



W. Erskine Johnston School Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2018

6:30pm – 7:15pm (School Library)

Agenda

- **Principal's Update** (Marilyn) - see annex
 - Other events: Rocks & Rings - curling workshop for Grades 1-3 this week
 - Winter "Play Day" hopefully will be on the Friday before March break

Financial Glance:

- **Financial Report** (Lei) - We have \$22,242.28 in our account and we are all paid up with respect to pizza, subway and milk/juice.
- **Hot Lunches update** (Sutha) - Term 3 ordering will open 1 week before March Break and will continue for 2 weeks. Term 3 (longest term) will commence on March 19th (Monday after March break)

Goal Discussion:

- **Quotes on:**
 - Technology: 25 Chrome books @ \$300 each = \$7500
 - Levelled Literacy Intervention Book Series (Gr 4-5 level) - \$6,950
 - Ground Graphics (games painted in yard) - \$1300-1500
 - White Boards (to replace chalk boards) - 4' x 8' @ \$300 each, two per classroom, 4 classrooms (Conference room, Room 118, Portable 1, Mrs. Chick's room) - \$2400
 - TOTAL WISH LIST ESTIMATE: \$18,400
- Library: Any amount is appreciated
- Kindergarten Playground Mulch: \$1000 recommended by the OCDSB Playground Engineer to set aside each year to replace the mulch every 5 years.
- **Online voting:** Shawn thinks this is feasible and can set it up through survey monkey. Marilyn is going to check with the OCASC and legal counsel on whether or not this is allowed. We could also continue to use the online

surveys to gather ideas and generate interest so that parents attend the meetings to vote.

- **Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Ideas:** Social media awareness, target April for a meeting/presentation. Also consider a few other ideas and online voting. \$500 from this year and \$500 from last year to use toward an event.

Annex 1 - Principal's Report – February 2018

We are pleased to welcome a number of new students and their families to our school community in January and February. The school population is 669.

Kindergarten Registration began on January 22nd and continued through to January 26th, 2018, however registration is ongoing throughout the year

Middle French Immersion

A Parent Information Night was held Thursday, February 8th, 2018. Registration for Middle French Immersion began this Monday, February 12th, 2018 and continues through to February 20th, 2018, however it is also ongoing.

Thank you for a successful Family Pizza and Movie Evening - Thursday February 15th.

Lots Going On ...

- Junior Intramurals are up and running. Students are having fun playing roller hockey and racking up points for their “Maison/House”.
- Primary Puzzle Club is a popular stop for Grade 1 and 2 students Thursdays in Ms. Gallaway’s classroom.
- Thank you to Ms. Gallaway and Mr. Bradley’s classes for organizing the Food Drive for the Kanata Food Cupboard.
- Way to go WE Club members for organizing and delivering the hundreds of Candy Grams this past week. The fun and charitable activities make all of us feel kind and happy here at WEJ.
- Junior students are available to help junior students with Peer Tutoring, which takes place a couple of times a week in the Library.
- Primary and Junior chess continues in Mr. Jackson’s classroom. A lot of strategizing taking place!!
- Ms. Stephens’ classroom is a busy spot almost daily with members of the Recess Guitar Club learning and practicing songs.
- A new group of Junior Lunch Monitors have been selected and are helping the Primary students with lunch container lids, milk and juice, in the primary classes at lunch time.
- Colourful outfits could be seen in the hallways during WEJ’s Mix and Match clothing day!
- Primary and Junior Math Wizards are figuring out a number of Math problems weekly. Solutions are posted on the Math board and students gather to see the various strategies used to find the answer(s). All primary and junior students are encouraged to solve the weekly problems.
- Red, pink and white were the dominant colours in the hallways and classrooms on Wednesday February 14th – Valentine’s Day. Students were busy sending Valentines to their friends.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Friday, February 16

PA Day – no school for students; EDP running

Monday, February 19

Family Day – no school

Friday, February 23
Thursday, February 28
February 26 – March 2

Spirit Day – Beach Day
Toonie Tuesday – in support of the Education Foundation
Scholastic Book Fair