



W. Erskine Johnston School Council Meeting Minutes January 15, 2019

6:30pm – 8:00pm (School Library)

Attendance: 13

1. Principal Report (see annex 1)

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2. Vice principal report (see annex 1)

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3. Teacher principal report

- they would need material for: knit club, chess, lego club.
- \$400 for the 3 clubs.

- OttawaU k-6. STEAM workshops. \$100 for 8 workshops (75 minutes workshop).
- We have 39 classes.
- We can contribute in half.
- The school also would like to have another interactive white board. We are getting good in cromebooks but we are short in interactive white boards. The cost it's around \$7.000 (seventy hundred dollars).

4. General discussion

- It's suggested to have an objective for Fundraising.
- Movie Night: Early Man. We start movie at 6:30 and pizza can be ordered. Kernels pop corn. If it's a snow day, it will be postpone.

5. Motion

- \$450 for supply for the clubs. Approved.

6. Financial

- \$500 profit with lunch.
- We renew the website \$220
- Our balance will be around \$10,000
- \$500 GRANT from school board has been received.

7. Hot Lunch

- We extend the order because some parents forgot.

8. Science fair

- April 13th
- k-6. It's not a competition it's just to participate.
- We'll group into 3 categories.
- A month and a half before we'll send information about the science fair.
- We'll do a website or a forms to handout.
- They tried to do a science club but teachers are already busy with other activities.
- They may invite some organizations to hand out informations about clubs or other extra school activities.

Annex 1: Principal Report

Information items:

- Welcome back to School Council parents. We look forward to the upcoming events and support you provide for our students.
- We are excited to be here in our library with a brand new carpet that we received over the Christmas holiday.
- As a staff we have been continuing our work on STEM challenges (integrating Science and Math in engaging contexts/problems)
- Today we had dental screening and next week we have grade 1 and 5 vision screening.
- Public Health is sending out notices to families if they do not have complete immunization information about your child. The information must be updated or suspension letters will be handed out shortly. This could impact a group of students at WEJ.
- Kindergarten Info Night is this Thursday at 6:30 in the Library and is geared for families who will be new to the Board. There will be a slideshow about kindergarten and a school tour. If you have friends with children who will turn 4 next year, they can register for kindergarten during week of January 21 - 25. Please encourage them to do so at this time so that we can staff for the upcoming year expecting the correct number of students.

- We received an updated budget for the year which is down \$2000. We remain on target with our budget expenditures this month and at this point in the year, we plan to finish June within our budget.

