

## **Jacob Beam Public School Meeting Minutes November 20, 2014**

*The meeting was called to order by Bev Boden at 6:35 p.m. in the library.*

*In attendance: Christine Waler (Principal), Bev Boden, Kathy Horton, Gina Allan, Liz Martinez, Cassie McNiven, Laurie Arsenault, Irene Petsinis, Leah Genovese, Rachael LeBlanc, Krista Capes, Briar Capes (Guest), Aidan Tallman (Student Rep) and Charlotte Martin (Student Rep) .*

*Regrets: Sarah Bacchus*

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### **Welcome and Introductions—Bev Boden**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October meeting had been distributed via email.

*Motion by Laurie Arsenault to accept the minutes. Seconded by Gina Allan. Carried.*

#### **Student Report—Aidan Tallman and Charlotte Martin**

Volleyball teams are doing very well. The intermediate boys will be playing in the "Super Night" tournament on Monday and the intermediate girls are also moving on. Student council is collecting hats, mittens and scarves. Each house is collecting to fill their respective bins. Mme. Vandenberg, the new French teacher is fitting in and is very helpful. Grads can purchase "Grad sweatshirts" through Spirit Wear. Graduation will take place on June 23. There is no theme yet but the students are looking forward to the "after party". The intermediate students are excited for camp. Mrs. Feduck showed them videos of Camp Olympia and they can't wait. At this time, there are no fundraisers planned to assist students in raising funds for camp.

#### **Chair's Report—Bev Boden**

#### **Follow up items from October 22 meeting:**

**Voting member submissions from October's meeting:** Chris contacted the four parents who had submitted their names for voting member status and they do not wish to be voting members at this time.

**Holiday Gift Shop:** The first shipment of inventory has arrived. Irene will need volunteers the day before the sale (viewing day) and the morning of the day of sale. Irene advised that the classes will be brought to the library, starting with the kindergartens through to the grade eight students. The primary students need more time and help selecting gifts. Last year there was not much of a selection left for the older children, although only a handful of grade 7 and 8 students attended to shop.

**\*\*Contact Irene if you are able to volunteer on Thursday December 11 (set up/viewing) or Friday December 12 (sale date) \*\***

**Christmas Concert:** The concert will take place on Wednesday, December 17. There will be an afternoon and evening performance and all students will participate. Children will stay in the classroom until it is time for them to perform and the youngest ones will start, allowing parents to leave immediately after their performance, if necessary. The basket raffle and penny sale will be set up in the front foyer of the school.

**Spirit Wear Update:** Chris reports that there have only been 10 orders so far so she will extend the opportunity to order for another week. Grad hoodies will be ordered separately.

**Action item: Chris will ensure that the clothing will be left at the office for approximately one week to facilitate trying on for correct size and ordering. (Done)**

**Pita Pit:** We will be switching to the Pita Pit in Beamsville to purchase lunch time pitas. It was noted that some students have stated that the pitas are now quite a bit smaller than the original/first order. Sales have gone down a little. Cassie checked, and they cannot change the contents of the pitas, as they have to conform to the guidelines.

**Action Item: Cassie offered to call Alan and Renna and ask if they can add extra lettuce/veggies to fill the pita a little more, as the consensus was that they seemed small for the price. (Done)**

**Facebook for Jacob Beam:** Mrs. Mathieson has developed a Facebook page for Jacob Beam. She would appreciate input as to what we would like to see.

**Action item: Mrs. Mathieson will investigate the possibility of a Jacob Beam Facebook page and present this information to School Council at November's meeting. (Done)**

**Kindergarten Equipment follow up with DSBN:** Chris checked with DSBN about the Climb and Discover Cave suggested by Mrs. Haney. The Board did not approve as anything over \$3000 has to be tendered. The letter from Karen Dinning advised that the school must have equipment that is CSA approved and she provided three websites with items from which Mrs. Haney and Mr. Fung can chose. It appears that we are back to square one with this.

**Action item: Chris will contact DSBN purchasing and see if Climb and Discover Cave can be purchased cheaper than for \$4493.75 through any other company. (Done)**

## **2014 Jacob Beam School Council Account Balance—Chris Waler**

There was no financial report available for this meeting.

### **Flag Pole**

The cost to purchase and install a flag pole for our school will be \$5800.00. DSBN will not cover this cost.

