

# James Bay Community School

## PAC Meeting Minutes

Feb 20, 2019

**In Attendance:** Jeff Mitchell, Carrie Peter, Corinne Robinson, Richelle Funk, Stephanie McRobb, Shahinaz Rashad

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

**2. Approve Agenda & Minutes** of Jan 16, 2019 meeting.

**MOTION:** to accept the Minutes, Moved by Richelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie. Carried.

### **REPORTS**

**1. Principal's Report-** We survived our week of snow!

Kindergarten registration is at 36, so we are almost full already. Only have 38 spaces before needing to open a 3<sup>rd</sup> class, which would be problematic.

Ready Set Learn for new kindergarteners has been rebooked for Mon January 25, due to the snow.

Measles alert has been sent out from VIHA. SD61 does not currently monitor vaccinations, so any cases need to be self-identified.

Cupcake sales this Friday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> by the grade 5's to fundraise for the Whale Watching trip they took in the Fall.

Beacon Hill Little League is holding a "Cupcake Challenge" Girls Softball Demonstration, this Friday Feb 22, in our school gym.

Our crossing guard's bright green 'safety turtles' seem to be working out quite well, and are easy to see. Jeff has personally repaired the other older wooden safety crossing figure. (Thank you Mr. Mitchell!)

Window Wanderland has crept up this weekend (Feb 22/23/24! All classes are madly making art to decorate.

## **2.PAC Chair Report- Will comment on New business items**

**3.Treasurer's Report-** In good standing. Jeff will talk to Anna about \$200 school contribution towards the White Hatter presentation from Oct 2018.

PAC in process of funding a **\$500 donation to school library**. Stephanie has been in contact with Ms. St Denis.

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

Shahinaz Rashad presented ideas for a '**Career Fair**'. Goal is to engage community members, and have students discover different careers and aspire to what they may want to be in the future. One idea is to have community members/parents demonstrate different careers.

Focus could be on most common jobs in local community, or top future jobs in Canada, etc.

Engagement of children in just exploring idea of different careers is most important at this age level. Ways to make it fun could be to give kids a questionnaire on what jobs they are interested in, have costume contest for aspired careers (eg. prizes for parents, and for kids).

Shahinaz has left a book resource with Jeff: "Careers: The Graphic Guide to Finding the Perfect Job For You". She wondered about involving teachers to make a connection of school curriculum and associated jobs. Otherwise it may work as a separate evening event (similar to cultural kaleidoscope) She may craft an email to parents to tell them of the idea, and gauge parent interest to see if the support is there to make it a whole school event.

**Spirit Wear Order** has been placed and should hopefully arrive before Pink Shirt Day (Feb 27).

**Window Wanderland – PAC is manning the Hot chocolate table** in the JBCS café for Sat Feb 23 from 6:30 – 8:30pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**Catchment Boundary Restructuring** – SD61 is working on this for Fall of 2020. Many schools are full to capacity. JBCS is currently in 'crisis mode' and over-capacity by one classroom. Ideally our school is set up for 10 divisions. With our current 11, we are using up our multipurpose space. A restructuring of the James Bay catchment boundaries would see South Park back as a local catchment school to absorb the ever increasing number of students.

**PAC School Supply Coordinator** will be needed for May to handle online orders each June, if the PAC wants the income from the school supply orders. The office cannot be responsible. Last

year we switched from Monk Office to 'Teacher's File'. Corinne will talk to Anna to get her feedback and a breakdown of what is involved and report back.

Natasha Turcotte is the lucky parent who claimed the free ticket to the **Vancouver Island Parent Conference on Sat March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 😊

**Meeting Adjourned: [8:00pm]**