

## Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 17, 2019

In attendance: Kellie Svoljsak, Michelle Moore, Heather Howe, Katie Fittante, Loni Pereira, Amanda Rundberg, Kathy Horton, Sarah Bacchus, Jeff Mills, Rachael LeBlanc, Simon Burtenshaw, Karen Mills, Christine Baggs

Regrets: Leah Genovese

Chair: Rachael LeBlanc

### 1. Grade 8 Report:

Report Items	Information
<u>Sports</u> -	Boys and girls Intermediate Basketball teams have been busy practicing for the upcoming season. Mrs McDonough will be starting gymnastic club/team soon
<u>Events</u> -	There will be an I Matter Assembly on January 25, we will be recognizing students for displaying kindness in the school and community. We will also be kicking off our healthy schools initiative. Mrs McDonough will be starting a club for speeches/public speaking soon to compete at the Legion New to Kindergarten for September open house is on Jan. 31 from 10-6pm. Report cards go home on February 8. Grade 3 and 6 students will be writing the Mid-year EQAO Primary and Junior Assessment beginning the week of Feb. 4-8.
<u>Grade 8 News-</u>	We collected over 33 boxes for Tool Box Project Niagara, thank you so much for all of your generous donations.

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of Sept November 22 meeting: Sarah, Second: Jeff, Minutes Approved

### 3. Business arising from minutes:

Bylaws:

- Jacob Beam School Council bylaws have been reviewed and relevant updates were highlighted.
- Motion to accept the revision to the bylaws: Jeff, second: Simon, approved

#### STEM grant update:

- \$1000 Progrant was awarded
- Event will be a STEM themed workshop night
- Date TBD, aim for last week of March, 1<sup>st</sup> week of April
- Budget: \$850 for speaker, \$100 refreshments, \$50 childcare
- Brock University, Mad Science and McMaster University were approached. McMaster declined.
- Brock proposed 2hr in-depth workshops on a variety of topics with space for ~50 people
- Mad Science proposed 2 hrs of rotating activities
- Brock proposal appeals to the older students, most students have some exposure to Mad Science
- Motion to select Brock University: Sarah, second: Simon, passed.
- Rachael, Kellie and Sarah to lead event organization

**Action Item: Rachael to book Brock. Committee to plan a meeting time.**

#### Fundraising Committee Update:

- Chocolate bars are the next fundraising initiative
- Three packages available including an all nut free and a peanut free option
- Regular bars are \$3 and premium bars \$5
- 52 case minimum per type although previously a limited number of nut-free cases were provided
- Motion to order Laura Secord almond with a limited selection of nut-free: Simon, Second: Karen
- Discussion: only full cases can be returned
- Payment due date needs to correspond with camp fee due date
- Campaign will run end of February to start of March Break
- Try out Laura Secord instead of World's Finest to see if a better product that is less common will sell better.
- Motion passed

**Action Item: Christine to book fundraising. Kellie to help with distributing, collecting and recording the sales.**

#### 4. Account Update:

- Account balance: \$6368
- Adding cookie dough to the magazine campaign boosted revenue by ~\$1500
- Poinsettia sales were low this year; \$107 vs. ~\$400 last year try one more year was suggested
- Orchid sales are new this year and are expected to be popular; coincides with Mother's Day

#### 5. Committee Updates:

Fundraising Committee update in new business

Healthy Schools Committee Update:

- School nurse has left his position but Healthy School has supplied an interim person to support the committee Daniella Locke
- Students are enthusiastic. Participants were randomly selected from upper grade volunteers to sit on the committee.
- February is Mental Wellness month and the theme will be Friendship/Kindness
  - o Colour houses will be doing kindness activities
  - o Project to paint outdoor wall as “Buddy Wall” in the spring

Green Committee Update: No items

#### 6. Principal’s Report:

- December Events were well attended. Many parents attended to our Movember assembly and our 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 used some student council snack shack money to cover the costs for everyone to eat.
- Hour of Code - in December we had students participate in coding activities. Coding encourages problem solving and creative thinking.
- 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 8
- Kindergarten open house for new kindergartens for Sept 2019 will be Jan 31 10am-6pm
- End of year trips information will be shared as we book trips for our Kindergarten, primary and junior students. Intermediate camp trip will be their end of year trip.

#### 7. New Business:

- School council t-shirts are in, will be delivered to those needing them before the next meeting

Motion to adjourn: Jeff, second: Simon, approved.

**Next meeting is February 21 @ 6:30 pm**