

Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes for Thursday September 27th, 2018

Organizational Meeting

In attendance: Rachael LeBlanc, Karen Mills, Jeff Mills, Sarah Bacchus, Kellie Svoljsak, Mel Jones, Michelle Moore, Katie Fittante, Miranda Montgomery, Jarod Brandon, Simon Burtenshaw, Loni Pereira, Amanda Rundberg, Taiyn Rea, Stephanie Mullins, Leah Genovese, Amanda Moen, Robert Moen, Leah Genovese, Heather Howe, Christine Baggs

Regrets: Kathy Horton and Cheryl Nezic

Chair: Christine Baggs, Principal

1. Welcome new and returning members of School Council

2. Elections: We have received many self-nomination forms for voting members. We have 3 positions. A description of the roles will be shared.

- Chair: organize agenda for meetings, runs meeting, manages, etc. Nominations: Rachael LeBlanc (accepts nomination). No other nominations. Rachael is the new chair.
- Vice-Chair: Supports Chair, acts in Chair's absence. Nominations: Jeff Mills (accepts nomination); Amanda Rundberg (Does not accept); Simon Burtenshaw (does not accept); Kathy Horton (absent but accepted by proxy). Vote between Jeff and Kathy – Jeff received majority of votes, therefore Jeff Mills is Vice-Chair.
- Secretary: takes minutes, types and sends them to the Chair and Principal within a week of meeting. Nominations: Mel Jones (accepts nomination); Amanda Moen (accepts nomination). Mel and Amanda agree to share the responsibilities of secretary.

We will determine at the next meeting who wants to be voting members. Currently our guidelines limit this to 15 members.

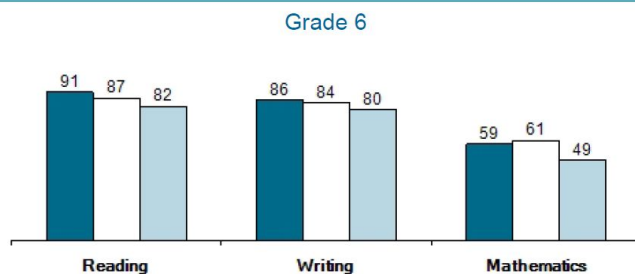
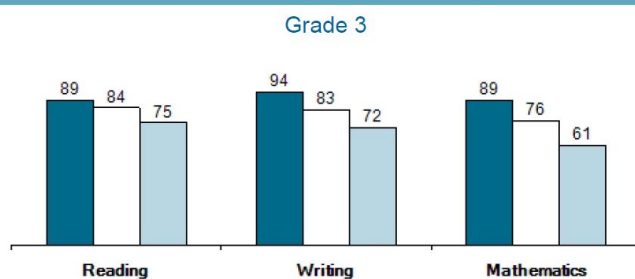
The newly elected Chair will now take over running the meeting.

3. Principal's Report

- Welcome to our new staff, Mr Raptis gr % and French, Mrs Palmer grade % and french, Mr Hannahson in our special education class, Ms Robins educational assistant, Mr Gratton as Early Childhood Educators, Mrs Bijakowski our secretary.

- Our current enrolment is similar to last year 247 students - up 12 students (32 new jk's)
- Rowan's Law Day - this is part of a bill that will get Rowan's story out so it doesn't happen again - concussion danger awareness, start education young
- Orange Shirt Day -All schools in DSBN will join with others across Canada in celebrating Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters recognizing the harm done to generations of children by Indian Residential Schools and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that every child matters. This initiative calls for everyone to wear an orange shirt to honour the experience of Residential School survivors and to remember those who did not.
- Open House was a great night with many families attending. Thank you for School Council for BBQing and set up and take down.
- Harvest play day will be Oct 12
- First "I Matter" Assembly will be Oct 9 - Crazy sock day and beginning of Socktober
- Sports are well underway - Int Soccer and Junior soccer are happening, Cross Country is well underway. Next will be Intermediate Volleyball
- Intermediate trip - looking at camp in the spring cost around \$300
- EQAO results - out performed the Province in reading, writing and math - We out performed our Board in gr 3 all areas and gr 6 reading and writing, gr 6 math was slightly below our board level (59% vs 61%)
- We will be looking at specific questions and data on the October PD Day to dig deeper into how we can help all students achieve their best at school
- Our goals will remain on math learning and students explaining their thinking in math. We continue to focus on strong answers in all subject areas

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2017-2018



■ School □ Board □ Province

4. Formation of Committees:

- Green: goal to involve all students in the cleaning and upkeep of the grounds.
- Fundraising: See section 5.
- Communications: Social media – not a lot to it, committee not really needed. Discussion about the need for better communication to kindergarten parents. Possibly sending out a prep kit with information and tips on getting child ready for school. Also discussed having volunteers on the first day of school with class lists.
- Other ideas? Healthy School Initiative was discussed. Question: What is involved? Creating opportunities for kids to get involved in healthy eating/activities. Growth/development/personal safety/addictions. Helping the community to help the kids.

Conclusion: All council members will think about if they would like to be on a committee and we will elect Committee Chairs and members next meeting.

5. Review fundraising goal for this year:

Fundraising Summary 2017-2018

Event	Revenue Raised	Notes
Magazine Sales	\$1,200	November
Basket Raffle	\$1,000	December
Chocolate Bars	\$2,672.96	February
Poinsettia Sales	\$396	December
Popcorn	\$225.19	Throughout year

Presently, \$3,000 is set aside from June to spend on Tech. We are planning carefully to make the most of that money. Fundraising has \$1,462 left and \$133 from the barbeque equaling \$1,595; Playground had \$1,586.10 in case repairs are needed (because the board does not pay for repairs throughout the year). The Tech is to enhance all grades in our school, i.e. computers, robotics, coding – to encourage and improve problem solving/thinking skills. Any information that the council can find on STEM Grants or engineering sponsors is welcomed.

We should be hearing about the PRO Grant soon. Also, the velcro for the gym mats was supposed to be fixed and the decals need repairing.

6. Other Business – Hot lunch program, magazines, chocolate bars

Decisions on the following:

- Hot lunch program – day of the week, pizza, subs, lunch lady. Discussed and keeping all.
- Magazines – November? Approx. \$1,200-\$2,000 usually. Can also do online. Keep.
- Chocolate Bars – February? Weather is hard but good time of year otherwise. Discussed doing twice a year but think it is too much.

Put in newsletter: All our fundraisers for the year with our goals and encourage parents to choose which works best for them and to not feel obligated to participate in all. Also keep the school cash online donation option.

Also discussed options for grades 7/8 for their trip this year (Camp). Farm Fresh was discussed but that needs to be signed up for in the spring so could be a possibility for next year.

7. Suggested Meeting dated for this year: Thursdays.

Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Apr. 25, May 23 all at 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library.

Next meeting will be from 6:30-8:00 because there is a lot to discuss.

8. PIC Conference

November 7th at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Option suggested was to attend instead of a council meeting that month. Discussed. No, we will have some representatives go and they can discuss at the next meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend and should sign up now to be entered in a draw for \$500 for our school. <https://www.dsbn.org/pic/picconference.html>

Motion to Adjourn: First: Amanda, Second: Sarah.