

# **Jacob Beam School Minutes**

**September 28, 2016**

In Attendance: See attached contact sheet.

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

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## 1. Call to Order, Introductions – Christine Baggs, Principal (Chair)

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: Cassie McNiven nominated and accepted. Any other nominations? Kathy Horton nominated but declined. Cassie is acclaimed as Chair.

Vice-Chair: Kathy Horton nominated and accepted. Any other nominations? No. Kathy is acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

Secretary: Mel Jones nominated and accepted. Any other nominations? No. Mel is acclaimed as Secretary.

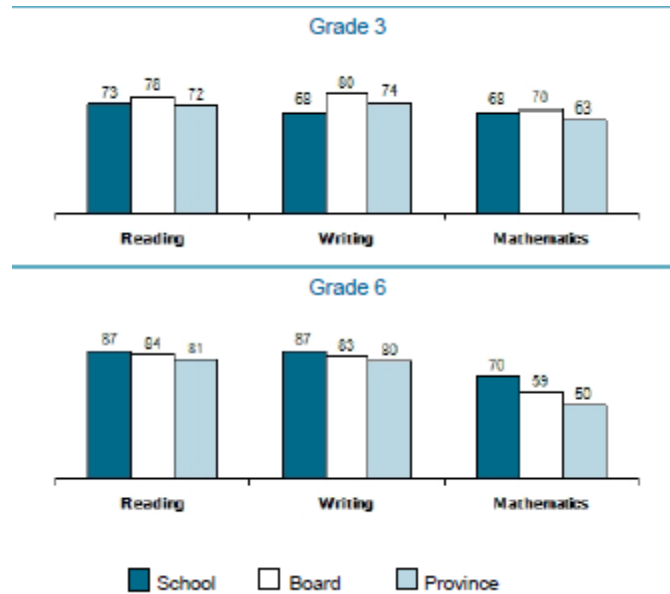
The newly elected Chair will now take over running the meeting.

## 3. Principal Report – Christine Baggs

- Welcome to our new staff, Miss Vani in French, Ms Gatt in grade 5, Mr Balabanian educational assistant, Mrs Vegh our secretary. We have a new teacher starting in grade 4
- Our current enrolment is similar to last year 233 students
- Magazine orders will happen again this year in November (Kick off is Nov 3rd)
- We will be going to online cash for all families - this will allow us to have permission forms and order forms all online and payment can be credit card, e cheque or internet debit. This will begin Nov 7th
- 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.
- Photo Day is Friday Sept 30 - Junior class photos will be on retake day Nov 2 to include the junior soccer team
- Open House was a great night with many families attending. Do we want to continue with the food at open house? Would a before school open house work better?
- EQAO results - Jacob Beam grade 3 class scored at or above the province in reading and math

and slightly below in writing.

- EQAO results - Jacob Beam grade 6 class scored above the Province in reading, writing and math
- 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
- YearBooks - our magazine fundraising company offers yearbooks for reasonable rates. They are an online program called Picaboo. Soft cover price would be approx \$15 for 30 pages or \$25 for hardcover. It would include pictures for the whole school



Question(Kelly): Can you get Adam Taylor back for Grade 4? Mrs. Baggs: I will keep him in mind, however we have to consider different factors (who applies, senior enough? Etc.)

#### 4. Formation of Committees

Expectations of council: to represent the school community. Usually includes a community representative, anyone know someone?

Chair has to be on the board last year (i.e. chair, vice-chair, or secretary). Should we change this rule? Discussed. Anyone who wants to volunteer their time should be allowed, many agree. To avoid duplication of topics the chair should at least be involved in the council the previous year.

Who wants to be a voting member? A voting member has to be here at least 4 meetings and get to vote when a motion is proposed. We need at least 7 voting members, maximum 15. We have 15 voting members volunteered. (Sarah is a member of the board but doesn't work for this school so she can be a voting member).

Motion to amend the bylaw to be elected as Chair you must maintain a voting position for one year previous. Motion carried.

Committees: ideally 3 to 5 people per committee.

Green: Seasonal weeding and maintenance, 4/5 times a year and before big events. Jeff and

Karen Mills will head this committee, with Phil, Sarah, and Simon.

Fundraising: re-establish goals, plan events. Kelly will head this committee, with Craig, Michelle, Amanda, Susanne, Jeff, Simon, Mel, Rachel, and Phil.

Communication: Posting on website, set up school council display, arranging volunteers for events, talking to newspaper and front sign. Amanda will head this committee, with Phil and Kelly.

All committees are encouraged to meet monthly or as needed.

5. Review fundraising goal for this year. Last year's decision – new sign. Mrs. Baggs: Good news! \$4000 in council, Superintendent as well. We have to get 3 tenders, lit vs. digital. Possibly get by Christmas. Cannot accept donations from companies and have their logo on it, however, we can have a plaque for donations and put a 'thank you' message on the sign.

We have to maintain a playground account/fundraising as well, approx. \$2,200 for upkeep and maintenance. Pea gravel has to be replaced by mulch, but should be a board decision.

6. Other Business: Committees should meet before next school council meeting. Fundraising should discuss Subway, hot dog/hamburger day, Wendy's etc.

Plan to discuss planned parent night(s). Unfortunate that last year's Math night was cancelled. Also, discuss the speaker and community event, Christmas fundraisers and activities, Kelly taking over the gift shop and review of minutes (May and September).

7. Suggested meeting dates for this year:

Tues. Oct. 18\*\*\*Only Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 24 6:30-7:30pm

Thurs. Jan. 19 6:30-7:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 16 6:30-7:30pm

Thurs. Apr. 20 6:30-7:30pm

Thurs. May 18 6:30-7:30pm

8. PIC Conference – Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Mark your calendar for the 2016 DSBN Parent Involvement Conference, at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Join us for an evening of free workshops for parents of DSBN students of all ages. For more information about the event visit [www.dsbnschool.ca/pic](http://www.dsbnschool.ca/pic). Includes dinner.

Motion to Adjourn – 1<sup>st</sup>:Sarah, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Laurie