

Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017

In attendance: Christine Baggs, Kathy Horton, Kellie Svoljsak, Michelle Weiss, Jeff and Karen Mills, Mel Jones, Ms. Howe, Amanda Rundberg, Suzanne Chipman, Sarah Bacchus, Leah Genovese, Laurie Arsenault, Rachael LeBlanc, Sam Burtenshaw, Craig Weir

Regrets: Cassie McNiven, Irene Petsinis, Liz Martinez

1. Call to order

2. Grade 8 report: Teagan and Emily

Gymnastics started; Basketball - Int. Boys - Championship score was 32-33; Int. Girls - Consolation Final results score was 17 - 31. DSBN Tournament - Wed. for boys; Friday for girls. The badminton season will be starting soon.

The Valentine's Day dance was on Tuesday. All classes from 5-8 attended including Mrs. Zulauf's class. Great times, great food, great fundraising. Made some \$ from concessions. Thanks to Mrs. Gatt for concessions, Mr. Woelk and Mr. Robinson for music, and Mr. Murphy for setting up and Mr. Sotola for taking music requests.

Icedogs - February 11 - Ice Dogs win and so do our students. Great times. Thanks to Mrs. Baggs for organizing the night. River Lions - March 7 - Grades 5-8 will be attending. Should be a great time.

Student Council - Anti Bullying Day - Pink shirt day - students and staff will be rocking pink shirts and class and school activities will follow.

Choir - recordings went great at BDSS today!

Movie Day - Dina's Fab 5 organizing Lincoln County Humane Society fundraisers. Details to follow.

Chess Club - Mrs. Carter is running, students are doing great at Dreambox Club, Roots of Empathy is going great in Mrs. Cochrane's room, and we are talking about grad themes.

3. Approval of previous minutes(Jan. 2017)

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

4. Account Update:

\$5,882.78 in Council fundraising account

Shared amount for sign is \$3,800.00 from School Council funds.

Spent \$1,440.00 on uniforms, \$580 on grade one requests for classroom - \$1,720 spent(\$280 less than proposed \$2000)

\$2,239.88 in Playground equipment account.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Community fair - need more ideas/brainstorm, Community Care and Second Stage housing are coming with info. on dental bus. Kelly will ask Conversations Cafe, ideas - YMCA, FORT, Early Years Centre, Village of Hope, Library, Employment Centre, Community Living. Meet before March break to discuss.

6. Principal Report

Ice Dogs visit - kids were very engaged. The players did a great job of talking about being kind and no bullying. They discussed that even in hockey they don't try to hurt others or cause problems. We sold 87 tickets to the game.

Open House K - 18 families visited. 16 new registrations. Thank you to School Council members for help and support.

Math night - 20 families came. Teachers reported positive questions and comments. I think those that came enjoyed the activities and learned a little bit about what we do in math daily. We will have again next year, prizes helped.

Feb/Mar. Events - Candy Grams were well received. The students loved buying them. PD Day focus is on math instruction using manipulatives. Pink Shirt Day will focus on kindness and helping friends feel included. The River Lions trip was bought by half of the student grade 5-8. It will reinforce the Pink Shirt Day message.

School Sign - Our initial drawings are attached. The white lettering is a standard for the Board so that is what we need to go with. Installation is following soon.

West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review. Please view the link below as we move through this process together. <http://www.dsbns.org/arc/>

Final Staff Report Posted Publicly - Friday February 10, 2017

Board Meeting: Final Staff Report Presented - Tuesday February 14, 2017

Board Meeting: Public Delegations - Tuesday February 28, 2017

(Is this a done deal?) No. Staff have made recommendations based on enrollment, competition etc. - we lose a lot of students to catholic schools in this area. Board's response is 1 school=more competitive and many more programs offered. How does it affect sports? More opportunity to be on team - i.e. junior and senior teams. French Immersion? One proposal is Beamsville and Grimsby stay open until new build in 2020. Fr. Immersion would stay where it is.

Our choir is video recording an O'Canada version for the Lincoln Town Council meeting.

Mr. Woelk is working with a group to create instruments and create a version of O'Canada to be shared

with all schools in DSBN.

Jerseys are ordered \$1,440 total for 35 jerseys, Hoki stools and building kit ordered for Grade 1, Total cost of \$580.

70/167 families are participating in our chocolate bar fundraiser - 22 are grade 7/8. (Why aren't we getting the numbers? Some families unable, for a variety of reasons)

Mrs. Creechan is working with the kindergartens to learn about planting and starting an edible garden. This is based on a grant we received from Education Foundation of Niagara for \$500.

7. Committee Reports

Green - nothing to report

Fundraising - Popcorn (Kernels) prepackaged went well, kids loved it. 6 approved flavours, sold well, made approx. \$70 to go to grade 7/8 trip. Will sell at movie night and split proceeds between SPCA and trip.

Communication - nothing to report

8. New Business

Vote for popcorn sales going to grade 7/8 trip - motion to pass - 1st: Jeff, 2nd:Craig; How many families need assistance? Three. How much for the trip? \$300/kid. Can we donate \$ to help? Yes. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn - 1st: Simon, 2nd: Jeff

Next Meeting April 20, 2017 6:30pm