

Jacob Beam School Council

Minutes: Thursday February 21, 2019

In attendance: Rachael LeBlanc, Karen Mills, Mel Jones, Kellie Svoljsak, Jeff Mills, Taryn Rae, Kathy Horton, Katie Fittante, Christine Baggs, Simon Burtenshaw, Amanda Moen, Heather Howe

Regrets: Sarah Bacchus, Miranda Montgomery, Leah Genovese, Michelle Moore

1. Call to order

2. Grade 8 Report

Report Items	Information
<u>Sports -</u>	Boys and girls Intermediate Basketball Season is well underway. Boys were in a tournament yesterday and the girls are in a tournament on Friday. The gymnastic team has been practicing for their upcoming competition.
<u>Events -</u>	We have an I Matter Assembly on March 1st to celebrate our month of kindness and bucket filling. Student council has been selling Pink Shirt Day candy grams this week, all money raised will be donated to The Heart and Stroke Foundation. Pink Shirt Day is February 27th, the focus will be problem solving about stopping bullying and mean actions towards others.
<u>Grade 8 News-</u>	Our Movie Day has been rescheduled and will take place before March break, it was organized by our Notorious Nine girls group to give back to The Humane Society. We collected many items to be donated to the Humane Society, thank you so much for all of your generous donations. Congratulations to Mrs. Haney's class who brought in the most donations and will be awarded with an ice cream party.

3. Approval of previous minutes Jan 2019, First-Jeff, Second-Simon

4. Business arising from the Minutes

- STEM night: We received funding for STEM night and signed a contract with Brock University. We will have 5 workshops – 2 primary and 3 juniors.

- Biggest issue: How to get families to this event. Ideas: a draw (there is already a draw for a week at camp), someone from Brock could come to the classes to get excitement up, a video, assembly, etc. Taryn volunteered to help. We will add to Facebook, Remind app, send poster home with info.
- We have a \$100 refreshment budget – idea: have pizza so families don't have to worry about dinner. Motion to use money for pizza (anything over the \$100 take from the parent involvement account). First-Jeff, Second-Kathy. All in favour. Motion passed.
- Questions: Are teachers coming? They have been invited. If we don't get the numbers can we open it to kindergarten? Rachael will ask Brock if it is appropriate. Idea: We could use the coding/STEM bins for younger kids' entertainment. Karen offered Emily to babysit. Will people pre-register? Ideally yes, but flexible.

Action Items: Christine to discuss with teachers to come. Christine to advertise with kids and parents to come. Kathy to plan kinder bins for babysitting. Rachael will check in with Brock. Rachael will organize groups and pizza. Office will pre-register students

5. Account Update

- \$6,368 School Council
- \$1,586 in Playground equipment account

Note: Once the freezing is gone, we may need mulch in the kindergarten area and rototilling which is already accounted for.

Action item: Christine will find out the cost for the mulch.

6. Committee Reports

- Green – Christine will look into getting a salt box on our property, the parking lot is extremely icy. Christine already put in a complaint.
- Fundraising – Mother's Day fundraiser will be selling orchids from Cosmic Plants. We need orders in by April 19th and they will be delivered in boxes to the school. Sent out the Wednesday before Mother's Day. They are \$25/orchid with 3 colours to choose from. We can stay late that day so that kids don't have to take the plants on the bus, instead pick up. We will need some volunteers to help distribute. Also, our magazine company has a greeting card fundraiser, to be discussed as a possible fundraiser for next year.
- Healthy Schools – Awesome so far, getting the kids involved. There is another meeting in March. There is also a new nurse. Youth counselor pushing for a healthy café day with smoothies, yoga, etc. Any way to get kids involved.

Action items: Christine will check on salt box, Christine will promote orchids.

7. Principal's Report

- School Wellness Maniac Squad - thank you to parents involved for working so hard on the bulletin board out front. Bucket Filling is being talked about. Hoping the message is reaching more students.
- Colour House Day- great to see the kids working together on compliments and pink shirt designs
- Upcoming I Matter - Mar 1 to celebrate our month of kindness and bucket filling
- Movie Day - March 6 organized by our Notorious Nine girls group to give back to Humane Society
- Pink Shirt Day - Shirts were ordered for our school.Feb 27 will be a day of problem solving about stopping bullying and mean actions
- School Climate Survey - gather information on the perceptions of our school - staff, students, parents all can give input until
- PD Focus for staff - math skills - what do our students do well independently and where do we need to focus our teaching next - work together as professionals to plan and problem solve
- Chocolate Bar sales 115 boxes out there for sale
- Welcome to Kindergarten - 27 JK students have indicated this is their home school for next year to date. Most attended from 3-6pm. We had 4 families during the school day. We are still accepting registration until September.
- West Lincoln High School - Funding from our new Government is secured. Land is acquired and building will begin shortly. Set to open September 2022. Address is 5699 King St. Beamsville. This would mean our grade 8's will be first graduating class and our grade 5's would be first grade 9 class.

Motion to Adjourn: First-Jeff, Second-Mel

Next meeting is April 25, 2019 6:30pm