

# **Jacob Beam Public School Minutes**

**September 30, 2015**

In Attendance: Christine Waler (Principal), Laura Arsenault, Rachael LeBlanc, Sarah Bacchus, Krista Capes, Michelle Weiss, Melanie Jones, Kellie Svoljsak, Leah Genovese, Jeff Mills, Samantha Felsbourg, Kathy Horton, Liz Martinez

Regrets: Irene Petsinis, Cassie McNiven, Karen Mills

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Waler

**Election of Officers:** Krista Capes and Sarah Bacchus have nominated Cassie McNiven as chair. Cassie McNiven is acclaimed as chair of parent council. Next is Vice Chair. Question: What does the Chair do? – meets with principal to set agenda. Kathy Horton self-nominated. Rachel LeBlanc seconded. Any other nominations asked. Kathy Horton is acclaimed as Vice Chair. Next is Secretary. Melanie Jones self-nominated. Laurie Arsenault seconded. Rachel LeBlanc has offered to be a back-up.

Krista and Sarah declared they are employees of DSBN. No one opposed them being voting members. Motion to accept 15 people who self-nominated. First – Michelle Weiss, seconded – Sarah Bacchus. Passed – the 15 members.

## **Principal's Report for School Council**

- Welcome to our new teachers, Mrs. D'Intino (4/5), Mr. Murphy (8), Ms. Howe (LRT), Mr. Tayler (covering Mrs. Harley half time in the afternoons) and Mrs. Zulauf (SSP). Welcome back to Mrs. Vandenberg as our French teacher and Mrs. Feduck as our kindergarten teacher. We also welcome new educational assistants, Ms. C. Taggart and Ms. Jenn Franks (temporary).
- Mrs. MacNeil, our school secretary, is scheduled to return to work half time after Thanksgiving. Mrs. Munn is off for the month of October. Mrs. Davis is currently in the office.
- Our current enrolment is 230 students.
- Our monthly calendar is now "live" online. It can be accessed through our website at [jacobbeam.dsbns.org](http://jacobbeam.dsbns.org)
- Photo Day is Friday, October 2nd with re-take day on Wednesday, November 4th
- The new HPE (Health and Physical Education) curriculum became effective as of September, 2015. Until our teachers are fully trained, the Human Development and

Sexual Health strand will not be taught. Parents will be informed when our staff is trained.

- We have acquired 48 lockers from the old Twenty Valley building. We hope to have them painted this year in our school colours. Grade 7 students share and grade 8 students have their own.
- We have had shoe cubbies made for our hallways. Shoes and boots will no longer present a safety hazard in the hallway.
- September sports: junior and intermediate soccer; cross-country

## **Teacher Job Action- Message from the DSBN:**

On Monday, September 21st, the Elementary Teachers' Federation began Phase 3 of its job action in schools. For a full list of activities the union has directed its members not to perform, please visit the DSBN FAQ page at [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org).

Our schools remain open at this time and your children are continuing their learning as normal in the classroom. Our teachers are continuing to do as they always do: support students in learning the curriculum and becoming successful in school.

As part of the sanctions announced by the Federation, teachers will not be taking part in extra-curricular activities on Wednesdays. We are making every effort to reschedule events normally held on Wednesdays to allow students the opportunity to continue benefiting from these activities.

The DSBN is fortunate to work with an outstanding staff that goes above and beyond for students every day. The Board remains hopeful that the Government and ETFO/CUPE will be able to reach an agreement on a fair contract that prioritizes student learning.

## **CUPE Job Action:**

*As part of ongoing job action, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) have launched the next phase of their Work to Rule Protocol.*

*While Phase 2 restricts CUPE members from performing specific duties, they will continue to support our school to maintain student safety, which remains our top priority during this time.*

*Without the support of CUPE members, however, we may have to temporarily postpone school events such as pizza days, milk sales, pita days, and fundraisers. For the month of October, Jacob Beam will run its milk and pizza programs. Thanks to Laurie Arsenault, a Jacob Beam parent, for making this possible.*

*Should we have to make the difficult decision to postpone an activity or event, we will share this decision to parents as soon as possible.*

*We will continue to provide you with timely information as it arises.*

Library donation tree is now up in the library for names of people who make a donation. Names will be noted on a 2 x 2 disc. Parent library is now open.

## **Other Business**

Question: Kelly Svoljsak asked if we can fundraise for kindergarten play equipment. Council actually assigned \$5000 and that will be it. Decided last year to look at other areas to fundraise for.

**We need a new sign, keep library updated, and need new sports equipment.**

Question: Can we donate sports equipment? Possibly, it depends – must be CSA approved. Can donate money to school and receive a tax receipt. Just ordered balls from Jump Rope For Heart gift card donation.

Question: What committees are there? Fundraising (bring fundraising ideas to council for their vote), Green (takes care of school grounds), Communications (takes care of notifying the newspaper, providing pictures, etc.)

Question: Are we doing the Bookfair? Magazine Fundraiser? We haven't heard from the magazine people. The bookfair will take place during the parent interviews in November (if they happen).

**Action Item:** Chris Waler will find out about the magazine fundraiser.

Question: Can lunch orders be done online? It is coming to our school.

Question: Can we get help with a sign from a sponsor?

Suggested meeting dates: How many do we want? Consensus is have all 6 (dates in principal's report). Motion to pass suggested dates as outlined in agenda. First – Laurie Arsenault, Seconded – Sam Felsbourg. Passed.

### **Sub-committees:**

Fundraising Committee: Laurie Arsenault, Kelly Svoljsak, and Melanie Jones.

Communications Committee: Irene Petsinis, Krista Capes will do any flyers, ads, etc.

Green Committee: Krista Capes will organize, Liz Martinez will help, Jeff Mills and Sam Felsbourg will also help.

**Action Item:** Chris Waler will look into if we can do this. Laurie Arsenault will see if DeSantis might be interested.

Jeff Mills will help with pizza days.

Question: Can we get an old Board of Education sign? Maybe.

**Action Item:** Jeff Mills will get pictures of old signs from Hamilton Board and Chris will ask board if we can use them.

Motion to adjourn: First – Laurie Arsenault, Seconded – Liz Martinez

**Next meeting is Thursday October 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

## **Meeting dates for 2015 - 16:**

**Wednesday, September 30, 2015**

**Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**Thursday, November 26, 2015**

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**

**Thursday, May 26, 2016**