

Jacob Beam School Council
 Minutes Thursday, April 20, 2017
 6:30-7:30 pm in the school library

Call to order 6:30pm

Grade 8 report - by Noah and Emily M

Report Items	Information
<u>Sports - Noah</u>	<p>The junior basketball has just finished. Our boys team won their division and move on to the DSBN tournament.</p> <p>Gymnastics for boys and intermediate team competed today and the junior girls team competes tomorrow</p> <p>Our Intermediate Badminton team will be competing later this month.</p> <p>Next sports will be Track and Field, Baseball and hopefully intermediate co-ed rugby</p>
<u>Events - Emily</u>	<p>Our student led Humane Society fundraiser was successful with lots of food and items for the shelter and \$500 raised.</p> <p>The Chess Tournament happened at Twenty Valley. One student moved on to the DSBN tournament.</p> <p>Rocks & Rings indoor curling is coming for gr 3-8. Carousel Players is coming for gr 1-4.</p> <p>Student Council is organizing a clothing drive this month. We are taking donations of clothing until April 28. The Kidney Foundation is giving us \$2-\$3 per bag collected.</p>
<u>In Classes - Both</u>	<p>Emily - Gr 3's are participating in Swim to Survive at the YMCA</p> <p>Emily - Grad theme is Old Hollywood</p> <p>Emily - Wizard of Oz trip to BDSS for gr 5-8</p> <p>Noah - Our kindergartens edible garden is well underway</p> <p>Noah - Gr 1's are having the firefighters teach them Learn Not to Burn</p> <p>Noah - Our gr 8's participated in the Heritage Fair. There were lots of great topics. 3 were chosen to be at the DSBN Heritage Fair.</p>

Approval of previous minutes Feb 2017 motion by Laurie seconded by Jeff motion passed

Account update

~ There is \$3203.74 in the general School Council account (Chocolate \$2562.70) (Popcorn \$110 for camp)

~ There is \$2239.88 in Playground equipment account - discussion that we would have to rototill the pea gravel but not adding. Cost would come from this account. We are waiting for the replacement with woodchips. Should be covered by the Board and then would have to pay for this after as needed topped up.

Business arising from the Minutes

~ Review of Community night - General feeling is it went well. Lots of people out due to advertising and topic we think. Suggestion to have it earlier as it was cutting into bedtime for the kids in care. Not sure the community displays were needed or attended too. Cassie thanked Kellie/Mel/Amanda for taking over and running the event.

~ Pro-grant for next year- Paul Davies - Cyber safety presentation to students and parents. Suggest we book Wednesday late in Jan 2018 and apply for pro-grant for next year. Cassie to apply in May. We will discuss this and any other speaker suggestions in May.

~ Request for funds brought for recess "Culinary Club" for 74 students by Ms Howe - Motion to fund the culinary club to max of \$300 for gr 1-8 students. Motion passed Suggestion to approach Sobey's for funding support too.

~ Staff will discuss at staff meeting larger items that the school needs such as score board or amp system in the gym. We will bring these items to School Council in May meeting

Committee Reports

- Green - We are looking to book a May clean up maybe right after school to get more parents out. The group will meet to talk about items we need to purchase for the gardens. Jeff will tell us the details of cleanup dates and time for both May and before graduation clean-up.
- Fundraising - Motion to have Watering Can Mother's Day flowers fundraiser like the poinsettias at Christmas time. Laurie second Motion passed Kellie to set up. Discussed crowd funding - give an amount all year online. This and all ideas will be discussed in May. Fundraising committee will come with their best ideas to put to the whole group with details to share. We will vote in May on the fundraising goals and plans for next year.
- Communication - Nothing to report

New Business

- Graduation - Grade 8 parents will be contacted to create a grad committee. The parents will look at food and gift ideas for the students. Laurie Arsenault will be the contact

person. They will take the ideas to the students for input. After party will be held in the gym with help from grade 7 parents to set up.

Principal Report

- Mar/April Events:
 - The River Lions trip for grade 5-8, well organized and students seemed to enjoy the game and event. It reinforced the Pink Shirt Day message.
 - Autism Awareness seemed to help students understand differences.
 - All day chess tournament was enjoyed by our students. One student moved on to the next level (DSBN).
 - Rocks and Rings for gr 3-8 coming to Jacob Beam
 - Carousel Players for gr 1-4 next week at school.

- May/June Events:
 - I Matter assemblies on May 5 and end of June,
 - Track and Field May 3 at BDSS (Area meet is May 12),
 - Camp gr 7/8 May 29- June 1,
 - EQAO is May 23-26 gr 6 and May 29-June 1 gr 3,
 - Muffins for Mom is May 15, Donuts for Dad June 16,
 - French cooking gr 6-8 is coming in June,
 - Gr 8 Graduation is June 26 6pm, SK graduation is June 27 9am
 - End of year trips are being booked. Bussing will be covered by the lunch/milk money raised this year

- West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review. The decision to was made to close the 3 West Lincoln highschoools and build a new combined highschool for Sept 2020 below the escarpment between Beamsville and Grimsby areas. At this time our boundaries stay the same. The DSBN is now starting the process to obtain land and begin the building.
- I was unaware of the past practice of recognizing honours at first term. We will do that at the May 5 "I Matter" assembly
- Graduation theme for this year is Old Hollywood - we are having all events at the school.
- We have teachers participating in both Connect Conference on technology and Concussion Summit to bring information back to the school for all. Both events are hosted by the Board but reach international audiences.
- We continue to use Dreambox in all grades to consolidate and practice number sense and strategies for solving math problems.
- Mrs D'Intino will be returning to our grade 4 class May 8th. Her maternity leave is complete
- Staffing - we have the same number of teachers for next year. We are awaiting DECE and EA staffing
- Looks like all of our windows will be replaced to improve our building
- Heritage sign is being placed on the property regarding this being the site of the original Beamsville school.

Motion to adjourn the meeting Cassie. Second Simon Motion passed

***** PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME AND DATE*****

Next meeting May 25, 2017 6-8pm - discussion and planning for fundraising for next year and fall open house!