

**Jacob Beam School Council**

Minutes: Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:00-8:00pm

In attendance: Christine Baggs, Kathy Horton, Kellie Svoljsak, Jeff and Karen Mills, Mel Jones, Ms. Howe, Amanda Rundberg, Leah Genovese, Laurie Arsenault, Sam Burtenshaw, Craig Weir, Irene Petsinis, Cassie McNiven

Regrets: Liz Martinez, Michelle Weiss, Rachael LeBlanc, Suzanne and Jamie Chipman

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- 1. Call to order
- 2. Grade 8 report

Report Items	Information
<u>Sports - Kylie</u>	-Track and Field- 43 athletes participated in our Area meet on May 12, 13 athletes moving on to DSBN on June 7 -3 pitch is coming in June for both junior and intermediate students. Jr Tryouts are underway.
<u>Events - Keerthana</u>	<b>Student Council</b> organized the Kidney Foundation clothing drive. We collected 596 kg of clothes and we raised \$170.69. Make Change for Children raised \$617 for kids in our Board.
<u>In Classes - Kylie</u>	-Waterloo Math Challenge -Mad Science Gr 1-6 -Primary Concert -EQAO Testing Grade 3 & 6

- 3. Approval of previous minutes(Apr. 2017)

Motion to approve the minutes: 1st-Jeff, 2nd-Simon

- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

**Open House** plans for the fall: Discussed timing (third week of September), get council members to help (cook at bbq - Jeff volunteered). Question: Can we pre-order/cash on-line? Yes. Can we do it later to accommodate parents who work late? Unfortunately it is hard to get staff to stay much later, we can push to end at 6:30pm. Amanda has a tent for shade (10 x 20), have a few tables and chairs set up outside to eat.

**Pro Grant Speaker:** Discussed, waiting to see if we get the grant - should know by September 1st. The cyber security speaker is held until Jan. 31st.

## **Fundraising** review and plans for 2017/2018 - **Goal and Events:**

Needs - Mr. Woelk would like a digital mixer(PA system) \$700-\$800.

-Scoreboard: 2 approved by board, \$1,000 difference in price (due to size). Sponsorships are allowed, can fit 2 on the larger and 1 on the smaller. Question? How much does a sponsor pay? **Action item:** Mrs. Baggs will find out from Senator Gibson for a benchmark. Can we do a vinyl sign? Possibly.

-Re-doing/organizing Library: "Maker Space, Learning Commons" Cost? Still waiting, consultant is looking at options/layouts. **Action item:** Mrs. Baggs will send out cost info. when she gets it.

-Mr. Chuchman wants to run an outdoor classroom. Fence/garden/rocks/boulders etc. There are fundings that Mrs. Baggs is looking into as well. Question: Who maintains it? Council, kids, etc. Do we have to use an approved contractor? We can make those decisions as we go. We can get approval for volunteers/specific company etc. Idea: picnic tables that turn into benches?

Motion to approve the spending of up to \$750 on the digital mixer: all in favour, none opposed.  
**Motion passed.**

**Fundraising Moving forward:** We would like an early note to parents on fundraising info, track goals etc. Put fundraising goals and results on the sign - a thank you to parents. Put on facebook/ newsletter/remind app etc. Also would like a fundraising thermometer to track progress - in lobby/website/facebook etc.

We want to increase **our targets**. Goals: Basket Raffle - \$2,000; Chocolate Bars - no change; Pointsettia sales - \$2,000; Popcorn - \$500 >increase to bi-weekly and possible connect with snack shack on Fridays.

**Idea for fundraising:** Structuring fundraising around holidays. Careful not to overwhelm parents. School fundraising vs. Council fundraising - Let's work together!

**More ideas:** Laundry soaps (Parent business presented), adding a television raffle to baskets and pairing classes up for baskets, Great Wolf Lodge gift card raffle, Hockey tickets. We would like to put the Christmas raffle on school cash online. Discussed a possible meat fundraiser, rain barrels (tried but did not work out), Pumpkins, succulents. Just want to find a balance of profitability vs. overwhelming parents.

