

JOYCEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
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Present: A. Currie, M. Robertson, D. Maillet, E. Brothers, J. Paquin, A. Domingo, K. Beach, K. Greenlees, K. McPherson, C. Stevenson, D. Mundell, S. Kauenhofen, K. Kaupp, R. Kennedy, C. Salmon, S. McKane

Welcome: A. Currie, M. Robertson and J. Paquin welcomed everyone to our first meeting of this school year. J. Paquin introduced our new Vice-Principal A. Domingo to the group. The new parents/guardians were also welcomed. It is great to see all the new faces!! We all look forward to working together this year. It is great to be back together again and actually see everyone's faces!!!!

Approval of Previous Minutes: K. McPherson made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on 13 April 2022. The motion was seconded by M. Robertson. A vote was taken and the minutes were passed.

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

Elections for Executive Positions on Council: A. Currie advised that the current individuals are happy to continue in their positions if no one else is interested. The group was asked and no one was interested. The executive will consist of the following:

Co-Chairs – A. Currie and M. Robertson

Secretary – D. Maillet

Treasurer – E. Brothers

Principals/ Vice Principals Report: Principals/Vice Principals report notes are attached for easy reference. J. Paquin and A. Domingo thanked the council for all their support that they provide to the school and look forward again to a successful year.

Parent Involvement Committee: J. Paquin advised that the parent involvement committee with the Board of Education are looking for members. If anyone is interested please advise J. Paquin by 26 September 2022.

Action: Advisory Council Members

Treasurer's Report: We currently have two accounts under the School Advisory Committee. We have \$4700.00 in the SAC account and \$3500.00 in the grant account. There was some discussion about the difference in the two accounts and if we can spend from the grant account. E. Brothers will discuss with B. Scott and advise us at the next meeting. We currently

have approximately \$12000.00 in the bingo account after the cost of the line painting in the school yard is paid for. Members were briefed on what is able to be purchased/paid for from the bingo account. Any items must benefit the entire school. A. Currie advised that she is currently completing the school board report and once submitted, we are given a grant of \$500.00.

Action: E. Brothers

Request for Expenditures from School Advisory Budget: The following items were presented and discussed at the meeting:

- \$500.00 donation to the Grade 8 Graduation Committee for use on food.

Approved for \$500.00

- Insurance for School Advisory – This was **approved**. J. Paquin will find out from the School Board about the insurance.

Request for Expenditures from Bingo Account: The following items were discussed and will be presented to the Bingo committee for their approval. Further to this meeting, the bingo committee were emailed with these requests and the following were approved:

- **\$10.00 per student** to be given to teachers and is used within the classroom to support the students. There are currently 187 students. **Approved for \$1870.00**
- **Consumables** - \$750.00 used to purchase outdoor supplies for each class (i.e. balls, sleds, etc.) for the students to use during recess. K. Beach will speak to the teachers to find out what they feel would be useful for the students. **Approved for \$750.00**
- **French Class** - \$300.00 to be given to Mr. Fleet to use in teaching French to the students. **Approved for \$300.00**
- **Planning** - \$150.00 for the planning teacher to utilize as they need. **Approved for \$150.00**
- **Busing** - \$1600.00 that would be used for busing to different events throughout the year. The average cost of a bus is \$200. This would allow for one bus per class. **Approved for \$1600.00**

Total Expenditures Approved from the Bingo account was \$4670.00.

Outdoor Shed Purchased From Bingo Funds: Discussion took place regarding which shed we should purchase and it was agreed that we would buy the shed from Costco. E. Brothers

volunteered her husband to assist with making a cement pad for the shed for stability. C. Salmon offered to assist with putting the shed together.

Action: N. Brothers and C. Salmon

Wagon for School Use: A previous vote was taken by the Bingo Committee to purchase a wagon for use at the school and for different events to move school items around. J. Paquin will pick up the wagon.

Action: J. Paquin

T-Shirts for Colour Houses: A proposal had been submitted to purchasing 25 additional t shirts for Kindergarten students and new teachers for the colour house initiative. It was suggested since this started as a school initiative, that this expenditure be taken on by the school as was originally done. J. Paquin agreed to purchase the t shirts.

Bingo Update: K. Greenlees advised that we are still looking for volunteers to take time slots to cover our bingo times. The more people that volunteer the fewer times that each person will need to cover the bingo times. This has been a very profitable fundraiser and everyone is encouraged to contact K. Greenlees to volunteer. As an example, we did three shifts in August for a total donation to our school of \$2862.00. Thank you to the individuals who volunteered to complete the training for the shifts at the meeting. It was suggested that a notice go out to all parents/guardians explaining the amount that is made at each bingo and what it has enabled the bingo committee to purchase for our school and students. This is such a profitable fundraiser.

