

# James Bay Community School

## PAC Meeting Minutes

**April 12, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Diane McNally, Lindsay Swan, Ted Godwin, Corinne Robinson, Carrie Peter

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Approve Agenda & Minutes** of Mar 8, 2017 meeting.

**MOTION:** to accept the Minutes, Moved by Ted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie

### **REPORTS**

**Guest: Diane McNally, SD61 School Trustee and our liaison for the Vic High Group of Schools. For more information on the many Standing Committees and Board of Education “Ad Hoc” committees that Diane serves on, see her Voting Record and Blog: [www.lined-paper.com](http://www.lined-paper.com)**

Recent district School Transfer Policy Survey had very good response from parents. Survey now closed and report will be put together so district can move forward with planning. Very complex issue!

**1. Vice Principal’s Report-** Twitter account now running on JBCS website! Lindsay Swan is currently managing it but is open to assistance/input. We need to be mindful of privacy issues regarding posting pics of the kids.

-Rugby is underway with 22 grade 4/5’s. Program is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year now, and is really developing. The team has had the good fortune of a school parent offering to buy all new uniforms!

-An order has also been placed for new general school sports jerseys. Lindsay is also waiting for a quote for additional shirts/hoodies that could be PAC fundraiser.

-Gallery Gala, May 4<sup>th</sup>: Misha Smart working on 3 panel piece, which the kids will all start painting next week. Guest artists are in and out of the school right now, so each student can make two pieces for the gallery. They can decide which to sell and which to display.

-Student Led Conferences coming up afternoon of Apr 27. More info from each teacher to follow.

-School-wide field trip Wed May 24, to Island View Beach for ocean education activities

-CTV News came to our school to present a much needed surprise donation of sports equipment from Santa's Anonymous. Mrs. Swan's class was on the news!

-Bike to School week – a former JBCS student (now middle school) is passionate about heading up a Bike to School week, starting May 23. He has also resourced free bikes for those in need. The "Bike Roadeo" for grade 3 will also be that week (Police teach bike safety).

**2. PAC Chair Report- VCPAC** District Awards Nomination forms have come out, if anyone wants to nominate any teachers/students/EAs, parents etc. who deserve recognition.

Middle School committee meeting reports that so far, having Middle Schools is viewed to be quite successful, with some tweaking to do. The issue of Equity in programming resources between schools came up: Enrichment programs now called Exploratories, are run differently in each school. Eg. Central does 4 different modules per year to introduce kids to a variety of learning opportunities.

**3. Treasurer's Report-** Monthly report was submitted. All in good order. We should remind teachers to submit any receipts for their \$100 PAC subsidies before end of year.

**Old Business:** A second **Bottle Donation Bin** is now in place on the GVHA property, near the Helijet. They are managing that completely. Very exciting to find out how well that does, and what percentage they can donate to our school. The grade 5 Leadership project is happy to add the school juice boxes to our Return it Bin outside, rather than sorting/storing themselves in the hallway.

**Welcome to Kindergarten, May 11:** Ted & Corinne will get lots of school pics from Lindsay to put together a slide show to run during the parent orientation to not only showcase our school, but with the hopes of attracting new parents to the PAC.

Status of **Parent Ed Resource** "book library" – still to come, as we acquire more books.

**New Business: Traffic Calming on Oswego St:** The JBNA has informed us of some welcome improvements to slow traffic in front of the school. 3 flexible lane separator "cones" will be placed along the middle line on either side of the existing crosswalk. There will be future talks to address the hazardous 2 way stop at Oswego & Simcoe. Diane McNally recommended the school doing a presentation at a city hall meeting to expediate the improvements!

**Teacher Appreciation Day** – May 19<sup>th</sup> Pro-D morning. PAC to supply breakfast for staff.

May AGM and discussion of 2017/18 Exec – we will have 2 Exec positions to fill (President & Treasurer).

**Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm**