy. We anticipate about 8 students joining our school from the subdivision across the street.

Financial Report—Paulette Hayward

Paulette reported that the bank account balance in our general account stood at \$3585.71. The Orff instruments bill of \$2829.42 was paid off. A total of \$756.29 remains in our general operating account.

The amount owing for the playground repairs (\$2066.21) has been paid off and there is currently a balance of \$2398.23 in our playground account.

The following is the tally of monies made at several fundraising initiatives so far this year:

Opening Balance:	\$1584.11
Basket Raffle:	\$535.00
Poinsettias:	\$494.00
Cookie Profit:	\$972.60
Total Income:	\$3585.71
Total Expenses:	\$2829.42 (musical instruments)
BALANCE:	\$756.29

Fundraising Committee—Kellie Svoljsak

Kellie requested to start working on a couple of possible fundraisers. She spoke on a Build a Bear raffle or Waterpark fundraiser. She would approach these companies/businesses and ask for a donation of a Build a Bear or a weekend away at a waterpark. These items would be raffled off. Kellie will head this up but would like approval or a decision as to whether this is something the council thinks should be pursued. There is a procedure that must be followed and it will take a few months to get the donations organized.

Chris spoke about a fun fundraiser she recently attended. It was a “Toonie Toss” fundraiser. She suggested that it be a community event that could be considered for next year.

It was suggested that at our next meeting in April, we address plans for fundraising for the 2014-2015 school year.

Green Committee—Gina Allan

No report.

Communication Committee—Irene Petsinis

No report, other than the letters for the front sign are in poor shape.

New/Ongoing Business

Action item: Revisit Build a Bear and Waterpark options for fundraisers.

Action item: Review Code of Conduct prior to April meeting and discuss any changes or concerns at April meeting.

Action item: (Ongoing and Pending) Information on School Council to be included with school start up package in September.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. There will be no meeting in March.