

# Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes for Thursday, November 22, 2018

In attendance: Kellie Svoljsak, Michelle Moore, Heather Howe, Katie Fittante, Amanda Rundberg, Jeff Mills, Rachael LeBlanc, Karen Mills, Leah Genovese, Christine Baggs. Taryn Rea, Miranda Montgomery, Stephanie Mullins

Regrets: Mel Jones, Loni Pereira, Kathy Horton, Simon Burtenshaw, Amanda Moen, Sarah Bacchus

Chair: Rachael LeBlanc

## 1. Grade 8 Report:

The Grade 8s' reported on the school's success and activities so far this year: Ruth and Emily

Sports -	Junior Volleyball is underway and the girls and boys teams have been having a great season so far.
Events -	<p>We collected over 1000 pairs of socks for Soctober and exceeded our goal.</p> <p>We had a Remembrance Day Assembly earlier this month, some classes shared poems, songs and artwork and our choir did an amazing job performing.</p> <p>The Movember Assembly will be on Friday Nov. 30th. Ballets are \$1 and will be sold in classrooms the week of Nov.26-30th. Mustaches will be sold for \$1 on November 30th so students can wear them to the assembly. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Cancer society.</p> <p>Student council will be selling cookie grams from December 10-14th for \$0.50 each, they will be delivered to students the last week before the break.</p> <p>Monday December 3rd will be JOY DAY, students will be working with their colour house groups to decorate Jacob Beam for the holidays! Our Holiday Concert will take place on Dec.19th and on Thursday, Dec. 20th, our annual turkey lunch will be held in our gym at Jacob Beam. Our school community is very lucky to have this great tradition.</p>
In Classes -	<p>The Notorious Nine have been collecting and delivering items for Tool Box Project Nlagara, thank you so much for all of your generous donations.</p> <p>Grade 8 day at BDSS was last Wednesday, students were able to explore course options and get a deeper perspective of highschool. Grade 8's participated in a variety of classes such as cosmetology, auto-shop, visual arts, wood -working, music, science and geography.</p>

## 2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of Oct 18 meeting: Amanda, Second: Jeff, Minutes Approved

3. Business arising from minutes:

**Council T-shirts: Motion** - To purchase t-shirts for new members to wear at school events. Approx cost will be \$12. Motion - Jeff Mills Second Leah Genovese Approved **Action Item: Let Rachael know your size if you need one. Rachael will order them.**

**Creative Bug discussion** - Let's try to offer an art class at break time during Winter. If very popular then spring too. **Action item: Christine to schedule and share class options with teachers.**

**Discussion of PIC conference** - Kellie and Katie attended and enjoyed the various workshops and information booths. It is recommended that everyone try to go next year.

**Review/Update Bylaws** - Rachael will update the suggested changes with highlights and share for everyone to read and review. We will discuss and approve changes in January. **Action Item: Rachael to type and share Bylaws**

**Fundraising goals** - After reviewing the survey results from our community and discussing, we will focus our money on Science and Technology purchases and events. We will have a 3 year plan to focus on STEM year 1, Sports year 2, Arts year 3, with the option to change this through discussion and voting if a different need emerges for our school. Motion Amanda, Second Miranda. Approved **Action Item: Christine to share with committee through newsletter and website**

**Turkey Lunch and December Fundraiser** - Heather and Marlene have ordered nut free lunch for all. \$5 cost for all. Volunteers needed for set up, serving, clean up for Dec 20. Jeff and Jamie will set up. Let Heather know through School Cash or in person if you want to volunteer. Basket Raffle was discussed and themes will be Crafts, Candy, Pets, Baking, Sports, Game Night. Donation letter will be in print and on School Cash with money donation option. Tickets will go on sale in December (at school and School Cash) \$2/each, 3/\$5, 15/\$20. Kellie shared that Poinsettias sales are going well and we will send out a remind to parents that sales continue. **Action Item: Christine to get School Cash and Print letter out to families. Remind will go out from office regarding poinsettia sales. Jeff to check on donation from River Lions, Ice Dogs, Bulldogs for the Basket Raffle**

**STEM donations/grants** - Miranda and Taryn are actively approaching various sources for funds. They are using a school letter and online posts to help. They will keep us posted on their successes. Also speakers are available to speak with classes about careers in engineering.

### **Updates from committees**

**Healthy Schools:** Amanda and Christine met with our nurse. Survey sent to families through email. Meeting Nov 30 8:45 am to set goals for year. **Action Item: send survey to families again to get as much input as possible**

**Fundraising Committee:** poinsettia sales going well. Kellie send tickets home with students. Basket raffle is set to go. Kellie and committee will spend money collected to fill baskets or get other items. Donation letter will be shared with Council to get items from community. Magazines/cookie dough went well totals will be available soon - Diana from QSP to take care of that this week

**Green committee:** no update

4. Account update

- \$1595 in Council fundraising account - \$1586 in playground equipment account

5. Principal Report

- I Matter assembly - we are trying to recognize students in authentic ways for things they are accomplishing at school. They will happen most months this year. Next one is Nov 30 @ 2pm and will be combined with Movember fundraiser.
- Secondary school open houses for grade 8 - the intention choices for grade 9 are due Early in December - BDSS open house is Nov 28 @ 6 pm, GSS is Nov 27 @ 6 pm and Eden is Nov 29 @ 6:30pm
- December Events - Colour House activities to build community will be Joy Day on Dec 3 (crafts cross graded), Concert Dec 19 , Turkey Lunch Dec 20
- December Event: Holiday Hat day Dec 7, Holiday shopping Dec 12-14, PJ Day Dec 14, Holiday Clothing Day/Carol Sing Dec 21
- Student Council is selling cookie grams \$.50 to support students in need
- Library vendor display just passed. Mr Woelk spent \$3000 in new books. We were given \$500 in the Blue Spruce, Silver Birch and Red Maple Canadian nominated books for our library this year. Our library was selected to work with our School Board Consultant to renew and refresh the space.
- PD Day on January 18 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- outline registration is going to be up and running soon
- I will be off in December with minor surgery. I plan to return after the winter break on Jan 7th. Ms Howe will be replacing me during that absence. We will be replacing Ms Howe with Mrs McDonough for some periods and Mrs Nagy. A supply teacher will replace Mrs Nagy and some periods with Mrs McDonough.

6. Business for next meeting:

- Bylaws updates

- STEM updates

- Chocolate bar fundraiser

**Motion to adjourn: Leah, Second: Karen, meeting adjourned. Next Meeting is January 17 at 6:30pm**