



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

1. Principals update (see annex)

2. VPs update

- No big update
- EQAO Preparation begins
- WITS Wall pictures have been revamped
- Student Art Gallery in Library will be hung shortly

3. Teacher Rep update (see annex)

4. Financials (Provided)

- Hotlunches ordering system renewal is \$300~ but is not accounted for on the financials.
- Term 3 estimates are based on re-opened because of demand
- Movie night revenue also not yet reported

5. General discussion

- Next Thursday is the workshop for parents and children (March 28) “Learning Styles”.
 - Eventbright sign-up and event details to be sent out by Colleen
- Raising Responsible Children (Parents Only) will be on May 2nd
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- HotLunches Update:
 - This week is a make up date
 - Last Call is March 23 @ Midnight
- Science Fair Update:
 - Call out was sent before March break
 - Asking for a school time way of promoting the event
 - Room has been reserved

- Questions of insurance being renewal. It has been renewed, it's automatically renewed on our behalf.
- Logistics of supplies and resources needed for the science discussed
- Awards / Participation awards could be presented to participants
- Parking Lot
 - Concerns and idea around the small parking lot were brought forwarded. We are waiting for approval for re-surfacing, and this conversation will be brought forward.

6. Projects to Fund

• New ideas:

- Whiteboards (None Interactive / Smaller handheld size) \$60 (30 boards, markers, and erasers).
- Home Depot Solution \$4 per sheet that is cut into 4.
- Interactive Whiteboard for the library, would be a tough fit but possible. \$2,000~ would be the estimate, but not verified.
- Ozobots - Used by other schools, ties into current curriculum. Would be used for K - 3. Packaging is also a consideration (Storage, charger, markers). \$1,500~

• Current Ideas / Discussion:

- Outdoor equipment ??? - Basketballs was a topic of conversation. \$1,000 to \$1,500 ~ more info required
- Ozobots - Questions and concerns voiced to aid in consideration of funding. This set could be used to lead into Lego Robotics as a step in. Earl of March is continuing with Lego Robotics. Support system, and tutorials are available online as a resources.
- Two kits available. Colleen will check with the board to see which kit is most appropriate.
- Programming course content could be a consideration for the future.
- Do we need more Lego Robotics Kit?
- Not this year, but as interest builds next year may need more.

7. Motions:

- Ozobots Purchase - *Kit to be determined (\$2,000~) (12 or 18) - Passed
- Makerworkshop - \$1,000 Float - Passed
- Screen & Projector (Interactive) for Library - Set aside - RESEARCH
- Whiteboards (small) 30 per class x 29 classes (\$2,500~) - Passed
- Outdoor Equipment (\$2,000) to replenish current - Passed
- Year end BBQ (\$2,000) set aside - Passed

Annex 1: Principal's update

Information items:

- Toonie Tuesday Trail was a huge success and we raised \$1000 for those in need across our Board. All classes participated in a math activity at the same time. Students were tasked with finding out how many toonies our students brought in and how long the trail would be. Many classes got very inventive and creative...great experience for all our students from K-6.
- The Board came out to view our rooms and they have agreed to give us 9 whiteboards and installed projectors. It will take over 6 months, but it will be a wonderful change to our classrooms.
- We have a new sound system installed in the gym for no cost to the school. We can play music, use the microphones and use the speakers for Movie Nights... looking forward to Council using it in April!
- We are still on track with our budget and expect to finish slightly under our allocated funds.

Annex 2: Teacher's Update

Field Trips		
Event	Grade	Description
Humane Society visit Thurs March 28	2	Science - caring living (growth and changes in animals) - dog comes in, learn how to care for the animal, their needs, stages of development, how to approach an animal
Trip to Bill Mason April 15th	5	2 grade 5 classes who had their original trip cancelled due to weather have been able to reschedule their visit
Clubs and Sports Teams		
Junior boys & girls volleyball (triple ball)	4, 5, 6	Girls - 4th place Boys - 3rd place
Junior boys basketball team	4, 5, 6	Selected students will be competing in the tier 1 regionals beginning of April

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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 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	Plans to have a used book sale in the spring - also for SchoolBOX
Recess guitar club	1-6	All students are invited to play/plearn guitar (and other instruments) and sing.
Primary and Junior Chess Clubs	1-6	One Primary team and two Junior teams participated in board-wide chess tournament before March Break. Primary team won GOLD. Junior A team placed second out of 32 teams (lost in finals by only ½ a point!). Chess clubs will continue a few more weeks until the weather warms up.
Grade 3 finger knitting Club	3	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	Tues and Thurs during pm recess, building on social skills. Growing in great popularity
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. They meet Thursday, 2nd recess
Debate Club	6	Just started a few weeks, meeting twice a week.
Special Events		
FNMI and Early Explorer Fair	5MFI	Students have put together a fair and are inviting students and parents to come and see their work accomplished in Social Studies

WEJ Spirit Day Fri Mar 29	k-6	Sport Jersey Day
FNMI workshops in classes March 19-29th	k-6	Feel the heartbeat (2-4) Hoop dancing (k-1) Soapstone carving (5-6)
WEJ Library Scholastic Book Fair Mon. Feb 25th - Mar 1st	k-6	BIG thank you to our parent volunteers! Total money earned: 10249.00 (in sales) Because it was a bonus month, we got a 10% --- gave us \$953.00 of books Cash reward: \$2382.00
Right to Play Assembly Monday, April 8th	3-6	International Organization that teaches life skills through play 2 leaders will be selected by each class from grades 4-6 and attend a workshop with Right to Play Leaders These leaders will then lead a game (station) during our official Right to Play Day in June
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
Your Community Voices article	2	Gr. 2's sent St Patrick's Day cards with limericks and jokes to the Shenkman-Ruddy Hospice. Gr 2s also sent a Valentine's card with paper roses. Hospice contacted Your Community Voice paper. An article should be published on Thursday.
uOttawa student-teachers	k-6	They started a 6 week practicum this week. They will be working with our students until the end of April.