



W. Erskine Johnston School Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2019

6:30pm – 8:00pm (School Library)

Attendance: Veronica & Thomas. Shawn, Amanda, Lin, Meritxell

1. Principals Update (annex 1)

- Principal thanks Veronica for the great success of Science Fair
- She also mentioned the success of the last speaker and the Movie Night
- Next year we are down to 2 home classrooms.

2. VP Update

- EQOA is end of May
- School Climate Survey: each class they will drop off the the library to do the survey.
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3. Teachers Update (annex 2)

4. Projects to Fun

- White boards: approved
- Storage bins for mini white boards (27 units): approved
- 3 plastic drawer: \$500 for storage bins: approved
- WEJ tent: approved
- Banner for indoor events: approved
- Outdoor equipment for Gardening Club: approved

5. Science Fair

- next year we have to start the promotion in advance
- why not considering doing a Science club next year

6. **PRO-WORKSHOP on May 20** **Online Safety presentation:** share the presentation with Kanata Highlands. Approved

7. End of year BBQ:

- Grill Master, Bonita's Cantina & Cool Treats (I'll bring the map)
- Full of Beans: ok
- Magician: great!
- Music outside: we'll use the last year old one
- Guitar club: they will be ask if they can perform
- 67: perhaps they can come
- Firefighters: we'll reach if they can come

ANNEX 2: teacher's update

Field Trips		
Event	Grade	Description
Christie Lake Kids Thurs. June 6th, 2019	6	Christie Lake Kids located in Perth, Ontario (50 minutes west of Kanata). The trip is a great opportunity for all grade 6s to participate in a number of outdoor activities that work physical and social health. Lunch, dinner and a snack will be provided. We will end our day with a campfire and marshmallows. Here is an overview of the activities students will be participating: Sports Fields/Equipment Guided Nature Hike Facilitated Low Ropes Stations Survival Skills Workshop Team Adventure Race
Clubs and Sports Teams		
Run for Fun Club Mon & Wed. 4-5 pm	Girls 3-6	Girls train to run a 5k while participating in a number of activities that work self-esteem and team work. The girls will be participating in a run around the Beaverbrook neighbourhood and the school will be cheering them on. Very popular program that keeps growing!
Junior boys basketball team	4, 5, 6	Selected students will be competing in the tier 1 regionals beginning of May *Also sending a tier 2 team!
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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: 3 on 3 basketball Events are run by our grade 6 students who volunteer.
Drama club	5, 6	Drama club continues to meet every Wednesday 1st recess
WEJ WE Club	4-6	Used book sale happening Friday May 10 in the library - looking for a couple of parent volunteers. Donations of children's books can be brought to school from Friday May 3 on. All funds raised will go towards school build in Nicaragua this summer - organized by School Box & former teacher here, Natalie Gunn and our own Dale Winters. baby/children/youth books only - no adult books Softcover books \$1 Hardcover books \$2
Recess guitar club	1-6	All students are invited to play/learn guitar (and other instruments) and sing.
Grade 3 finger knitting Club	3	Club has come to an end.

		Beautiful display at front of school, thanks to parent council's donation of yarn
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	Competition was Monday, April 1st RESULTS: We have 5 students representing WEJ at The Super Spelling Bee Regional Competition that will take place on Sunday May 5th at 1:30pm at Immaculata High School. Aarya Bhatt (Grade 6) Saksham Sharma (Grade 5) Alina Wen (Grade 3) Justin Zhou (Grade 3) Surya Bhatt (Grade 3) Club continues to run until Thursday May 9th, 2018.
Gardening Club	1-6	Mrs Gallaway and Mrs Brown are initiating a gardening club. We will tidy up the courtyard and do some planting so it's a welcoming learning space for our school. We plan to meet on Tuesday recess and perhaps an additional day during the week once we get a sense of how many are interested and how much work there is to do. We will begin this once the snow is melted and the courtyard has dried up a bit. We would like to request some basic gardening supplies (gloves, shovels, brown bags, bulbs, plants) or funds for us to purchase some of these supplies. We will also welcome cuttings from gardens to add to the gardens in the courtyard-better to divide than purchase new. Parent council is welcome to email the supervising teacher for further information. Thank you! lydia.brown@ocdsb.ca sarah.gallaway@ocdsb.ca
Special Events		
Paperbag Princess Thurs. April 18th	1-3	
WEJ Spirit Day Fri Apr 26	k-6	WEJ wear and school colours (forest green and gold)
HydroOne presentation Mon. April 29th	k-3	
Brent and Sarah Character Magic Show Mon. May 1st	k-6	
Kanata/Stittsville Rock Project takes	3	The rocks have been collected! Samantha Legaspi founder

<p>flight in Room 216 May 1st, 2019</p>		<p>of the kindness project is coming into Ms Lewis' Grade 3 room on May first. She will explain the purpose of the community rock project, teach tricks of the trade for painting and preserving the rocks and help the students get started on their own designs. In Early June the class will head out into the community on foot with their rocks and gently place them in a meaningful location along the Beaver Pond Trail. Be on the lookout for our special kindness creations!</p>
<p>SPARK talk - Josée Lindsay Tues. May 7th</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Quote from her website: In this inspirational talk, I invite children and teens to believe in themselves, dream big, have a positive mindset and most importantly to be kind to one another.</p> <p>I use my life experience coupled with my sense of humour and my passion to uplift others to deliver a message that can help students find their own inner power.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-acceptance, being yourself and following your heart ● Appreciation - gratitude for everything ● The power of positive thinking and dreaming big ● Empathy and compassion (the importance of being kind) ● Oneness (peace, harmony, cooperation - we are all in this together) <p>https://www.joseelindsay.com/spark-talks</p>
<p>Right to Play Assembly Rescheduled to Mon May 13 due to snow day</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>WEJ's annual Spring talent show Fri. May 17th at noon</p>	<p>k-6</p>	<p>We had almost 60 different acts (and some of them were given the opportunity to audition more than once, which made 64 auditions in total!). I've made a final list of 26 acts. Several are very, very short. (i.e. Rex solving a rubick's cube blindfolded only takes a minute). But this year's talent show is absolutely incredible! With such a multicultural element to it! We have Throat-singing, Classical Indian dancing, a Bollywood number, the Chinese flute, the guzheng, and more!</p>
<p>Your Community Voices article</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>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 has been published *show article from paper</p>