

# MINUTES

## **Jacob Beam Public School Meeting Minutes October 13, 2011**

*The meeting was called to order by Bev Boden*

*In attendance: Tracy Leemet (Principal), Wenonah Tallman, Andrea Brownstein, Paul Clipsham, Kathy Horton, Marjorie Low, Cassie McNiven, Gina Allan, Bev Boden, Greg Brownstein, Lori Shuker, Irene Petsinis, Krista Capes, Susan Vandekraats (Teacher Rep), Briar Capes (Student Rep)*

*Regrets: Tammy Strongitharm, Laurie Arsenault, Shelley Murre, Ellen Gretsinger, Michelle Weiss, Mary Jastremski, Victoria Derksen*

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### **Welcome**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from the September 15, 2011 meeting and approved. A motion to pass was presented by Greg Brownstein and seconded by Gina Allan.

#### **Council**

Laura Fisher resigned as a member of School Council. Krista Capes was unanimously acclaimed as a new voting member.

#### **Student Report**

Welcome to Briar Capes, Student Representative for this meeting.

Briar explained to council the purpose of the "Me 2 We" group and discussed the events of their recent trip to the ACC on September 27<sup>th</sup>. "Me 2 We" is a group of students getting together to make a positive change in their school environment and community by inspiring leadership, team work and spirit.

Grade 7 and 8 students are being encouraged to collect canned goods for Community Care on Halloween in lieu of candy. Flyers are being to be distributed to a pre-determined route so members of the community will be prepared for canned goods collection.

#### **Principal's Report**

##### **October 2011-10-13**

- October has been a busy month – teachers have been finishing up diagnostic assessments, working on IEPs and setting up the routines for success
- Waste reduction week is next week – we will be encouraging the children to bring litterless lunches all next wee
- Int vball teams start their season next week with tryouts for the jr teams just beginning
- Halloween is just around the corner – we will have an early lunch that day from 12-12:45 – students will be able to dress up in the afternoon in appropriate costumes
- Our Me to We group will be attending a conference on Wed Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – the plans are being finalized

- Picture retake day is Wed Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – some of our junior classes will have their class pictures done on this day as well as the soccer team players who missed the first picture day
- Gr 8s are going to spend the day at BDSS on Wed. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> too – we will ensure that all students who want retakes get them before they leave
- Students in K-gr3 are going to see Jack Grunsky in the morning of Mon. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - Mr Woelk has organized this opportunity for the kids
- Progress reports will be sent home On Tues. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> with an interview time on Thurs Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 4-7. There is no PA or early release time to help with interviews so in the larger classes the interview times will be smaller to accommodate all of the parents
- We will need to move the next school council meeting to Thurs. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the interview night
- We have ordered another set of netbooks in order that each division will have their own set
- We have also ordered a projector and a ceiling arm to mount the projector for Mr Robinson's smart board
- Mr Millin and Mr Robinson had an idea to purchase a popcorn machine and sell popcorn to subsidize the funds for the track and field program
- School events are very costly – cross country alone was probably about \$600
- We have purchased just over \$1000 for new gym equipment
- Two classrooms will be getting new blinds – Mrs Phillips and Mrs Peters
- Mr Woelk has purchased about \$1000 of ukeles so that the students will have an opportunity to actually play a musical instrument
- Mrs Peters, Mrs Vandekraats, Ms Schneider and Mrs Haney will be partaking in a series of workshops that will increase their understanding of critical thinking and how best to get their students to think more critically – last year the jr and int staffs were fortunate to be able to have this opportunity – they will be working with Usha James from OISE

### **Chair's Report – Bev Boden**

Suggestion to create more committees was brought to the table.

One idea was a yearbook committee. Several parents willing to help however, Tracy expressed concern that there might not be a Teacher Representative interested.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Tracy to ask if there is any teacher interested in becoming active in this role.

By-Law Committee established to review the current By-Laws. Members include Bev Boden, Andrea Brownstein and Lori Shuker.

- **ACTION ITEM:** New members to meet and review minutes to present to members of Council.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners Conference is happening on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a free event being hosted at Eden High School. Bev Boden, Gina Alan and Cassie McNiven will be attending.

Council revisited the bus loop and discussed the delay in getting the project underway. Tracy advised that she has contacted the Town of Lincoln again and is waiting for a response. A suggestion was made to contact the local news to attract attention to the issue but it was decided that a response from the Town is required first.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Tracy to follow up with the Town of Lincoln.

## **Committee Reports**

*Fundraising:* Laurie was unable to attend the meeting however, proposed Norcard as a viable fundraiser as it has a good return. Other ideas for fundraising include garbage bags, Epicure and Hendrik's Greenhouse. Suggestion put forth to rally parents to volunteer and ask for help. Make Council more visible and make other parents aware of our purpose in enriching the school community.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Committee and Council to explore other fundraising avenues.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Get other parents involved in fundraising efforts via Newsletter, signage etc.

*Green Committee:* Laura Fisher, Gina Allan, Marjorie Low, Lori Shuker and Krista Capes. Krista Capes volunteered to spearhead the committee. "Call to Arms" suggestion was made to engage parents and students to become active in maintaining the school property.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Use the Communication Committee to promote organized events for clean-up days etc.

*Communications Committee:* Irene Petsinis and Marjorie Low. Irene will look after newsletter submissions with respect to any volunteer help needed or activities on-going.

## **Treasury**

The General Account is \$300.00 in the red.

## **New/Ongoing Business**

- Tracy to advise if the minutes can be approved by email – this can only be done if there are no discussion items.
- Yearbook Committee
- Bus Loop
- Alternative fundraising ideas
- Discuss possibility of Beamerfest

## **Announcements**

- Picture Re-Take Day – November 2, 2011
- Gingerbread Shop – December 9, 2011

## **Voting Members**

- Gina Allan
- Laurie Arsenault
- Bev Boden
- Andrea Brownstein
- Greg Brownstein
- Krista Capes
- Paul Clipsham
- Kathy Horton
- Mary Jastremski

- Marjorie Low
- Cassie McNiven
- Irene Petsinis
- Lori Shuker
- Michelle Weiss
- Ellen Gretsinger
- Shelley Murre
- Wenonah Tallman (Community Rep)

**Next Meeting**

November 24, 2011 Library

Meeting adjourned.