

Jacob Beam School Minutes

October 18th, 2016

In Attendance: Jeff and Karen Mills, Amanda Rundberg, Michelle Weiss, Cassandra McNiven, Kellie Svoljsak, Laurie Arsenault, Irene Petsinis, Rachael Leblanc, Sarah Bacchus, Liz Martinez, Simon Burtenshaw, Leah Genovese, Craig Weir, Kathy Horton, Jamie Chipman, Heather Howe, Melanie Jones, Christine Baggs

Regrets: Phil Sheldon (Permanent), Suzanne Chipman

Note: There is free child care for any members during the meeting.

1. Call to Order, Cassie McNiven (Chair)

2. Grade 8 Report, Ashley and Tiegan

Sports – 3 students went to cross country, soccer went well, both teams won in volleyball with the home playoff game in November.

October is Socktober – collecting socks for the homeless, Mrs. Zulauf is running it and donating to community care.

Picture retake day is November 2nd, sibling photos are available as well. The Harvest play day went very well. The grade 7s were very good leaders. There is a survey for the grades 4 to 8 students regarding bullying. The reading program is going well, where the grade 8s help Mrs. Carters class (grades 1 to 4).

Grad has been discussed. Last year's celebration and sit down meal was great.

3. Approval of previous minutes – May and Sept. 2016

Motion to approve: First – Irene, Second - Simon

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Math night – Last year was a staff endeavor. This year's idea is to have each class have questions to do together to get the kids involved. Idea: combine with pasta dinner in January? Issue: how to get parents here? Ideas: rename it, challenge to each class – whoever gets the most gets a pizza party?

Meet the teacher night was discussed. Found that we need more teachers in the classrooms (some of the time) to talk to parents vs. all outside and mingling. Next year pre-order food.

Christmas concert (fundraiser and activities) – Wednesday December 21st, turkey lunch is Thursday December 22nd. Can we add the choir? Yes. Basket raffle after turkey on Thursday. We should pick topics for each class for the basket raffle to avoid duplication. Holiday Gift Shop – set up on Dec. 22nd, purchase on Dec. 23rd. Irene and Kellie are running this. Getting a scanner this year. We will be limiting younger children's purchases to be fair to older grades to purchase. PIC conference is on November 2nd.

Community Information Night and speaker – social media (Paul Davis) is booked (\$850). Could do a Friday night. “Mosaics Approach” in Burlington for possible speaker/presentation, \$500/1.5 hours. Decision: wait until after the PIC conference to decide.

5. Account Update

\$4,067.08 in Council fundraising account

\$2,239.88 in Playground equipment account

6. Principal Report

- Welcome to Mr Tayler who was able to return for our grade 4 class until May 2017
- This month has been busy with many sports in junior and intermediate grades. Thank you to all coaches
- We are awaiting the tender process for our sign. We are asking for the price with and without lighting so we can bring it back to council for a decision. Alteration forms have been submitted and approved.
- We have ordered signs for our fences urging the community to keep the gates closed and not walk through the property during school hours. This is through our grounds department.
- Thank you to Laurie and Kellie for organizing the pizza, milk, and pita lunches.
- Thank you to Kellie and Mel for organizing sub lunches
- Mrs Zulauf's special education class is learning about helping others and has organized a sock drive for October. We will be totalling and donating the socks to community care at our Nov 4th recognition assembly. The class goal is to collect 230 pairs of socks to donate.
- Tell Them From Me school survey will be happening this month. This happens every 2 years and allows students to answer question about our school climate in an anonymous way
- Our youth worker Dina is in many classes teaching zones of regulation to help children recognize how they are feeling and what they can do to calm themselves for learning
- Oct 14 saw our Fall Harvest Play Day. Our grade 8's organized an excellent day and helped run all of the events.
- Book Fair is coming the week of Nov 7
- Progress Reports will be coming home Nov 10. Interview times to follow
- PIC conference (Parent Involvement Committee) is on Wed., Nov 2 from 4:00-8:15pm. Childcare and dinner are provided. It is free. Excellent informative workshops and fundraising ideas will be presented. Register at www.dsbn.org/pic. Hope to see you there.
- Halloween parade will be at 9am this year for grades kindergarten to grade 4. Gr 5-8 dance in pm. Older students who want to parade can join us and help

- Tulip week in Lincoln - Nov 8 we will be receiving tulip bulbs from the Town of Lincoln. Mrs Creechan and her gardening club will be receiving the bulbs. If the Green Committee would like to join us they are welcome. Presentation out front at 9:30am.
- Niagara Ice Dogs school night. We will be selling tickets in the new year to go to the Feb 11th game against North Bay. We have a family skate booked before the 7pm game. Team members will be visiting the school in the new year to prompt their "Stop any Bullying" message. Ticket price for us is \$14.
- On Tuesday September 27, 2016, DSBN Board Trustees voted to initiate the 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.dsbn.org/arc/> There will be three meetings to receive public input, on November 10 @ South Lincoln High School at 6pm, 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.

7. Committee Reports

Green: Still green. Next week general clean up needed before the tulip ceremony.

Fundraising: Goal - \$3,500, monthly fundraisers, 233 kids > \$15/child.

Communication: Mr. Woelk would like to advertise the book fair. Staff want to do the front window.

Email Amanda for anything pertaining to the website. Rachael is looking into getting more council shirts (5 needed).

8. New Business

Question (Jeff): Ice Dogs hockey night fundraiser? Jeff investigating getting a bus to go to the game from Beamsville instead of everyone driving and parking.

Motion to Adjourn – 1st: Rachael, 2nd: Liz