**Holiday gift shop** is booked. Kelly is running it this year. Company is called "Fund Services".

Discussed the possibility of a **Fun Fair** next year. Joining with other schools (could get too out of hand), bouncers allowed on property? Yes but with restrictions. Face painting, art auction. Overall, it is a lot of work so may try a mini-fun fair to be discussed more next year.

### 5. Account Update:

- Playground account \$2239.88
- Council fundraising \$2848.70 \*\* may get back a portion of the camp chocolate bar funds (\$1200) (Pro grant has not been reimbursed yet \$700)

### School Council Fundraising Summary 2016-2017

<u>Event</u>	<u>Revenue raised</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Basket Raffle	\$1255.00	December
Chocolate Bars	\$2562.00 + \$1199 camp	February
Poinsettia Sales	\$1222.00	December
Popcorn	\$221.00	Throughout year

This year school council spent \$5200 on our sign, jerseys and grade 1 class materials.

#### 6. Principal Report:

- June Events:
  - I Matter assemblies June 8 and June 29 @ 9am
  - Camp gr 7/8 May 29- June 1,
  - EQAO is May 23-26 gr 6 and May 29-June 1 gr 3,
  - Donuts for Dad June 16 - same format as muffins for moms, Ms Howe & Mrs Peters are organizing 7:30am start
  - French cooking gr 6-8 is coming June 13
  - 3 pitch teams for junior June 14 and Intermediate June 12
  - Gr 8 Graduation is June 26 6pm, SK graduation is June 27 9am
  - End of year trips are being booked. Bussing will be covered by the lunch/milk money raised: Kinder June 20 -Jelly Stone, Primary June 23 -Jelly Stone, Junior June 12- Movie/Mini-Putt in NF
  - Play Day and Talent Show dates to follow
  
- Muffins for Mom was a great morning. Thanks to all who came!
  
- Track and Field at BDSS and here worked well. Thanks to all who came to cheer. We will continue with this next year.
  
- We were selected to receive a free Sugar Maple tree from NPCA in honour of Canada 150. We will be placing in our front yard. As well our grade 7 class was chosen to participating in an Indigenous Learning and Celebration Day June 23
  
- The school calendar for DSBN was approved School Starts Sept 5th, December holidays start Sat Dec 23. Students return to school Jan 8, **2018**. March Break is Monday March 12- Friday March 16. Last day of school next year is June 28th.
  
- Our June 29 "I matter" assembly will include our grade awards, Academic Success, Most Improved, Citizenship. We will honour our gr 8 award recipients and our long standing volunteers who are graduating or moving on. Slideshows will be shared and we will acknowledge teachers who are moving schools as well.
  
- Budget items this year above and beyond the average student supplies, photocopying, bills we pay etc: Purchased phys ed equipment \$1100, Reading materials \$3500 (gr 1 program, intermediate novels and late primary novels/books, \$1000 in class materials for

kindergarten, \$2800 in chromebooks for primary, \$1000 in library books, \$500 in primary class supports (wobble seats, fidgets, extras for crafts etc)

- Staffing - we will have some changes in staff this year. 3 staff have chosen to apply for new positions in other schools. We have hired 2 staff from other schools with a third hire to come. Grade 1, Grade 3 and junior class with French. We wish Mrs Carter, Mrs D'intino and Mrs Cochrane much success in their careers.
- Heritage sign is being placed on the property regarding this being the site of the original Beamsville school. We are awaiting the committee in Lincoln to decide on their plans for this.

## 7. Committee Reports

Green - nothing to report

Fundraising - see above.

Communication - nothing to report

## 8. New Business:

**Grade 8 Grad:** Laurie - We are the only school that makes the kids pay for their grad. The grad committee requests a donation from school council, it is \$210 for Conversations Cafe. Motion to donate \$300 to graduation and for every year moving forward. All in favour, none opposed.

**Motion passed.**

**Discussed next month's social. Action Item:** Cassie will email for dates. (possibly June 21st).

**Motion to adjourn** - 1st: Mel, 2nd: Jeff

Next Meeting/Social TBA

September meeting: Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm in our school library