

Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes

Thursday January 11, 2018

In attendance: Jeff Milles, Karen Mills, Amanda Rundberg, Mel Jones, Cassandra McNiven, Kellie Svoljsak, Rachael LeBlanc, Simon Burtenshaw, Leah Genovese, Craig Weir, Liz Martinez, Cheryl Nezcic, Loni Pereira, Heather Howe, Christine Baggs, Pam Spero

Regrets: Sarah Bacchus, Kathy Horton

1. Grade 8 Report :Hello Good Evening Welcome parents and Mrs. Baggs, it is so nice to see you! And a special welcome to Ms Spero, we have enjoyed getting to know you this week.

Report Items	Information
<u>Sports -</u>	Int Boys and girls basketball teams have been busy practicing for the upcoming season Junior Volleyball - Mrs Baggs coached both teams. This was a learning year. The girls team were finalists and went to the DSBN tournament.
<u>Student Council / Fab Five-</u>	In December student council raised money by selling candy grams and hot chocolate. The money raised went towards the Turkey lunch to help offset the cost for students. The Fab 5 collected and sorted the toiletry items that were donated for Community Care in December. Thank you to all of our generous Bengal families.
<u>Events -</u>	Our annual turkey lunch was a great success. The students had a great time eating together in their colour houses. Santa even came to visit again this year. A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers that helped make this such a great celebration, we could not have done it without you! We received a heritage plaque last month. We learned lots of interesting information about how Jacob Beam came to be what it is

	<p>today. Jersey Day - will be taking place on January 26 and we will be having an I Matter Assembly that day as well. Bengal Day - will be on February 1st.</p>
<u>In Classes -</u>	<p>Grade 8 students have attended the high school open houses and chosen which school they will be attending and have chosen their courses for grade 9.</p>

2. Approval of previous minutes (Nov. 2017): 1st-Simon, 2nd-Jeff.

3. Account Update

- \$5,315.37 in Council fundraising account (Included is approx. \$1,300 from the basket fundraiser, just under \$1,000 for magazines. Add to this amount, the approx. \$400 from poinsettia sales.
- \$886.10 in Playground equipment account – consider topping up? (Question: are we spending any more on the playground this year? Christine: No, but not guaranteed.) Motion to move \$700 from the Council account to the playground account – All in favour, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

4. Business arising from the minutes:

- Parent/Community Night: Jan. 31st, **Action Item**: Cassie to follow-up on receiving information/flyer about speaker. Therefore, we can put in the newsletter, website, sign, etc. Speaker is here to talk to kids during the day (approx. 1 hour) and parents at night (approx. 1.5 hours). There is a small portion of the School Council Expenses account left which will be used to buy some snacks for the evening.
- Physical Education and Gym updates: We have got some new equipment already. Also have 1 tent and a table cover. It is quite costly to do vinyl (on mats etc.) Idea: instead of vinyl we could get black and orange mats which would be more cost effective. Will have prices in upcoming meetings.
- Scoreboard Decision: We have 2 sponsors – Shoppers Drug Mart (\$500) and Julie Swayze (\$250) which has already been included in our Council account of \$5,315.37. Voting on Option 1 (no sponsorship on bottom) for \$3,500 vs. Option 2 (sponsorship on bottom) for \$4,500. Unanimous vote for Option 1. **Motion passed to get option 1 scoreboard.** (we can also get a plaque to recognize

sponsors in the future.) We may get the scoreboard before the end of April (approx. 1 month after purchase order).

5. Principal Report

- December Events were well attended. Many parents attended to our Movember assembly and our Primary concert. The students loved the Holiday Village shopping experience. Turkey Lunch was a great event. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Everyone ate and we broke even with the financing.
- Welcome Ms Spero to our school as the principal until June. I will be returning for the fall.
- Library update - we renovated to allow more space for students during class time here. Our collection has been weeded and we are updating as we go.
- With our technology allocation we bought desk tops to replace aged ones. The wireless network is being updated to accommodate the added technology.
- Hour of Code - in December we had students participate in coding activities. Coding encourages problem solving and creative thinking. We are thinking that adding technology pieces to our school such as Beebots and Spheros will encourage this creative thinking piece and engage more students.
- Gym purchase - our tent arrived. We have \$5315.37 to order our scoreboard.
- Math focus is allowing students to work through problems in math and use their knowledge to create new knowledge. The curriculum and research supports this approach. We are working as a staff to better understand the great questions and what we are seeing in student learning. As well we still focus on numeration fluency (working with numbers and operations) Dreambox k to grade 7 helps with this as well.
- PD Day in January is for report card writing. Report cards for Term 1 will come home Feb 9
- Kindergarten open house for new kindergartens for Sept 2018 will be Feb 1st 10am-6pm
- End of year trips are booked Primary and Junior students are going to Brock for PALs. Kinders are going to soccer world. Intermediates may book something in June depending on all the events going on.

Action Item: Cassie will send out an email to council to co-ordinate volunteers to come for the kindergarten open house.

6. Committee Reports

- Green – can the custodian do more snow clearing in the back area please.
- Fundraising – Watering can and Holiday Shop were both awesome (\$79 to community care). Book fair was successful as well. Next meeting, we will discuss a possible Mother's Day fundraiser with the watering can **Action Item:** Kellie to contact Watering Can and

get info. on possibilities. Chocolate bars will be delivered on Feb. 8th and done before March break (125 cases). Question: can we get almonds too? **Action Item:** Christine/Pam checking to see if we can get a portion of boxes with almonds and a portion nut-free.

- Communication – If any person has any issues please come to the Chair first. If you would like to discuss anything at the next meeting, email the Chair and it will be added to the agenda. This will help in any misunderstandings.

7. New Business

- Parents were asking about the pylons in the parking lot out front of the school. **Action Item:** Pam – send out a remind to parents about rules of parking lot and drop off procedures. Maybe add to Facebook page as well.
- Idea: Since the Turkey lunch is such a hit, could we do a pancake breakfast with the whole school? Considerations: volunteers, cost, tables, whole school vs. 2 sittings, etc. **Action Item:** Mel looking into information on this.
- Safe Arrival Program – DSBN app where parents can book absences online. Question: is it coming to our school? Principal has not heard of this yet. It could be in the pilot phase.
- Food Program – going great. We had a large donation of fresh fruit from a parent and a bowl went to each classroom for students to enjoy throughout the day. Idea: ask grocery stores for donations? Loni volunteered to help with this.
- To be added to next meeting's agenda: A motion to have money set aside to help any Jacob Beam families in need.

Motion to adjourn – 1st: Amanda, 2nd: Liz

Next Meeting is Thursday February 8, 2018 at 6:30pm