Fundraisers: The following fundraiser ideas were discussed at the meeting:

- Christmas Room – **Approved – K. Beach and S. McKane will organize this.**
- Wreaths and Planters – This was done last year. There were mixed reviews on the quality of the items and how long they lasted. After discussion it was decided to **not approve** this fundraiser.
- Tree Seedlings – S. McKane suggested we do a tree seedling fundraiser this year. She agreed to provide us with information on this at the next meeting. **Action: S. McKane**
- Benefit Dance – This was briefly discussed and can be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Cook Off from Our Cookbook – This can be explained at the next meeting.

Action: K. Beach, S. McKane and J. Salmon

Movie Night: The suggestion of a movie night was discussed. This was such an enjoyable event in previous years before COVID. It was agreed that we would hold the Movie Night in conjunction again with the Book Fair. The book fair will be held from 21 to 25 November. The date of the movie night will be Thursday 24 November 2022. D. Maillet will get the list of candies etc. that we have purchased to be sold at this event in the past. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Action: D. Maillet

Country Fair: It was agreed that an email will be sent out from A. Currie asking everyone's opinion on having the country fair.

Action: A. Currie

Hot Lunch Program: A start date has not yet been finalized for the hot lunch program. A notice will be sent out to the parents on this.

Cashless School: J. Paquin advised that she will be going on training shortly for switching over to a cashless school. We will change to this at some point but until then we will remain status quo.

Milk Orders: K. Greenlees has spoken to the individual who provided the milk orders to our school in the past. It was agreed that J. Paquin would talk to Mrs. MacPherson Kenney at the school and advise K. Greenlees. We do have a fridge that will hold the milk. K. Greenlees has offered to assist with collecting and ordering the milk but is not able to be at the school for distribution.

Action: J. Paquin

Christmas Dinner: The possibility of holding a Christmas Dinner for the staff and students as we have done in the past was discussed. This was unanimously approved. More discussion will take place on this item at the November meeting.

Action: Discussion at the Next Meeting

Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund Meeting: D. Maillet advised that a flyer has gone around the community advising of a meeting taking place on 12 October at 7:00 p.m. which will outline how proposals can be put forward to the benefit fund. This would be a very informative meeting for future submissions. D. Maillet and possibly K. McPherson will attend.

Action: D. Maillet and K. McPherson

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

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

Principal's Update

Joyceville Public School

September 22, 2022 - SAC Meeting @ 6pm

- It has been an excellent start up, with students and staff enjoying the return to 'normal'
- Because we have not been limited to cohorts, there have been leadership opportunities starting up for older students (Office Helpers, Kinder Helpers, Nutrition Helpers in classrooms)
- Some reorganization was necessary to balance out classroom sizes. The reorganization only impacted on our primary division classrooms. Thanks to our amazing teaching and support staff who facilitated a smooth transition.
- A huge thank you to the school council for funding our new line painting that was completed in early September and for the support in purchasing a shed and wagon for our outdoor activities.
- Extracurriculars: Soccer and Cross Country - Two soccer teams are participating in tournaments on Wednesday this week: Jr. Boys coached by Mr. Hopkins and Sr. Girls coached by Mrs. Norman. Cross-Country practices are also up and running (no pun intended!) Mr. Guild has been coaching the group during their outdoor practices.
- The Terry Fox run is scheduled for October 7th (October 11^h rain date). Students will have the opportunity to fundraise virtually (like last year). The link and more details about our event will be sent home in the next newsletter. We kicked off our Terry Fox event with a virtual presentation by the Terry Fox Foundation, hosted by Fred Fox, Terry's bother! He shared memories of his life growing up with Terry, how the Marathon of Hope started many years ago, and how it continues to inspire and support cancer research today.
- Open House – Tuesday, September 27th from 4:30-5:30. This is an opportunity for parents to drop into the school to see the classroom and meet teachers and staff. It is not intended as a parent teacher conference. If parents wish to have an opportunity to discuss their child's progress, they should contact the teacher to arrange a phone call or a time to meet on a different day.
- Planning Teacher - Catherine Noyes started the year as our Planning Teacher but was then consolidated and is now working full-time at Lasalle. We welcome Brittany Lavergne who replaced Ms. Noyes as our Planning Teacher.
- Empower Reading – The Empower Reading program will be running again at Joyceville. Ms. Johnson will be teaching the program this year and JoAnn Ferguson will be coming to complete the remaining lessons from last year's group.
- PA (Professional Activity) Day – Monday, September 26th – Our board-wide focus will be exploring school data and using the following questions to guide our professional development: For whom is the current education system not working and why? How do I/we know? What can I/we try? What are we, or what am I, going to do differently moving forward?

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