



W. Erskine Johnston School Council Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018

6:30pm – 8:00pm (School Library)

Attendance: 9

1. **Principal's Update** (Marilyn) - see Annex
2. **Financial Report** (Lei)

<u>Financial Report (Nov 17 2017 - Dec 22, 2017)</u>		
Beginning Balance (Nov 17)		\$11,646.57
<u>Income:</u>		
Paypal	\$2,073.66	
Lunch Lady	\$143.15	
Total Income	\$2,216.81	\$13,863.38
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Refund to Jia Ru (lunch cancellation)	\$250.50	
Subway (Nov 21)	\$693.75	
Subway (Nov 28)	\$682.50	
Subway (Dec 5)	\$667.50	
Subway (Dec 12)	\$671.25	
Subway (Dec 19)	\$663.75	
Total Expenses	\$3,629.25	
Ending Balance (Dec 22)		\$10,234.13

- Marilyn advised us that the council still owes money to the school for the lunch program from the fall and now for the upcoming term. Lei will write those cheques for Heather ASAP.

3. **Hot Lunches update** (Sutha)

Term 2 - 2017/2018 (Jan to March 2018)	Total Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue
Milk and Juice for Term 2 (Jan 8 to March 9th)	\$ 5,228.25	\$ 3,834.05	\$ 1,394.20
Subway for Term 2 (Jan 9th to Mar 6th)	\$ 7,699.75	\$ 6,089.75	\$ 1,610.00
Pizza for Term 2 (Jan 10th to Mar 7th)	\$ 9,564.50	\$ 5,877.75	\$ 3,686.75
Council sponsoring pizzas for 3 students			\$ (71.50)
Total for Term 1	\$ 22,492.50	\$ 15,801.55	\$ 6,619.45

- Term 2 is about 4 weeks shorter than Term 1, so this accounts for the less revenue compared to Term 1. Marilyn noted that the Subway volunteer did not show this week so Sutha will reach out to the volunteers to make sure they are there on time (by 11:00am) to help out.
- Snow days: Sutha will draft a notice to all parents regarding the policy if there is a snow day on Tues or Wed. Both Subway and Pizza are cancelled and will be rescheduled to another day (likely Friday) of that week or next. Lunch Lady still delivers on snow days,

and parents must cancel by 8:00 am with Lunch Lady directly if their child will not be at school. Unclaimed lunches will not be kept for the following day.

4. **Funding goals for the year:**

- Upgrading School Technology: as in Marilyn's update, she has placed an order for 76 new devices for the students. We will then revisit what council wants to invest in to supplement this. Ideas are speakers, headphones, more chromebooks to create a "whole class set", \$25 itunes cards for the ipads, media carts, projectors
 - Library: suggestion for aboriginal books and dual language books. Any donation to the library by the council is always appreciated.
 - White boards: to replace chalk boards in the classrooms
 - Playground painted graphics: hopscotch, 4-square, snakes & ladders, other games, world map - get this approved early so that as soon as the pavement is dry it can be painted in the spring. Est \$800-1000
 - LLI (Levelled Literacy Intervention) Book set, Junior level grades 4-6. This helpful set of books can be used by any teachers for children struggling with reading and also with ESL students. It may cost around \$7000.
5. **Sens Hockey Game** - due to time constraints, less options, cancelled this year.
6. **Movie night** - Date: Thursday, February 15th. Motion: Mandy, Seconded: Sutha. Will start at 5:00 with pizza in 2 classrooms (pre-ordered via our hot lunch system), then free movie in the gym. No popcorn or drinks allowed in gym. Free movie night as a community building activity, and a thank you for supporting the council last year during playground fundraising. Mandy will book rooms & gym. Shawn will get the movie. Will recruit volunteers for that night.
7. **Snow Days** - expectations: Megan stated that there is a negative implied message toward sending kids to school on snow days, and that one teacher said the kids would get extra homework if they came. Marilyn said she would address this to the staff. Many teachers do take snow days as an opportunity to do more focused work with the children present, but that they do have some fun too.
8. **Online voting** - an option: Shawn had the idea to present online voting (ie. via Survey Monkey) for council ideas and decisions about funding, events, etc. Since attendance at meetings is low, this would allow parents to participate and have a voice even though they may be unable to attend regular council meetings. Shawn will contact Christine Boothby to ask whether or not this is allowed.

Annex

Principal Report January 2018

December was a shorter school month; however the students were busy with:

Junior girls and boys Bordenball

Primary and Junior Chess Club

Snowsuit Drive

Holiday Concert

Pajama Day

Guitar Recess Club

Swim to Survive – Grade 3

Math Wizards – Weekly Math Challenge

PA Day:

Next PA Day is Friday January 26th. Also Friday February 16th.

Registration for Kindergarten

A Parent Information Night regarding the Full Day Learning Kindergarten program will be held on Thursday January 18th at 6:00 in the school Library. This is for those parents of new kindergarten students, who are planning to attend W. Erskine Johnston P.S. in September 2018. If your child is already in Junior Kindergarten and is going on to Senior Kindergarten, you do not have to re-register him/her.

Kindergarten Registration will be from January 22– January 26, 2018 however registration is ongoing throughout the year.

Student Transfer Timelines

The application period for a cross boundary transfer to another elementary school is **only** from February 5th – 20th 2018.

Middle French Immersion

The Middle French Immersion program for grade 4, the program is offered here at W. Erskine Johnston P.S. A Parent Information Night is planned for Thursday, February 9th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Registration for Middle French Immersion begins on February 12, 2018, however it is also ongoing. Transportation for students is provided by the Board, for those students who meet the criteria.

Technology

The OCDSB approved a budget that contained funding to address equity in student technology across the district. OCDSBG has a 5 year plan to establish a baseline of technology in all schools. All schools will receive technology over a 5 year period to achieve 4:1 student to device ration. Devices will be Chromebooks and iPads. As well, all schools will receive Chromebooks exclusively for teachers use over the next 3 years.

4:1 ratio for WEJ will occur in Year One (this year)

Teacher Chromebooks in Year Two

WEJ is entitled to 78 devices. To bring WEJ to that ratio an order has been placed for 36 iPads and 42 Chromebooks. iPads will be for Kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2 classes. Chromebooks for Grades 3-6. WEJ will also receive 16 tech tubs.

No word as to when they will arrive.

Dates to Remember

Friday, January 26	PA Day
January 22	Kindergarten Registration
Wednesday, January 18	Parent Information Evening for Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten
Thursday, February 14	Report cards home
February 5 – 20	Transfer Period
February 12	MFI Registration
Thursday, February 8	MFI Information Evening