



W. Erskine Johnston School Council Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

6:30pm – 8:00pm (School Library)

- 1. Principals Update (annex 1)**
- 2. VP Update - No Updates at the moment**
- 3. Teachers Update (annex 2)**

each to sent after meeting

4. Ozobots - 2x @ \$109

5. HotLunches Update:

- Not much to update
- Make up week will be after march break (Both Tues & Wed)
- Volunteer replacement efforts have not yielded a replacement for now. Students will volunteer to make do.

6. Financials:

- Not much to update
- Mostly paying orders
- Movie night revenue still open
- PRO Grant of \$1,000.00 received
- Website annual payment via cheque was successful
- Mandy asked if all outstanding debts are settled. Lei confirmed all accounts are up to date

7. Spending Discussion:

- Quorum not met, but we can vote via email.
- Ozobots would be something the school would like. \$1,000.00 (14 bots)
- * MakerMobile workshop support costs could be \$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00 ???
- * Field trip fund is \$750.00 in debt. We could put funds against this emergency fund
- Whiteboard and projection for library. Cost to come \$\$\$

8. Movie Night:

- Has been rescheduled because of the snow day
- Online ordering has been left open

9. Science Fair:

- Happening in April 13th 2019
- Sub committee meeting could happen in the interim

10. PRO Grant:

- We've received it!
- Speaker: Sharron Wrightsteen. Will be booked for a night for "Learning Styles" to be presented to Parent with their child (Grade 3 - 6)
- Another night, just for parents, a "Raising Responsible Children" presentation could be done
- March 28 or May 2,9th could be options for these. They are 1.5 hours / presentation.

11. General Discussion:

- "How spacey is your school" has been submitted to the administration. Veronica could champion the initiative if we choose to participate.
- Suggestions: "How humans are impacting our planet" at the NAC. Could be a possible field trip.

Annex 1 - Principal's report

Information items:

- We have been continuing to improve our school. This week we got our sound system in the gym fixed. It has not been working for the last 12 years and we are thrilled to have it fixed! We can now play music, use microphones or show movies with great sound!

- We have presently have 31 new Kindergarten registrants for next year –we are off to a great start! We hope that more registrations continue to come in. Please encourage any families that have children who are currently 3 and turning 4 by the end of 2019 to come and register.

- We have received our transfer cap for next year, it has been once again set at “0”. The transfer process is described on the OCDSB web site and we have information available in the main office.

- We are on target with our overall budget expenditures again this year. We have spent (52%) of our Operating Budget and we anticipate we will finish the year on target this year.

- Our staff have been busy preparing report cards and our professional learning relating to STEM and numeracy.

- We have been working on our School Learning Plan that pertains to numeracy. Staff are working on preparing professional development activities that we will use with all teachers on Toonie Tuesday. We are asking all students to bring a toonie to school and we are going to create a toonie trail through our halls.

Annex 2: Teachers' report

Field Trips		
Event	Grade	Description
Skating Throughout the months of February and March	3-6	Students will be walking over the Macac arena for free skating time. If students do not have skates or a proper CSA approved skating helmet, please let homeroom teachers know and we will arrange to have equipment. Such an amazing Canadian sport that every student should experience!
Grade 5 trip to bill mason	5	cancelled last Wednesday. We regret it was cancelled due to the weather, and are currently trying to arrange an alternate date to the same location in April. Busing has not been confirmed, which is why no information has gone home to parents, but we will let them know as soon as we have details
Clubs and Sports Teams		
Junior boys & girls volleyball (triple ball)	4, 5, 6	Selected students will be competing in the tier 1 regionals on Feb 28th (girls) and March 5th (boys)
Junior boys basketball team	4, 5, 6	Selected students will be competing in the tier 1 regionals end of March - beginning of April
Junior girls basketball team	4, 5, 6	Selected students will be competing in the tier 1 regionals end of March - beginning of April
Junior Intramurals	4-6	Intramural events happen every Tuesday and Thursday 1st recess in the gym. Students need to listen carefully to announcements to know when they are playing. Current event: roller hockey Events are run by our grade 6 students who volunteer.
Drama club	5, 6	Drama club continues to meet every Wednesday 1st recess
WE Club	4-6	WE club usually meets 1st recess, Fridays in library Recent big activity: Valentine Candy Grams (we raised over \$400 for the SchoolBOX fund in Nicaragua) Next event: Pink Shirt Day Feb 27th (anti-bullying awareness) Plans to have a used book sale in the spring - also for SchoolBOX
Recess guitar club	1-6	All students are invited to play/learn guitar (and other instruments) and sing.
Primary and Junior Chess Clubs	1-6	BIG thank you for new chess sets, kids are profiting from 12 new chess sets purchased by council Grades 1-2 (Mondays), Grade 3s (Fridays), Grades 4-6 (Tuesdays & Thursdays). During afternoon recess. Chess Clubs will run until the Spring. OCDSB Chess Tournament will take place on Mar. 7th. Mr. Jackson currently selecting players for the two junior teams (12 students) and the one primary team (6 students) who will represent WEJ at the tournament.

