

## **W. Erskine Johnson School Council September 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

*Meeting commenced at 6:37pm.*

*Attendees:* Co-Chairs Megan Cornell and Brian Turner, Principal Marilyn Burans, Vice Principal Colleen Robazza., Sutha Manikavasayar, and Lili O'Reilly.

Motion to approve meeting agenda. Approved.

Motion to approve June 9, 2015 amended WEJ SC meeting minutes. Approved.

The report on 2014-15 school council year activities from co-chairs was presented and discussed.

No student backpack mail from parent council this September due to the teachers' strike actions.

The Raspberry Pi computers (purchased by parent council from last year's Parents Reaching Out Grant) will be placed in the library after the teachers' strike resolves.

*School Lunch Program*, will be managed again this by parent volunteer, Brian Turner. Cash payment will not be accepted for lunches this school year; only Paypal and cheques. There will be a new policy of only delivering lunches (pizzas and pitas) that have been paid for. The grades 7&8 students accounted for 26% of the 2014-15 year's profit. The "Lunch Lady" is being considered for this school year. JoJo's Pizza and Pita Pit will be used again this year for Pizza Day and Pita Days.

The *Treasurer's report* was presented by Brian T on behalf of Wei Ma. Position of treasurer is open as previous treasurer is no longer at WEJ this school year. There is a balance of \$4,067.16 in the WEJ Council Fund account to start the year off. The 'Other' expenses item of \$2,074.70 was for exercise recess equipment (balls) and for the end of year school awards. \$25,000 was transferred to the school to purchase additional school computer notebooks. The 'Grant' Income item was the Parents Reaching Out Grand of \$1000. The 'Grant' item in expenses is the cost of Raspberry Pis used in the parent Reaching Out community night in June 2015. For details, consult the attached treasure report.

*Election of 2015-2016 Council.* There was no election for the positions of Co-Chairs and Treasurer as there were no volunteers, and only 2 non-elected parents at this meeting. As of this meeting there is no Parent Council. A notice to that effect will be published on the principals' school web site. Another meeting for the election will be planned in a couple of weeks.

*Principal's Update:* The grades 7&8 successfully transitioned to the Earl of March school, and the cubicles are empty. Over the summer the classrooms were updated for the grades K to 6. The student population currently is 540 students, as compared to last years' 726 students. This year's Meet the Teachers Night was cancelled due to the on-going unionized teachers strike.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.*

*Meeting minutes by Lili O'Reilly*