Annex 2: Teacher's Report

Field Trips		
Event	Grade	Description
Jazz February 14th, 2019	6	<p>The Grade 6s will be travelling to the National Art Gallery on Thursday, February 14th. During their visit, the students will enjoy "The Gift of Jazz" performance in the National Gallery Theatre.</p> <p>From the cotton fields to the early roots of Gospel music to the more contemporary jazz sounds of today, this bilingual and unique, seventy-five minute, educational musical history, celebrates the courage, determination, grace and unrelenting spirit of men and women who overcame incredible challenges and reflects their history and contributions to the world of Jazz.</p> <p>In addition to the Jazz performance, the students will participate in a self-guided tour and will get to see many different works of art.</p>
Bill Mason - x-ski and snowshoe Monday, February 11 Tuesday, February 12 Wednesday, February 13	4-5	Physical Education: Students will be heading over the Bill Mason Center to take part in some snowshoeing and cross-country skiing (equipment provided)
Skating Throughout the months of February and March	3-6	Students will be walking over the Macak 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!
Clubs and Sports Teams		
Junior boys volleyball (triple ball) team	4, 5, 6	Selected students will be competing in the tier 1 regionals on March 5th
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Junior Intramurals	4-6	<p>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.</p> <p>Current event: roller hockey</p> <p>Events are run by our grade 6 students who volunteer.</p>
Drama club	5, 6	Drama club continues to meet every Wednesday 1st recess Recent performance was during our Winter Concert
WE Club	4-6	WE club usually meets 1st recess, Fridays in library Next big activity: Valentine Candy Grams
Recess guitar club	1-6	All students are invited to play/learn guitar (and other instruments) and sing. A few lucky members of the club will be attending a workshop Jan 24th by a Canadian artist Mimi O'Bonsawin
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 16 peer tutors
Primary and Junior Chess Clubs	1-6	Grades 1-2 (Mondays), Grade 3s (Fridays), Grades 4-6 (Tuesdays & Thursdays). During afternoon recess. Chess Clubs will run until the Spring.
Grade 3 finger knitting Club	3	Hopeful to have enough yarn to start up on Monday Feb 4th. This club usually hosts upwards of 46 Gr. 3 students. One group at morning recess and second group at second recess. Led and instructed by Ms. Lewis. This will be our 4th year running and is very popular amongst boys and girls.
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	Tues and Thurs during pm recess, building on social skills. Growing in great popularity - in need of more blocks!
Puzzle Club	1 & 2	To build logic skills, socialize and use teamwork.
Special Events		
Heritage Fair Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019	6	Students in grade 4 -6 will be invited to come and take a look at our
WEJ Spirit Day Friday, January 24th	k-6	Pyjama Day - students and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing their pyjamas to school
Performance and workshop given by Mimi O'Bonsawin Thurs Jan 24th	1-6	We've booked Mimi O'Bonsawin to perform for our school and do a special workshop with (Recess Guitar Club) RGC, who have been learning her song 'Brave'. Mimi is a Canadian recording artist "If you can embrace the grace and power of Northern Ontario landscapes, you will feel the music of Mimi O'Bonsawin. She epitomizes the powerful scenery and the beauty of its waters through her music, all the while yielding to her rich and warm French Canadian and Abenakis heritages."
Robotics Skill competition at Longfields Tuesday, January 29th	6	Mr. Bradley's class demonstrated their creativity, collaboration, and problem solving skills during their LEGO Robotics unit. They were able to code for an autonomous LEGO robot to accomplish specific tasks. Bringing the world of robotics into the classroom was an exciting new way to inspire and encourage students, giving them a better understanding of the links between math, science, design and technology (STEM). Ms. Stephens's class are

		<p>currently beginning the same unit. A huge thank you goes out to Ms. Farruggia, Mr. Bradley's student teacher, for helping to plan and teach this exciting unit of study.</p> <p>A team of four students, which included Sam Liu, Andy Zhan, Dominic Lau, and Violet Ouyang, were also chosen to represent WEJ at the Ontario Skills Competition - Junior Robotics Challenge at Longfields Davidson Heights SS on Tuesday, January 29th, 2019. Good luck!</p>
<p>Scientists In School Throughout the school year</p>	k-6	<p>Each class has signed up for one 2.5 hour workshop with Scientists in School. Teachers selected a workshop that compliments one of their strands in Science. A presenter comes in to teach students important science concepts with a variety of hands-on activities. There workshops are being held throughout the school year, depending on when the homeroom teacher signed up to have the workshop in their classroom.</p>
<p>NHL - online STEM learning & Trip to Skills Competition Thurs. Jan 3rd</p>	6	<p>The students in Mr. Bradley's Grade 6 class participated in an online program called "Future Goals" : a sports themed STEM curriculum preparing kids for success in life. Using the fast-paced, exciting game of hockey as a STEM learning vehicle, the program gave students the opportunity to see real world applications of science and math principles.</p> <p>As a result of their wonderful work with the program, the entire class was treated with two tickets each to attend the Ottawa Senators Skills Competition on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019. Everyone had a great time. Who knew learning math and science could be so much fun?</p>
<p>WEJ Library Scholastic Book Fair Mon. Feb 25th - Mar 1st</p>	k-6	<p>Parent Volunteers will be needed to help run the book fair. This year the request for volunteers will be done online with SignupGenius. We will sent you the link when it is up and running; in about a week.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your support! Mme Poirier & Mrs Matsumoto</p> <p>There will be viewing a viewing day for Kindergarten, another day for grades 1-6, specific buying days for kinder then primary/junior</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Primary Team Winterlude Potentially Feb 8th Weather Dependent</p>	1-3	<p>A WEJ Winterlude day is in the works amongst the Primary team. Events to be planned inside and out. A one day activity.</p>

