

# MINUTES

## W. Erskine Johnston School Council

January 14, 2014

### Present

Megan Cornell Co-Chair

Maggie Huang Treasurer

Marilyn Burans Principal

Joanne Irwin ARC Transition

Sandie Cramm ARC Transition

Cheryl Meek Mahjabeen Rahim Karen McBurney

Catherine Roberts Diana Lloyd

### Welcome

Megan called the meeting to order.

### Adoption of the Agenda

*MSP Meek/Huang that Agenda be adopted as presented.*

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Will do next month as Minutes were not available

### Volunteer Recognition

Will do next month when the recipient is present.

### Update on activities of Council

Brian Turner, Co-chair is away.

Council Web site is up and running.

Have 210 subscribers to Council newsletter.

Facebook has 5 new "likes"

Colouring Contest going on for Valentines.

**Events-** Movie night March 6<sup>th</sup> "Frozen" using online sign up. If numbers too high will do a second viewing. Made about \$660 at last movie night. ?looking at perhaps using library for little ones attending? Capacity is the biggest concern.

?7/8 grade card night at the same time? Also remember that have the Rainy Day games.

Holiday Fair- well attended. Open mike was really popular. Parent volunteer played piano and accompanied the kids. Great # of parent volunteers. Colouring contest 14 prizes have to allocate still. Next year move sooner..to beginning Dec. or end November. Leftover books to library or

United Church book sale. Family Dance for Valentines Feb. 13 6-8 p.m. Event sign-up online.

Spring Fair- only a title at this stage, planning yet to be done.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Parent Resource Library** (grant of \$1,000. for this project)

Jen Ljungstrom has asked for titles parents would be interested in seeing as part of the collection. Also has been given the opportunity to see what is available at the United Church sale early. Will be on a special shelf in the school Library for parents to check out on loan.

### **Fundraising**

Megan reported that Brian spoke with 5 providers for lunch alternatives. First choice upon investigation was Pita Pit. Lunch Lady more choice, more expensive with 0.35 from each lunch going to Council. Pita Pit cost \$3.50 will sell for \$4.50 equals \$1.00 profit from each sold. Come to school labeled, grouped by class for grade 1-8, likely Tuesday or Thursday.

?What about pizza for the kinder kids?

A- did canvass of the teachers and felt difficult to manage.

?Pitas every week or occasional?

### **Alternative lunch programs: adding Pita Pit & approval of expense**

Megan read the motion :

*"Whereas the parent community indicated an desire to have additional lunch program alternatives to the current pizza program run by school volunteers;*

*And Whereas the parent community desired to have additional lunch programs as a fundraising initiative for School Council, particularly as the funds raised from the pizza program do not go to School Council;*

*And Whereas, after the investigation of several alternative lunch programs it was determined that the Pita Pit provides a healthy lunch program which meets the nutrition standards for Ontario school boards and which will also be easy to facilitate in delivery and distribution;*

*And Whereas it will cost approximately \$300 to set up a "HotLunches" online ordering system to facilitate this new fundraiser for School Council, which system can be used for subsequent fundraising initiatives;*

*Now therefore, Brian Turner moves as follows:*

*WEJ School Council resolves to incur the expense of setting up the "Hot Lunches" online ordering system to facilitate the new lunch program and other future fundraising initiatives"; and*

*WEJ School Council will move ahead as quickly as possible with initiating a new lunch program offering through Pita Pit."*

(It was suggested that the mover of the motion should be present at the meeting.)

***Motion Moved by Megan Cornell/KarenMcBurney***

**\*\*Note:** at this point Joanne Irwin began to take the Minutes as S. Cramm wished to speak to the motion\*\*

DISCUSSION- S. Cramm commented that 1) she understood that parents want more lunches, regardless of fundraising 2) inclusion of "funds raised from the pizza program do not go to the School Council" not relevant to the motion 3) admin is thru the office, not volunteers. If changes what is true intention - to raise money or to provide a service- remove last part of 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph and the second paragraph.

It was also questioned if the fee was one time or annual cost .

**\*\*\*at this point Sandie resumed taking the Minutes and Maggie left the meeting.\*\***

It was decided that the suggested amendment could be considered friendly by both mover and seconder.

