



W. Erskine Johnston School Council Meeting Minutes September 18, 2018

6:30pm – 8:00pm (School Library)

Attendance: 26

1. Introduction - Presentation

- Principal, Vice Principal and Teacher representative introduce themselves
- The School Council members of 2017-2018 introduce themselves
- Brief introduction of all attendants.
- Attendants sign on the Sign sheet to be updated with School Council news.

2. Last year recap

Brief explanation of what School Council did last year:

- fundraise money to buy material for the school
- organize community events
- organize the hot lunch program
 - We realize that most of the people is not aware of the Hot Lunch program because they have not receive any information. We'll send an email so does the Principal.

3. Elections process

- The 2017-18 School Council is dissolved.
- We accept nominations from the floor to become a voting council member. We got 9 voting members:
 - Saami Hamid
 - Thomas Holloway
 - Bharna Bir
 - Laura Cui
- 2017-18 School Council members are reelected.
 - Co-Chairs: Amanda Spielman & Shawn Armour
 - Treasurer: Lei Han
 - Secretary: Meritxell Currius
 - Lunch Program Administrator: Sutha Manik

4. Principal's update

- As a new principal at the School, Collen Irvin present herself.
- We have 645 students at the school

- EQAO results will be presented on the next School Council
- The school will focus a lot on math.
- We are moving to cash online, so all trips and activities will be paid online.
- The staff is being trained for concussions, allergies...
- October 4 will be a special day at Chapters, as a fundraising activity for the school.

Field trips		
Event	Grade	Description
Carp Fair Fri. Sept 21st	3 and 4	Students will be visiting one of the oldest, biggest and most popular rural fairs in Canada. Topics: farming, rural living, community
Parliament Hill Tues. Oct 9	5	Tour of parliament hill Topic: canadian government
Agricultural Museum Wed. Oct. 3	1	Pumpkin/Fall Workshop Science - Life cycle/ seasonal studies
Clubs and Sports Teams		
Junior boys soccer team	4, 5, 6	Tryouts are underway to compete in the tier 1 regionals
Junior girls soccer team	4, 5, 6	Hoping to send a tier 2 team to compete in regionals
Cross-country team	3, 4, 5, 6	Tryouts are underway to participate in meet
Drama club	5, 6	Students are learning how to participate in improvisation. Topic: Drama which builds confidence and public speaking
Recess guitar club	1-6	All students are invited to play/learn guitar (and other instruments) and sing. The club performs during Remembrance day ceremony, winter and spring concert, and other musical events in the city (maybe: chapters night Oct 4th)

Lunch monitors	5, 6	Changes 4 times over the course of school year, 2 students per primary classroom help supervise and assist students during eating time
WITS leaders buddy benches	4, 5, 6 1-6	WITS team is getting ready for the official roll out of the Buddy Bench. WITS leaders will begin their training and assist students during recess in various social situations
Peer tutoring	5, 6 to help students in grades 3-6	Students can apply to become a tutor beginning October. Peer-tutoring will run during 1st and 2nd recess in library, same time as

5. **General discussion**

- Some parents mention about having a app or some online platform to improve communication.
- Some parents mentioned that it would be useful to have a list of activities and clubs that are going on.
- No BBQ at the meet the teacher day
- The School Council will have a table at the Meet the Teacher day with free coffee and we will have sign up sheet for volunteers as well as flyers to inform who we are and what we do.