

W. Erskine Johnston School Council Meeting Minutes October 24, 2017

6:30pm – 8:00pm (School Library)

Agenda

1. Council Elections

- Co-chair (2) Amanda Spielman mandy@spielman.ca & Shawn Armour shawnarmour@gmail.com
- Secretary: Meri Currius: txellcurrius@hotmail.com
- Treasurer: Lei Han: nawl2016@outlook.com
- Lunch Administrator: Sutha Manik: sutha10@gmail.com

All positions were filled without voting as there were no other candidates.

2. Principal's Update (Marilyn) - see attached

3. Financial Report (Julie/Laura) -Balance: \$9040.20 (Income from Term 1 Hot Lunches)

4. Donation for Halloween fun night (Mandy) - Ms. Heleno approached Mandy to ask if council would donate some movie passes for their Halloween fun night. Motion (Mandy): 2 sets of two movie passes to donate; Seconded: Sutha; All in favour. Motion passed.

5. School AED (Mandy): Is this board funded or should the school council consider funding one? Marilyn said that the board will be funding and installing one AED in each school, and there will be at least 2 first-aid trained teachers. Our school currently has more than 2 teachers who are first aiders. They also carry walkie-talkies outside at recess for emergencies.

- ### 6. Upcoming events/goals -
- a) Poinsettia fundraiser: No
 - b) Sens Hockey: Maybe? Shawn will look into it
 - c) Purchase New Technology - for students; 24 chrome books & cart, speakers
 - d) Donation to Library
 - e) Painted ground graphics on the yard

ANNEX 1

Principal Report October

There was a wonderful turn-out on the Meet-the-Teacher Night, Thursday September 28th as parents and family members came to greet staff, visit with their neighbours and tour the classrooms. Hope you enjoyed some of the yummy treats from The Original Souvlaki food truck. Thank you School Council for arranging for the food truck.

Carp Fair

Friday September 22, students from Grades 2 to 6 enjoyed an awesome day at the Carp Fair; the “Best Little Fair in Canada”. Students learned about agriculture, walked through the many barns viewing livestock, watched world-class horse shows and enjoyed the President’s Choice Super Dogs show. Grade 5 and 6 students also had a tour of the Diefenbunker.

Terry Fox Run/Walk

On Thursday, September 28th in the afternoon, the students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 participated in our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk. Students ran around the school yard to raise money for cancer research. We had a beautiful fall afternoon for our event and we raised over \$1900.00 for this worthwhile cause.

Junior Soccer

The Girls and the Boys Soccer teams enjoyed their regional tournaments, October 4th and 5th respectively. On the 4th, the girls played in Tier 1 and came second. They went undefeated and missed first place by one goal. The junior boys soccer team also finished second in Tier 1. They too were undefeated until the final. Congratulations to all players and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Whiting for coaching the teams, and to our parent volunteers on the days of the tournaments.

Cross Country

106 WEJ students participated in this year’s Cross Country Races held at the Kanata Recreation Park, Wednesday October 18th. It was a beautiful day for a run. Congratulations to all the participants and many thanks to coaches Mr. Osborne, Ms. Shank, Mme Esposito and Mme Winters.

Halloween Pumpkin Event

On Thursday October 26th, we will be having our second annual WEJ Pumpkin Walk! Every class is responsible to carve and/or decorate one pumpkin and will be displayed at the front of the school. The pumpkins have been generously donated by Loblaws Kanata Centrum. Families who come to our Halloween Family Fun Night will continue to have a chance to see the pumpkins and buy additional tickets. The draw will be held 45 minutes after the start of our Halloween Family Fun Night. The money raised this year will go towards chime bars for all of the classes to use throughout the school.

WEJ's Spooktacular Halloween Family Fun Night - The Sequel - Thursday October 26th

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family Dance, Games, Family Photo Booth, Pizza Dinner (pre-ordered), Prizes for Best Costume, and a Silent Auction. Admission \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

This is a fundraiser for our WITS program, our popular Recess Guitar Club and for technology.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday evening!

Halloween Day

Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes or to dress in orange and black on Tuesday, October 31st.

EQAO Results

The results from the 2016-2017 EQAO tests have been published. Of the students who participated in the tests, the following scores were achieved:

Grade 3: Reading WEJ 82%, Board 73%, Province 74%; Writing WEJ 85%, Board 70%, Province 73%; Mathematics WEJ 77%, Board 58%, Province 62%

Grade 6: WEJ Reading 95%, Board 84%, Province 81%; Writing WEJ 96%, Board 79%, Province 79%; Mathematics WEJ 83%, Board 51%, Province 50%.

Children who achieve a level 3 or more are considered to be working at grade level. The School Improvement Committee will be analysing these results, along with other pertinent material, to develop a School Improvement Plan.

School Websites

On October 30th, all OCDSB school websites will switch over to a new website platform. As of Monday October 23rd, all school websites will be "frozen" to allow time for the migration.

Photo Retake Day is November 3rd. Please bring your photo package or a note from home if you wish your child(ren) to have a retake.

