

James Bay Community School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Mar 13, 2019

In Attendance: Lindsay Swan, Stephanie McRobb, Carrie Peter, Richelle Funk, Corinne Robinson

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approve Agenda & Minutes of Feb 20 2019 meeting.

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

REPORTS

1. Vice Principal's Report- Rugby has started for gr 4/5 – 30 kids signed up. Play structured mini games in 'Full Tackle' style. Ends with tournament in early May. Track & Field starts right after Rugby.

As seen in local news: Our school is participating in SD61's "**Exploring the Salish Sea**" teaching series, involving a 3 lesson 'Floating Classroom' units for gr 4/5. There will be a 'Celebration of Learning" Apr 17 at the RBC Museum. 800 kids are involved throughout district.

Gallery Gala is set to go ahead this year, but with a different style – art located throughout the schools, rather than all in the gym.

Our Community School Coordinator, Darcy Topinka and our Vice Principal/Gr 5 teacher Lindsay Swan have announced that they will be leaving JBCS at the end of this school year. The PAC wishes them all the best in their new endeavours. They will be greatly missed.

2. PAC Chair Report-

Spirit Wear update - The t-shirt ordering & distributing went very well, with some minor confusion about people ordering "Class of '19" hoodies without meaning to. We will differentiate that on the order forms more clearly next time. We will roll out the ordering earlier next year (in the Fall) to give more notice, and to advertise pink shirts for February's Anti-Bullying. 'Out of the Blue Designs' was great to work with.

Additional thoughts discussed:

- Pink shirts – adding school motto to the back: ‘Is what I’m saying kind, is what I’m saying helpful’ etc.
- Round prices to nearest \$5 to make change easier.

SD61 is seeking input before Mar 26/19 on their 2019/2020 Proposed School Calendar (eg. upcoming pro-d days, etc.) See the SD61 website for more info: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/proposed-2019-2020-school-calendar-for-public-input/>

3. Treasurer’s Report-

Current account sitting well. We even made a little profit on the spirit wear order.

Nothing is out of budget. We have confirmed our \$500 donation to the librarian, and are working on delivering the funding we allocated last year to the Reading Recovery program.

OLD BUSINESS- Order for Tote bags printed with Misha Smart logo is underway at Island Blue.

The PAC will talk to Suzie & Anna about hanging a sample tote bag on each office wall to sell to parents/public.

NEW BUSINESS-

Reunification Drill – Around 220 students reunited with their parents in 40 minutes, or delivered to After School Care. Very successful for first run. Very important drill for the school staff to figure out parent & teacher roles. Teachers are currently discussing feedback for any improvements felt needed for next time. The kids seemed very relaxed and handled themselves very well.

Bottle Donation Bin – Despite some ongoing setbacks due to various thefts, we feel we have achieved a secure donation bin, and are ready to advertise to parents in the school newsletter, or with flyers in students’ backpacks.

Hot Lunch Program – **SD61 is changing the formula in funding, resulting in a proposed significant reduction by 50%** for various schools in the district. Food wastage was big concern. This was distressing to hear, as our JBCS lunch program not only provides nutrition for children, but teaches the value in sitting down to share a meal together, and practicing good table manners. The good news is, because we are a Community linked school, the District is willing to work with our school to avoid this level of budget cut. Our school also collects \$30,000/yr from our parents to contribute to the lunch program. JBCS also has a much more efficiently run kitchen with significantly lower food wastage, as we are combined with the Seniors Dinner program.

Topics discussed on how to help reduce cost: Some staff and parents would very much like to remove juice boxes & milk cartons from the meal program. They are unnecessary, environmentally detrimental, and frequently found littering the school grounds.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm