

James Bay Community School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Oct 10, 2018

In Attendance: Jeff Mitchell, Corinne Robinson, Robynn Parker, Stephanie McRobb, Richelle Funk, Carrie Peter, Andrea Woodrow

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approve Agenda & Minutes of Sept 12, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: to accept the Minutes, Moved by Stephanie, 2nd by Richelle. Carried.

REPORTS

1. **Principal's Report-** It has been quite an eventful Sept, now into October with Parent-Teacher Interviews next Wed 17/Thurs 18th.

Staffing: We've lost 2 EAs, who will be replaced, plus one additional new EA starting. Marcia Anderson is our new K/1 teacher for the rest of the year.

Reminder to vote for school board trustees Oct 20!!

White Hatter digital literacy presentation tomorrow for all gr 4/5's, then Parent Education evening in conjunction with South Park PAC. Our lunchtime choir will perform at our next **Celebration of Learning assembly Oct 29th!** Next week Oct 22 is **DEER – Drop everything and Read.** Everyone in school will read for 30 minutes at same time after lunch.

Wed Oct 31: '**Orange and Black**' day, and Mr. Vargas will put on his haunted house!

Future Events: Re-unification Drill – full scale emergency evacuation drill will occur before spring break, including parent-child reunification. There will be a select number of parent volunteers to do smaller scale version of reunification.

Painting – The whole school interior will be repainted in stages beginning sometime in January. Library will be staging area for temporary classrooms.

Carrie asked question regarding our school sign hanging outside: Is it possible to **move school sign from left side of doorway to more centered location** over the door to make front door more prominent and welcoming? Jeff agrees that front door is not as obvious as it could be and often gets confused with Community Centre doorway. He will consider the matter!

2. PAC Chair Report- Thank you to everybody who provided baking and support for the Welcome Back Corn Roast! We generated \$301 in donations this year! Carrie attended the Civic Election All-Candidates meeting (Oct 3 at JBCS) and spoke with Tim Van Alstine from JBNA. There is a new Montessori preschool opening at the James Bay Athletic Club. He will keep our PAC in the loop upcoming regarding traffic calming measures. More will be needed as more children continue to enter neighbourhood!

3. Treasurer's Report-

2018/19 Gaming grant confirmed at \$5376, and Finn & Izzy donation will be \$325.

Proposed Budget has been modified for us to **use more of our Gaming Grant** money rather than General Funds for any events/costs that augment student learning or safety (eg. Clubs & Teams, Gr.5 Grad). It's important to use a healthy amount of funds annually, rather than risk future grant funding cuts. Stephanie has handed out spending amounts to teachers (approx. \$1150 total), so they can plan their yearly spending.

Motion to approve Proposed 2018-19 Budget – moved by Corinne, 2nd by Stephanie. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

White Hatter Online Safety & Digital Literacy Presentation for JBCS & South Park parents, happening tomorrow night in the Centre Activity Room.

Speaker Brandon Laur will arrive 30 min earlier to setup. Donation jar will be out to split proceeds with South Park. Andrea Woodrow has offered to babysit in the preschool room. Next time we will suggest everyone RSVP about babysitting so we have some idea of numbers ahead of time! (Final number was 4 kids, all from JBCS)

Spirit Wear Coordinator – Andrea will take home the **Parent Volunteer forms and make a spreadsheet** to see who has shown an interest in which areas. Would be great to put in a spirit wear order before xmas!

Crossing Guard – Rhonda has requested several plastic 'Kid Alert Safety Turtle' signs, like at Monterey school. Corinne will ask their PAC whether they blow over in the wind. Our current signs are very heavy wood which are also splitting and in need of paint. She would like to draw greater attention to both intersections on either side of school, as well as directly in front. Custodian could continue to put the heavier signs out at 7am, but lighter ones would be good for crossing guard to carry down block.

Richelle has also tried to call city several times regarding **improved signage along school zone** on Oswego, but to no avail. Will try writing now, but we recognize the city is currently busy with impending civic elections.

Dickens Fair, Sat Dec 1st – Andrea is coordinating craft sale table and has thoughts for new craft items. The xmas cards made by students are huge sellers, but she would love some new stock from current students! She has ideas for stamped cards that a class could make. Would like to do a trial run of pre-sold Misha mural Totes & maybe tshirts or aprons to gauge parent interest, and possibly get startup money to place additional order for Dickens Fair. She will talk to Island Blue where we placed our orders 2yrs ago. Misha mural artwork was approved last year for the art cards, but Andrea will confirm with Carole Elliot that totes etc are okay to sell.

Kid Zone – PAC will run cookie decorating table again. Lego table is still unconfirmed.

NEW BUSINESS-

Cultural Kaleidoscope – Do we want to do one a 3rd year in a row, or take a break and do one next year 2020? Denyse is open to the idea in March but is concerned about asking the same repeat families, as they may want a break. Will think on it.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Wed Nov 14 @ 6:30pm