

Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017

In attendance: Cassie McNiven, Christine Baggs, Kathy Horton, Kellie Svoljsak, Michelle Weiss, Jeff and Karen Mills, Mel Jones, Heather Howe, Ms. Zulauf, Amanda Rundberg, Suzanne Chipman, Sarah Bacchus, Leah Genovese, Liz Martinez Regrets: Laurie Arsenault, Rachael LeBlanc, Irene Petsinis, Craig Weir, Simon Burtenshaw, Jamie Chipman, Rachael LeBlanc

1. Call to order

2. Grade 8 report: Teagan and Emily

December-raised \$400 for the Canadian Cancer Society, had a food drive and filled 4 shopping carts for Community Care. The Jr. girls volleyball tournament was fun, congrats girls! Intermediate basketball started. Niagara Ice Dogs are visiting on Jan. 24th. Grades 7/8 trip meeting is this Tuesday, also plan to talk about grad.

February-selling candy grams for \$0.50 from the 6th to the 10th, delivered on Valentine's Day. The 22nd is Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying awareness.

3. Approval of previous minutes (Nov. 2016)

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

4. Recap of email chain in December

Discussed. Not the best way to communicate, i.e. misunderstandings etc. **Action Item:** Make sure minutes are out in a timely manner so everyone has information. Any issues, email Chair Cassie McNiven directly.

5. Account Update

See attached agenda. Discussion: regarding fundraising, many agreed that poinsettias were successful (made \$500) so let's revisit for another time of year i.e. Mother's day. Allison has been keeping track for future analysis. Regarding sign (see attached pics), discussed rounded posts and sign skirt which costs an extra \$725. Motion to have entire sign(rounded posts and skirt): Favour-9, Against-1, **Motion Passed**. Regarding playground equipment: question: Are we staying with the pea gravel? Christine: Woodchips in the kindergarten area, which is preferred. Unsure exactly how cost will affect us at this time. Problem with pea gravel is it's not doing what it's supposed to, just sinking in. However, cheaper to add to. Money for woodchips would be split by the Board and maintenance account. Waiting for a definitive answer at this time. We will pay to rototill once more from the account.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Teacher proposals:

Ms. Zulauf: Jersey replacement (35 shirts, approx. \$1,500>\$35.99(adult jersey) x 35 jerseys plus tax=\$1423.40)), discussed that shorts were not needed. Question: will 35 be enough? Ms. Zulauf: Yes, usually 12 per team(boys/girls). A lady in Grimsby will put numbers on them for \$10/shirt and they will be easy to replace lost/ruined jerseys. Question: can we sign for each and be responsible for \$\$ if not returned? Yes.

Ms. Carter (grade 1): Kellie explained, this class has lots of need for sensory tools. Would like Wobble Chairs (US\$70 on Amazon), increases blood to the brain and quiets fidgety kids thereby being able to learn better and be more productive. Also would like some building toys, preferably K'NEX (\$130 from Scholastic). Question: Do they have to be bought from scholastic? No, however they are larger sets made for classrooms. Also in need of Lego, this was discussed and decided that we could get donations from school families because we all have tons of Lego. **Action Item:** Communications-put a Lego donation request in the newsletter.

Discussed proposals - Motion to approve 35 jerseys, 5 chairs, and 1 K'NEX for \$2,000 (Mrs. Baggs said the school can kick in any extra, approx. \$200). Favour-10, Against-0. **Motion Passed.**

Grade 7/8 camp fundraising

Asking parents to fundraise, don't want to compete, therefore percentage from chocolate bar sales? Or Cookie dough? done by March break. Suggestion: Pick one thing to fundraise for the whole school and intermediates can help with the trip from that. Motion to sell chocolate bars for the next fundraiser where the 7/8s keep their own profits (approx. date Feb. 8 to Mar. 8). Favour-10, Against-0. **Motion Passed.**

Community fair ideas for March speaker night

We need to create a sub-committee to decide all the details: Volunteers: Kellie, Mel, Amanda, Sarah, and Michelle.

7. Principle Report (See attached)

Updates: Technology was purchased with the money form the magazine sales and the book fair. We purchased 10 chrome books for \$2,100. Also, for the gym, we purchased \$1,200 in equipment from our school budget line. This included elephant skin balls, volleyballs, soccer balls, beanbags, cones, utility balls and tennis balls and basketballs.

8. Committee Reports

Green - nothing to report

Communication - **Action Item:** add our fundraising decisions to the newsletter.

9. New Business

Next Meeting February 16, 2017 6:30pm.