



## W. Erskine Johnston Public School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Location: Video Conference (Google Meet)**

**Date: October 20, 2020**

### **Attendees**

Nupur Chakravorty	Co-Chair
Thomas Holloway	Co-Chair
Saami Hamid	Treasurer
Sutha Manik Coordinator	Lunch
Colleen Irwin	Principal
Sean Davidson	Vice Principal
Amanda Spielman	Voting member
Vijay Mishra	Parent
Saima Panhwar	Parent

### **Regrets**

Dalia Elsayed	Secretary
Ian Zhang	Voting Member
Chris Corrigan	Voting Member
Ge Zhang	Voting Member
Preeti Sharma	Voting Member

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### **1.1 Meeting Opening**

Thomas called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

### **1.2 Agenda**

Agenda was approved.

### **1.3 Financial Update**

1.3.1 Year 2019-2020 financials were discussed

1.3.2 Financial document will be uploaded on the school council website

### **1.4 Parent Council election**

1.4.1 The 2019-2020 Executive Committee was dissolved, and a new executive committee was elected.

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Amanda Spielman	Secretary
Saami Hamid	Treasurer
Sutha Manik	Lunch Coordinator
Vijay Mishra	Lunch Coordinator

### **1.5 Principal/Teacher Update**

1.5.1 Principle provided the following update:

September/October activities included:

- A. 324 students enrolled in-person classes
- B. Staffing was determined based on staff's preference of online teaching versus virtual teaching.
- C. Primary budget of \$18,000 was allotted by OCDSB. There is some amount carried forward from last year
- D. Virtual 'Meet the Staff' was organized by WEJ
- E. Students are encouraged to come to school in costumes however due to COVID protocols students were asked to wear comfortable outfits that they need to wear for the entire day.
- F. Class size update:
  - i. Primary Class: 20
  - ii. Junior Class: 18 – 20s
  - iii. Kindergarten: 23
- G. Yard is divided into 8 zones and are accessed by various cohorts on a rotating shift. Students are allowed non-contact activities
- H. Chrome books are being allotted to families
- I. Book fair is scheduled for two weeks in November between Nov. 9 – Nov. 20

## **1.6 Update on Activities of Council**

1.6.1 Refund lunch of fees via cheques

1.6.2 Fundraising activities were discussed.

- A. Option of donating lunch fees was discussed however it may be a bit complicated especially when it comes to proving receipts. Returning all the lunch money to families will be a cleaner transaction.
- B. JoJo's Pizza has offered to give a small percentage back to the school if pizzas are ordered on a particular pre-decided date. Sutha will coordinate the date and an update will be sent to all families.
- C. Option for general school donation was also discussed. More guidelines about this need to be researched by the school council through OCDSB

1.6.3 Council website will need to be updated

1.6.4 School has a twitter account and information can be sent to the community on that platform through Sean.

1.6.5 School has Facebook page monitored through Amanda

1.6.7 School council will brainstorm virtual activities eg. talent show in small groups/cohorts

1.6.8 Science fair for 2021 was brought onto the table. Council will need to investigate how this can be achieved meeting OPH standards. Whether this will be done online or through a virtual platform.

## **1.7 Meeting adjourned around 7:30pm.**