

## W. Erskine Johnston Parent Council Meeting

January 19, 2021: 6:30pm – 7:30pm (Online-Google Meet)

Agenda:

- o Welcome (Nupur & Tom)
- o Approval of Agenda - Approved by Nupur, Amanda & Makhdoom
- o Principal Update - Colleen Irvin
  - We are scheduled to be open on Jan 25 but will find out tomorrow for sure from the Ford Gov't and there will be a OCDSB board meeting tomorrow. Communication from Colleen will come tomorrow regarding the plans.
  - Thurs. Jan 28 - Kindergarten Info Night - welcome video done by Colleen & Sean to introduce new families to the school
  - WEJ School Budget: waiting to hear if the school will get carry-over funds from last year
  - Friday Jan. 22: PD day
  - The custodians were busy painting the school since the children have been away, all the halls and now working on the gym.

Vice Principal Update - Sean Davidson

- WEJ has loaned out about 50 devices to students of WEJ for online learning
- Attendance: has been very good so far, support given to families who need it
- Nettiquette: how to contribute to online learning environment in a respectful way - everyone is learning how to do this

Teacher update - Aniqua Khan

- Support teachers and Educational Assistants are still working one-on-one with students (ie. in breakout rooms or separate google meets)

- o Financial Update - Saami (treasurer) unable to attend, no change from previous meeting
- o Projects/Items to fund - ozobots for primary grades, enhancing outdoor learning environments by creating an outdoor classroom in the courtyard of the school: composite picnic tables for courtyard to replace the old wooden ones, outdoor whiteboards, \$800-1000 per table (commercial grade tables) seats 10 children, adirondack chairs
- o Fundraising Events - possibly another pizza night coming up, will send out that info
- o Parent Questions

- Is the school library able to provide books for students? Not right now, may be a possibility but they are limiting the contacts into and out of the school.
- Math Contest coming up, are there other online opportunities for kids to participate in? Possibilities will be explored more when we know how much longer we will be learning virtually. One class went on a virtual field trip to the Bill Mason Centre and it was a big success so they hope to do more of this kind of thing going forward.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2021: 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn: Nupur, Amanda