Grade 3 finger knitting Club	3	BIG thank you for replenishing our yarn to have a solid kick start to your finger knitting club that just started at the beginning of the month. We have a total of 37 grade 3s in our club this year and are getting close to finishing our first project. The club will create 3 major projects this year.
Grade 3 Sports Club	3	Every Wednesday in gymnasium, participate in a variety of sports. This is a great way to get students ready for intramurals the following year in the junior grades
Lego Club	1-4	BIG thank you for adding to our lego collection. This club continues to grow in popularity and it has been able to welcome all students thanks to more Legos purchased by council. Tues and Thurs during pm recess, building on social skills. Growing in great popularity
Puzzle Club	1 & 2	To build logic skills, socialize and use teamwork.
Spelling Bee Club	3, 4, 5, 6	Opportunity to practice and learn new words in hopes of competing in the Canada Super Spelling Bee held in Ottawa this Spring. Will begin this Thursday pm recess
Special Events		
Primary Winter Play Day Feb 8th	1-3	Despite the wind, the children came in saying 'it was the best day ever!' Thank you for the support and hot chocolate and Timbits. PRESENT PARENT COUNCIL CARD MADE BY PRIMARY KIDS AS A THANK YOU
Annual Art Oratoire French speech competition Thurs. February 21st	4-6 MFI and core	Our annual Art Oratoire speech competition is coming up. 2 students in each MFI class will be chosen to represent their class and compete to represent our school at the regional competition mid-March We may have representation in each of the 4 categories: Core (grades 4-6) Extended (grade 4 MFI) Immersion (grade 5-6 MFI) Francophone (grade 4-6 who have attended francophone schools in the past) We will also be hosting the western regionals at our school as we have done in the past
WEJ Spirit Day Fri Feb 22 Wednesday, February 27th, 2019	k-6	22nd - beach day 27th - Pink shirt day
Spirit of Dance FNMI Fri. March 8th	k-6	Performance put on by MASC & Aboriginal Experiences Viewing typical aboriginal pow-wow dancing, modern hoop dance, how they tell a story through dance
FNMI workshops in classes March 19-29th	k-6	Feel the heartbeat (2-4) Hoop dancing (k-1) Soapstone carving (5-6)

Robotics Skill competition in Toronto Date: May 7-9	6	Mr. Bradley's team of four students, which included Sam Liu, Andy Zhan, Dominic Lau, and Violet Ouyang represented WEJ at the Ontario Skills Competition - Junior Robotics Challenge at Longfields Davidson Heights SS on Tuesday, January 29th, 2019. They brought home GOLD and will be competing in Toronto, date: May 7-9th
WEJ Library Scholastic Book Fair Mon. Feb 25th - Mar 1st	k-6	Parent Volunteers Are Still Needed At The Following Times. Buying Day – Thursday, Feb. 28 th 9:00 am to 11:15 am 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm Parents are invited to visit the Book Fair any time during the week and it will opened 1 evening: Thurs. Jan 31st from 3:45-6:00 pm
Toonie Tuesday Tuesday Feb 26	k-6	Board wide initiative to raise funds for students in need. TOONIE TRAIL MATH MORNING Whole school will be completing a math activity to figure out how many toonies it will take to cover our WEJ halls, how much money will be raised... the whole school will be completing the activity during 1st block of the day, post their work outside their classrooms to allow other classes to see their work. Middle block, each class will be bringing in their toonies and we will see how much of our halls we can over. Stay tuned!
Henrietta Hen Visits Kindergarten Feb 27	k	Visiting program from Agriculture Museum Cluck! Cluck! Hens - learn about
Maker Mobile Workshops 2 weeks in April	k-6	uOttawa Kinder - b-bots Microbits Coding and art
Luv2Groove Tues April 9th - Thurs April 11th Mon 5th Tues 23rd - Fri 26	k-6	3 workshops, 40 min each - variety of dances 6.25