**Action item: Cassie has volunteered to contact the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary to see if they will donate to this. Rachel LeBlanc will contact the Legion.**

### **Principal's Report—Chris Waler**

- Remind App: we now have 88 families signed up on the Remind app to receive reminders and updates from the school
- The speaker we have booked for May 19th, on Social Networking Safety, will cost \$750. The PRO grant is \$1000
- Our Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday, December 17th. We will have a dress rehearsal during the day and a performance in the evening. Our primary choir and our performance choir will perform. In addition, we will have short performances from kindergarten, grade 4/5, 5/6, 7, and 7/8. We encourage parents/grandparents to attend the afternoon performance if they are available.
- Our performance group choir (junior/intermediate students) will perform at the Fairview Mall at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, December 12th
- The Holiday Gift Shop will take place on Friday, December 12th
- The amount that must be tendered when purchasing equipment for the school is anything over \$3000.
- Mrs. Mathieson has started working on the Facebook page for the school. She would like to know what parents would find valuable
- Our spirit wear orders have been minimal.
- Our Student Council is collecting hats and mittens for children in need in our community.
- We are planning a turkey dinner as a community event for our students. We will keep the cost minimal: \$2.00 - \$5.00. All students will participate regardless of the ability to pay. The turkey dinner will take place on Thursday, December 18th during the second nutrition break in the gym. Students will eat in their house teams.

- Our grade 3 students will have 3 swimming lessons free of charge in December, subsidized by the Education Foundation of Niagara. Swimming lessons will take place at the Grimsby YMCA.
- Our intermediate volleyball teams, both boys' and girls', made it to the championship game against Smith. They lost in hard fought battles. Our girls' team are moving on in the DSBN volleyball tournament and will play next Monday. Our boys' team will play in their first tournament next week.
- Our November PA Day was spent planning for success in math. We now offer a Dreambox Club (gr. 1 - 4) from 8:25 - 8:55 a.m., Monday through Thursday, for students to work on their math skills. Mrs. Feduck has received funding to run a Prodigy Club (math) for intermediate students if she has 12 students signed up.
- Painting of the lines (roundabout, no parking, hop scotch) will have to wait for spring now. There was too much rain and then the snow came...:(
- Acoustic Opera, an anti-bullying presentation for students in JK - 8, was a huge success. Dave and Blake entertained and informed our students on Tuesday, November 4th. The cost was covered by the DSB Niagara.
- We had a very successful Book Fair in November. Final amounts are being tallied.
- A moving and memorable Remembrance Day ceremony was held on November 11th in our gym.

Jacob Beam is also are offering Ministry approved snacks during 2<sup>nd</sup> break, Monday through Thursday. The Snack Shack is run by the Bridge students and is quite popular.

### **Committee Reports—Fundraising—Cassie McNiven, Laurie Arsenault and Michelle Dawson**

#### **Follow up items:**

**DeSantis:** Laurie called again and left a message seeking a donation for the kindergarten playground equipment. There was no response. She will try again in 2 weeks.

**Action item: Laurie to call DeSantis again for an answer.**

**Profits from magazine sales:** Since this is not a parent council fundraiser, Chris will follow up with Karen to obtain profits.

**Action item: Chris will speak to Karen and get the total profit numbers for next meeting.**

**Gift Card Fundraiser:** Laurie prepared a letter to go out to parents explaining the gift card fundraiser. The letter still needs to be approved by Chris. It is hoped that the letter can be sent home on Monday.

**Action item:** *Chris to approve letter and send out to parents.*

**Boston Pizza Fundraiser:** The tentative date will be Thursday, February 26, 2015.

**Action item:** *Cassie will check on the price as there were some concerns over the price per ticket.*

**Penny Sale:** Kellie S. has offered to approach businesses for donations. Chris has prepared a letter to give to business owners. The penny sale will take place the night of the Christmas Concert (December 17). Penny sale and basket raffle will take place in the foyer of the school.

**Action item:** *Action item: Cassie suggested a Penny Sale and will look into organizing this along with the basket raffle. (From October meeting)*

**Action item:** *Help will be required to put prizes and baskets together. Please keep any baskets that you don't need and donate them. **\*\*Contact Cassie to volunteer\*\****

**Action item:** *Kellie to approach businesses for items for penny sale.*

### **Ongoing items:**

**Action item (from October meeting):** *Decision on company and date to sell chocolate bars as fundraiser. This will be tabled until spring meeting. (Ongoing)*

**Action item (from October meeting):** *The Cinnabon fundraising idea will be tabled at the November school council meeting for discussion and decision. (Ongoing)*

### **Committee Reports—Green—Members are Liz Martinez, Krista Capes, Sarah Bacchus and Gina Allan**

No report.

### **Committee Reports—Communications—Member is Irene Petsinis**

Nothing much to report except that one of the locks on the sign has been lost and needs to be replaced.

**Action item:** *Chris will purchase a new lock for the sign.*

## **Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday, January 22, 2014: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5, 2014: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23, 2014: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday May 21, 2014: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

June social: TBA

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**