## **AMENDED MOTION**

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***MSP M. Cornell/K. McBurney***

It was noted that get 6 free pitas for every 100 ordered.

## **Fundraising**

Valentines Cards will only print what is ordered. Posters around school. Cost is \$1.50 will sell for \$3.00.

LoneStar- January/April Council get 10% back when take in card from Eventbrite.

?Hours? 4-close?

A- will check.

Megan's Law firm will give \$25 on new file real estate work.

(D. Lloyd joined the meeting)

Tag Along Toys- Council could sell discount coupons to use at the store.

### **Corporate Partnerships Program**

Whereas School Council has determined that it wishes to increase the amount of fundraising it does each year and would like to explore fundraising initiatives which involve community partners;

Now therefore, Megan Cornell moves as follows:

"WEJ School Council approve the 2014 Corporate Partnerships Program as presented."

***Moved M. Cornell/Seconded K. McBurney***

Discussion: Fundraising..why doing? What for?

A- \$'s for Technology fund. Has to be used in year raised. May want to give amount now to school. Heavily influenced by Marilyn & staff. Have never attached a number to amount intend to raise...no idea what Pita going to raise. Council to give cheque to school which will purchase the equipment. Will not say 5A gets iPad/ who are we to prioritize this?

Marilyn said- her job to make sure equity in school. Know that computer lab will be going, whole lab will be going. Couple of pilot projects looking at. Each division having same type of technology, shared resources.

It was noted that school generated funds from pizza last year were used to purchase tech equipment and that Ms. Shirley had brought the hub cart with mini notebooks to show Council when they arrived.

## ***Corporate Partnerships Motion CARRIED***

**\*\*See attached full page sheet on program\*\***

LoneStar event coming up Tuesday, Jan 28.

Tag Along Toys- buy coupons at less than cost then sell. They gave the prizes for the Colouring contest.

67's Fundraiser still being looked at.

## **Boundary Review**

Megan & Marilyn had meet & greet to start the process. ? about need for both Rolland & Leacock to be Dual Track. Rolland declining enrollment in Eng.

More meetings to come on this.

## **Privacy Policy**

Megan went through the Privacy Policy

**\*\*see attached\*\***

?Do other Council have this?

Whereas School Council has increased significantly its electronic communication with the School Community and has a goal of reducing the paper communication sent home to parents by replacing it with electronic communications;

And whereas maintaining an electronic communications database is crucial to this effort;



And whereas WEJ Council as a publically accessible website which posts information regarding school activities as well as pictures;

And whereas, protecting the privacy of the personal information of the school community is of great importance to School Council;

Now therefore, ***Megan Cornell moves as follows:***

***That WEJ School Council adopt the Privacy Policy, as presented.***

***Seconded by Karen McBurney***

**CARRIED**

### **Principal's Update**

The school had a Mitten tree to collect for the Snowsuit fund before Christmas with large number of items donated. We also participated in the Kanata Food Cupboard Christmas Box program with classes adopting a local family in need.

The band had its Holiday concert at the Earl of March. December was a busy time.

PA Day coming up on January 17. Jan 23 Kinder information session as part of registration process for new kinders families. Early April will have the kinder orientation night.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Report Cards.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> MFI info session

Feb 12 Earl of March for incoming grade 9's

?Band trip?

A- yes planning to have Band trip.

## **Other Business**

Catherine Roberts, chair Earl of March Council, spoke about a speaker coming to Earl on Feb 27 for Parents only. Subject being How to talk to your kids about sex. The speaker is from Ottawa U. This session came about out of concern for what our kids are being exposed to via media etc. The speaker does one of the mini enrichment courses and has the students put questions anonymously in a box and will answer them. Will take questions from the parent audience.

More information to follow.

In previous years Council has provided Tish Chapman prizes. Last year did Chapters cards with a bookmark which gave info about Tish on it and also a keepsake for the winners. Diana said she might help with this. The office assists by sending the paperwork to each teacher to select the winners (each class grade 1-8) Also Council does Art Award.

Each June Council hosts the reception at the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony and provides the corsages for grads. The money for this comes from \$500 grant.

Also in June is the Staff/Community Breakfast usually pick the date in January as the year end gets so busy. Use \$100 from the grant for this. This event is jointly run with staff.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes taken by S. Cramm & J. Irwin as indicated