



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

6:30pm – 8:00pm (School Library)

Attendance:

Pre meeting discussion around no meeting in December

- Meeting has started at 6:34 and we have quorum

- **Principal update**
 1. Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23.

 2. We had a beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremonies for all our students on Monday, November 12.

 3. The Board is looking for your input with Strategic Plan consulting called Building Brighter Futures. Stay tuned for more information on how to share your ideas for our Board.

 4. We have distributed iPads and computers to all our classrooms. We have sets of iPads in our K-2 classes and an iPad and a set of Chromebooks in our grade 3-6 classes. The school bought speakers for our media carts as many were without sound. Staff are starting to utilize technology in different ways with their students.

 5. Our gym has recently been painted, the stripe around our downstairs and many of the older classroom cupboards. The library has been painted and the WEJ student art gallery will be in place soon...just need to buy frames at Ikea! We have just received 5 new classroom carpets for whole and small group learning. We are thrilled to be continually upgrading our beautiful school.

 6. Our School Learning Plan Team and School Wellness Teams met last week and planned professional learning for our staff to engage in as a group. We are looking forward to the activities and professional resources these teams will be sharing.

- **Teacher rep** - M. Esposito — See annex 1
- **Events planning:**
 - Jan. 24 2018 movie night
 - Science fair by Veronica and Tom in April time frame
 - Art or music showcase hold until the end of year bbq (June'ish)
 - International night, to be sent out by Colleen as a feeler to see the interest
- All Pro Grants are frozen - Guest speakers are currently on hold
- Internet speaker is booked until next Oct. 2019 - would be best to partner with another school. Cost is around \$1,000
- Lunch program update: Everything is running smoothly. Term 2 will be opening up soon
- Financial update: attached
- Reminder that new mulch cost should be earmarked in the budget.
- General discussion:
 - Does the school have a defibrillator - Yes by the gym, each school is mandated to have one.
 - Movie options - Little foot, inside out, and any other new releases
 - Poll to be sent out
- Jan. 15 2019 is the next meeting

Annex 1 - teachers report

Field Trips		
Event	Grade	Description
Clubs and Sports Teams		
Junior boys bordenball team	4, 5, 6	Selected students will be competing in the tier 1 regionals beginning of December
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Junior Intramurals	4-6	Intramural events happen every Tuesday and Thursday 1st recess in the gym. Students need to listen carefully to announcement to know when they are playing. Next event: bordenball Events are runned by our grade 6 students who volunteer.
Drama club	5, 6	Students created great Tableaux to illustrate poems during our Remembrance Day ceremony last Monday, Nov 12 Dramatization of skits to be presented during WITS assembly Will be putting something together for our winter concert
WE Club	4-6	Select number of grade 6 students participated in the annual WE Day celebration at Canadian Tire Center last Wed. Nov 14th WE club will be running a Snowsuit Fund starting Nov 22- Dec 4th WE club usually meets 1st recess, Wednesday in library
Recess guitar club	1-6	All students are invited to play/learn guitar (and other instruments) and sing. The club performed at our Remembrance Day ceremony (Highway of Heroes) Getting ready to send in their video performing Stay by Alessia Cara to CBC Greatest Canadian Music Class (4th year doing so) - will be filming some time this week
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	4, 5, 6 1-6	WITS leaders have been trained and are out during their scheduled time at recess to help fellow students

Peer tutoring	5, 6 to help students in grades 3-6	Peer-tutoring runs during 1st and 2nd recess in library, same time as Homework Club. Such a great turn out so far. We have 15 peer tutors
Primary and Junior Chess Clubs	1-6	Grades 1-3 (Mondays & Fridays), Grades 4-6 (Tuesdays & Thursdays). During afternoon recess. Junior players can earn House points for participating. Chess Clubs will run until the Spring.
Primary Colouring Club	1 & 2	Every Friday Idea of relaxing (fits in well with our wellness initiatives for the school) and make friends
Grade 3 Sports Club	3	Every Wednesday in gymnasium, participate in a variety of sports
Lego Club	1-4	Tuesdays pm recess (Tues and Thurs after Christmas) building on social skills
Special Events		
WITS assembly Monday, November 26th, 2018	k-6	9:35 - 10 am - kinder & primary 10:15 - 11:15 am - junior -introduce our new SRO (Paul McCormick) -Introduce our WITS tree with leaves -Kick off our Snowsuit Fund -view our buddy bench video
Winter Concert Wednesday, November - should this be December? 19th	1-6 (noon) Kinder (10-11)	Kinders will perform 2 songs each followed by one song sung together Concert for grades 1 - 6 begins at noon for families Classes may participate by putting together an act they would like to perform in front of the school and parent community Concert for rest of school to watch will begin at 2:30 p.m.
Snowsuit Fund Nov 22 - Dec 4th	k-6	WEJ will be collecting gently used or new snowsuits gifts cards to purchase snowsuits to help our local children have proper winter gear for the season
Performance from YAKI Friday, December 7th, 2018	1-3	Well-known singer who has performed at the NAC 1 hour performance 2 dollar donation that will go towards tornado relief fund
WE WE Club Food Drive	all	Very successful Food Drive - thank you for all the support! Almost 500 items were donated to the West Carleton Food Access Centre (Not sure if you'd like good news stories from the past, or just new things.)