

Jacob Beam School Minutes

November 24, 2016

In Attendance: Christine Baggs, Laurie Arsenault, Kellie Svoljsak, Cassie McNiven, Rachael LeBlanc, Irene Petsinis, Kathy Horton, Michelle Weiss, Amanda Rundberg, Liz Martinez, Heather Howe

Regrets: Mel Jones, Sarah Bacchus, Karen Mills, Jeff Mills, Leah Genovese, Simon Burtenshaw, Craig Weir, Suzanne Chipman, Jamie Chipman

1. Call to Order, Introductions – Cassie McNiven (Chair)

2. Grade 8 Student Report:

Seth and Teagan: Intermediate volleyball has ended. The girls' and boys' teams went to the DSBN tournament. The girls did better at the tournament. The boys' team finished second in their seasonal play. The grade 8's are enjoying design and technology at BDSS (D&T program). They build things and use the machinery at the high school for one term. Student council is working on November to raise money for men's health initiatives like cancer and mental health. We will be shaving the teachers on Friday Dec 2 at the I matter assembly.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2016: motion to pass the minutes: First – Liz Martinez, Second – Rachael LeBlanc. Any discussion regarding the minutes? No.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Speaker for School

Last week of January three schools are hosting a speaker focusing on mental health in children (how to handle conflict). She will present at Jacob Beam, Senator Gibson and Twenty Valley during the day. In the evening there will be one presentation at Twenty Valley for parents of all 3 schools. Christine Baggs applied for a grant to cover part of the cost of this speaker. School has asked school council to help pay for the remainder of the event. To be voted on at next meeting.

- School council Pro Grant

School council decided to invite Bev Miller to present on anxiety in children using money from the Pro Grant. It will be combined with a community event where local organizations can provide information about their services (YMCA, FORT, Conversations etc). We are looking at a March date. School will open at 6:00 for the community event and the speaker will present 7:00-8:30. We will offer refreshments for participants. At our January meeting we need to plan this event and brainstorm any ideas for the fair portion.

- Volunteers for Turkey Lunch, Basket raffle, Holiday Shop

If you are available for any of these volunteer opportunities please let the school know:

Holiday Gift Shop

Wed. Dec 14 Holiday Gift Shop setup – 2:00 – 3:30

Thurs. Dec 15 Holiday Gift Shop viewing all day

Friday Dec 16 Holiday Gift Shop selling (need 5 people)

Basket raffle:

Wed. Dec 14 Basket wrapping – Time to be determined (at least 4 people needed)

Tues. Dec 20 Basket raffle – before school, after school, break? 15-20 min (1 person needed each time)

Wed. Dec 21 Basket raffle – before school, after school, break? 15-20 min (1 person needed each time)

Wed. Dec 21 Basket raffle – 1:00 – 1:30 concert or 5:30 – 6:30 concert (4 people per concert)

Turkey Lunch:

Thurs. Dec 22 Turkey Lunch – 11:00 – 1:30 setup and serving (10 people needed)

Thurs. Dec 22 Turkey Lunch – 12:00 – 2:30 serve dessert and clean up (5 people needed)

- Sign update

Waiting for quote – once the quote is received Christine Baggs will send out to council for approval. Hopefully this will be before January meeting.

- Council member shirts:

Contact Rachael LeBlanc at Rachael@cogeco.ca if you need a shirt. Note: shirts tend to fit small. It would be great for school council members to have these before the upcoming events.

- Ice Dogs on Feb 11, 2017:

Tickets will be sold for \$15.

5. Account Balance Update

Summary for School Council: \$4067.08 Most of this will be used for the school sign. \$34.29 was raised selling popcorn for the turkey lunch. Fundraising account for this year will be itemized with each fundraising activity recorded separately. This information will be very valuable for determining which fundraisers are the best for the following year.

Summary for Playground Equipment: \$2,239.88

6. Principal's Report –

- We had our first “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 Dec 2nd and will combine Movember fundraiser.
- Mrs Zulauf's special education class surpassed their goal and collected 427 pairs of socks. Thank you to the whole Jacob Beam community for supporting this initiative.

- School Sign: We had a site visit to get a quote. We are asking for the price with and without lighting so we can bring it back to council for a decision (this may be through email feedback). Took a month to get Town of Lincoln feedback.
- Teachers gr 1-8 are getting inservice through the Ministry of Ed/DSBN in math. These are half day grade specific sessions.
- West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review. This decision was made to enhance the learning opportunities and meet the needs for all secondary students in West Niagara. Parents are invited to visit the DSBN website to view the full report and encourage you to attend the public meetings. <http://www.dsbns.org/arc/> There is a meeting December 15 @ Beamsville District Secondary at 6pm and January 26 @ Grimsby Secondary at 6pm. The Accommodation Review Committee's role will be to provide feedback on the Senior Staff report. The committee may also elect to propose alternate solutions. All feedback will be included in the Final Senior Staff Report, which will be presented to the Board in February. A final decision is expected at the March 28, 2017 Board meeting.
- Gr 7/8 have booked to go to Camp Olympia at the end of May/beginning of June for 3 nights 4 days. Cost will be based on participation between \$300-\$400. (Bus cost is a big part of this)
- Secondary school open houses for grade 8 - the intention choices for grade 9 are due Early in December - BDSS open house is Nov 30 @ 6:30pm, GSS is Nov 29 @ 6:30pm and Eden is Dec 1 @ 7pm
- December Events - Colour House activities to build community will be Joy Day on Dec 1 (crafts cross graded), Bowling Dec 8 (D&T will have to change), Turkey Lunch Dec 22
- December Event: PJ Day/Movies Dec 16, Gingerbread House- Holiday shopping Dec 16, Holiday Clothing Day/Carol Sing Dec 23, Junior/Intermediate Concert is Dec 21 @ 6pm
- Student Council is selling cookie grams/hot chocolate this month \$.50 to support Turkey Lunch
- Student Council is organizing a Community Care Food/Items drive for Dec with a home room competition
- Book Fair raised \$450 going to technology.
- Library vendor display just passed. Mr Woelk spent \$500 in new books. We also purchased \$500 in the Blue Spruce, Silver Birch and Red Maple Canadian nominated books for our library this year.
- Ice Dogs will visit Jan 24 during the day to talk about Stop Bullying with the school
- Math night will happen in January. Problem solving in each class. This will be geared at helping parents see how we are teaching math. Children will come to do math with their parents. A game will be provided at each class as a take home idea. We could offer a draw prize for those who come out.
- PD Day in January is for report card writing. Report cards for Term 1 will come home Feb 10
- Kindergarten open house for new kindergartens for Sept 2017 will be Feb 1

7. Committee Reports

- Green – nothing to report
- Fundraising

Decided to ask teachers to prepare presentation with costing and justification for what they need. School council can then vote on how to spend the fundraising money from this year. Teachers will present at January meeting. All parents are welcome to attend and provide feedback. School council will vote.

Fundraising committee recommended to council to run a Fundscrip fundraiser. We will sell gift cards and the school receives 2-10% back on all purchases. There is a minimum dollar value that must be sold or shipping charges will be applied (minimal). Parents also have the option to purchase gift cards online and have them shipped to their house. The fundraiser can run all school year. We would receive the cash at the end of the year. Motion to start the Fundscrip fundraiser this month by Amanda Rundberg. Second by Irene Petsinis. Motion passed.

- Communication – working on communication/promotion of fundraising events

Items to discuss at next meeting: Kindergarten open house, fundraising goals

Next meeting is January 19th at 6:30pm in the library.

Motion to Adjourn – 1st: Rachael LeBlanc, 2nd: Irene Petsinis