

JOYCEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

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Present: A. Currie, M. Robertson, J. Paquin, E. Stephen, M. MacDonald, E. Brothers, K. Beach, J. Sproule, K. Greenlees, C. Walker, R. Edwards, K. McPherson, D. Maillet, D. Mundell, C. Stevenson

Welcome: A. Currie and M. Robertson welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes: K. Greenlees made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on 3 November 2021. The motion was seconded by R. Edwards. A vote was taken and the minutes were passed.

Agenda: M. Robertson asked for someone to make a motion to accept the agenda for this meeting as presented. C. Walker made the motion to accept the agenda. This was seconded by K. McPherson. A vote was taken and the agenda was accepted.

Principals/ Vice Principals Report: Principals/Vice Principals report notes are attached for easy reference. J. Paquin thanked the council for all their support that they provide to the school.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$7654.82 in our account. We also have \$12547.70 in our bingo account. Everyone is reminded to share the notices on social media regarding bingo.

Bingo Update: M. Robertson and K. Greenlees advised that the bingo fundraiser would be a separate stand-alone committee. Any requests for money from this account can then be voted on separately from School Advisory meetings. D. Maillet voiced concerns about holding this as a separate committee and felt that it should still be under the umbrella of the School Council due to probably the same members will sit on both committees and this could all be done at our council meetings. It was agreed that whoever is interested in joining this committee is to email K. Greenlees or M. Robertson and let them know. Kim will update everyone on the dates that need to be covered at the bingo hall and also the training required at this time.

Tents: K. Beach inquired about a previous discussion about purchasing a new pop up tent for use at the school. After discussion, it was agreed that Kim Beach would look into purchasing a 10 x 10 tent with sides for use at events. The total approved that can be spent will be \$500.00. A vote was taken and this was approved.

Flex Fridays: Discussion took place about holding Flex Fridays again this year. After discussion, it was agreed that M. MacDonald would consult with the teachers and provide a proposal on what is required for Flex Fridays and she will send the proposal out to all members.

Hot Lunches: Pizza and chicken fingers are being offered to staff and students for \$5.00 through Pisanos. This will be held on Wednesdays. Everyone was very happy to see the return of hot lunches.

Grant for Community Involvement: A. Currie and M. Robertson advised that we had been approved for \$1000.00 for a grant for community involvement. Each student will be making birdhouses out of popsicle sticks. Pictures will then be posted online for wildlife involvement.

School Trips: J. Paquin and E. Stephen advised that they are looking into the possibility of still having our school trips to Grass Creek Park. An option might be to have different classes go on different days due to COVID concerns. K. McPherson advised that she is hopeful that these trips can continue as they are enjoyed by all students especially the younger ones. More information will be provided as the nicer weather arrives.

Insurance for Events: J. Paquin will talk with the Board of Education to find out if insurance is required for such events as a movie night etc.

Pittsburg Fund for Playground Equipment: D. Maillet inquired as to the option previously discussed about trying to obtain money from the Pittsburg Fund for playground equipment. K. McPherson advised that the proposals must be submitted by January of each year. After discussion it was agreed that anyone who is interested in assisting with this project should contact K. McPherson. D. Maillet, M. MacDonald and R. Edwards volunteered to assist. K. McPherson will schedule a meeting to discuss this and what is required.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and hopefully can be held in person!!!!

Adjournment of Meeting: D. Mundell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by K. McPherson. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Principals' Update

February 9, 2022 @ 6 pm

Spirit Week & SAC

- Colour House shirts were given to the new Kindergarten students and new students in Grades 1-8
- 2 full spirit weeks leading up to the Christmas break
- SAC provided a pizza lunch and cookie decorating
- Students decorated their own art project
- Staff and students were given a box with 5 RAT tests

Virtual Learning

- Virtual engagement using the D2L platform in MindsOnline (lots of technology and hotspots deployed and returned again)
- Some students have still opted to participate in short-term virtual learning (asynchronous and synchronous learning)
- Mohawk Indigenous Knowledge Keepers (Mandy and Crystal) joined classes online for learning opportunities

Returning to In-Person Learning

- Staff have been provided with unfitted KN95 and are to wear goggles or face shields indoors
- Masks are also provided for students
- As of Jan. 31, 2022 masks are not required for staff or students outdoors - physical distancing is still encouraged
- Cohorts are no longer being dismissed and new isolation requirements went into effect
- Staff and students received an additional 2 RAT tests

Caretaking Staff

- Mr. Inwood, our Head Caretaker took a head caretaker position at Sydenham high school
- Tiffany, our night time custodian took a night time caretaker position at Rideau Heights and Kingston East
- Welcome Rick Watson as night time custodian
- Head custodian has yet to be determined
- SAC and staff provided a parting gift for each person and JPS did a whole school virtual assembly (each class did something for them)

Literacy Week

- Lots of literacy week activities at school (i.e., drop everything and read throughout the day, dress as your favourite book character, etc.) and many students caught reading at home through photos (via email and Twitter)

School Closed, Inclement Weather, and Indoor Recess

- If temperature is above -24 (feels like) then we go to an indoor recess to keep staff and students safe
- School was closed in January for staff and students due to the winter storm
- Many bus days over January and February due to road conditions or forecasted weather (schools are still open and cohorts are not mixed).

PA Day

- Reporting day for teachers, PD offered for support staff with LDSB, and PD offered for administrators through Human Resources with LDSB

Fun Wednesday Foods

- Pizza or chicken fingers being offered to staff and students for \$5 through Pisanos - school run. It's nice to have hot lunch again! The \$0.50 profits will go towards the school (additional items for classrooms).

Valentine's Day

- For Valentine's Day, each student will be receiving a Valentine's Day lollipop with a positive message created by the Grade 8s.
- Families can purchase additional ones for \$1.00 with profits going towards Grade 8 grads.