

James Bay Community School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Feb 21, 2018

In Attendance: Carrie Peter, Corinne Robinson, Lindsay Swan, Bruce O'Hara, Denyse Zumach, Stephanie McRobb, Laurel Hovey, Tom Berkhout

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. **Approve Agenda & Minutes** of previous meeting – Jan 17, 2018

MOTION: to accept the Minutes, Moved by Laurel, 2nd by Stephanie, approved.

REPORTS

1. **Vice Principal's Report**-Basketball is well underway! Very popular, always lots of spectators. Extra game booked for next Mon Feb 26. Registration with new Transfer Process went fairly smoothly. Kindergarten enrollment currently sitting at 35.

Upcoming Events: This weekend is Window Wanderland **Feb 24/25**. All school windows facing Oswego & Simcoe streets have been decorated; Anti-Bullying **Pink Shirt Day Wed Feb 28;** **Report Cards to go home Fri Mar 15** (last day before Spring Break).

Recent Staffing Changes to cover Maternity Leaves: Chelsea Tebo in for Learning Support; Stephanie Hird to cover Ms. King; Dan-bi Lee to cover Strong Start, and also as school EA.

2. **PAC Chair Report**- Beacon community services no longer coordinating crossing guards for the city. They are in current discussion with the school district about next steps re: sourcing staff.

T-shirt Order: Chandra has agreed to arrange another t-shirt order due to popular demand. Carrie ideally hopes to have orders in before spring break. Would be good to inform Community Centre & Little Waves too. Carrie will arrange new order form with Chandra, and will discuss whether we should add 'grey' t-shirts to the order form, or leave the same for this school year.

Denyse would like to see a school vest as an available option!

3. **Treasurer's Report**- All in good standing. Revenue from Bottle Donation bin has been declining. Maybe seasonal? We need to advertise. Bin has been removed from Ogden Pt., but we haven't heard about it being placed a new location yet. Carrie will ask GVHA.

Old Business:

1. Cultural Kaleidoscope Update: Denyse has secured 15 tables (some shared, some done by school staff!), and 4 musical groups: Capoeira, Highland Dancers, First Nations, and Katherine Beckett singing O Canada. Well done Denyse! There will be some door prizes to be arranged, but not as many needed as last year.

She needs Parent and PAC Volunteers for the following:

1. Water Station -
2. Front Door Donation area – maybe the grade 5's can do this?!
3. Big Map at front door – grade 5's?
4. Setup – Denyse, Stephanie
5. Takedown – Corinne, Stephanie, Carrie
6. Thank you flowers & JB cards - Corinne

Denyse will put out more info & Volunteer Request in school newsletter, as well as separate email to the school. Logan at Community Centre has donated the posters, and hopefully can help supply sandwich board & balloons on night of event.

2.50/50 Draw: Laurel suggested having one at a future sports event, maybe after school, since there are so many parents who come to these. Ms. Swan is in favour of this. We could have it at a planned sports event, or even organize a school event, with advertising so parents knew to bring some money. Bruce would need 4 weeks advance notice to apply for the license.

3. Silent Auction – Agreed to form Planning Committee: Melissa, Laurel, Stephanie and Corinne have offered. Idea of **12 theme baskets done by class contributions** is still popular. Maybe topped up with community donations that has Melissa has already secured. Aim is to have all classes feel involved, and have smaller, affordable baskets up for auction. Goal would be to earn ~ \$500. Would be on display the week leading up to Gallery Gala, then auction ends on the night of the Gala, **Thurs May 3 2018. Everyone please start brainstorming ideas for themed categories!**

New Business:

Tom Berkhout – guest speaker representing **James Bay Neighbourhood Association's "Active Travel Committee"**. The City will be updating their long-term (i.e. 20 year) neighbourhood 'Community Plans'. This is therefore a good time for residents to start giving and gathering feedback on what's important to their neighbourhood. Tom's 'Active Travel Committee' wants to plant this seed by speaking to all members of the public, using the 'ages 8 to 80' concept. The

idea here is that if a safety solution works for the youngest members of our neighbourhood, it would likely also work for the eldest.

Part 1 of this project was the 2016 **"Getting Around James Bay Survey"** which had **500 respondents**: <http://jbna.org/Bikes%20and%20Beyond%20Report%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Part 2 is tonight's presentation: **"Sharing Our Streets"** which includes **"3 Big Ideas"** to improve overall travel around James Bay:

1. **Five Corners – 'Shared Solution'**, similar to Granville island cobblestone, mixed use space
2. **Superior, Oswego, Gov't & Dallas – 'A Complete Solution'** – for mixed use areas with heavier traffic, higher speeds, and wider roads. Delineation between modes of travel is more clear, more separation with infrastructure. (eg. more 4 way stops, crosswalks, cycling lanes)
3. **'A Neighbourhood Solution'** – more general traffic calming, slower speeds

The committee needs your feedback and ideas! Please go to JBNA's website www.jbna.org to see the 'Transportation Survey' in full, and to take the 'Sharing Our Streets' Survey:

<http://jbna.org/2018%20JBNA%20Survey%20Instructions.pdf>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvodFdUf5eC3WJnXvTo65ovbmqcmf0K4vR-j-X4JCqkKEz5Q/viewform>

2. VI Parent Conference Ticket – Jeanine Demmler has purchased a ticket to attend Mar 3's conference. We have allocated PAC funds to help parents attend this event. We have received 2 complimentary tickets from VPAC, and Jeanine has been the only other parent who has expressed interest.

Motion to refund full price of Jeanine's ticket \$100 from PAC funds: Moved by Stephanie, 2nd by Laurel. All in favour, Carried. Corinne has given cheque to Jeanine.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm