



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

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

**Date: Jan. 11, 2022**

Attendees		
X	Mark Schenk	Principal
X	Sean Davidson	Vice Principal
X	Nupur Chakravorty	Co-Chair
X	Sutha Manik	Co-Chair
X	Arya Balachandran	Secretary
X	Saami Hamid	Treasurer
X	Vijay Mishra	Lunch Coordinator
X	Yifan (Coco) Li	Voting Member
X	Stephanie Stephens	Teachers' Representative
X	Morgan Jing	Parent/ member
X	Dennis Yao	Parent/ member
X	Gourav Kapoor	Parent/ member
X	Yuting Du	Parent/ member
X	Helen	Parent/ member
X	Christy Amrasa	Parent/ member

### **1 Call to order at 6:31 pm**

- a. Co-chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

### **2 Agenda**

- a. Approval of agenda – Sutha approved; seconded by Vijay.

### **3 Approval of the minutes of meeting on 9 Nov., 2021**

- a. Approved by Sutha; seconded by Vijay.

### **4 Communication Protocol**

- a. Co-chair established the communication protocol and guidelines for the meeting.
- b. The queries should be formulated in a generic nature and not revealing the identity of the concerned students/staff.
- c. Any specific questions can be emailed to the Principal/Vice Principal or to the school council, prior to the meeting.

## **5 Principal's Report**

- a. Most activities at school dominated by COVID-19 protocol as the schools have reopened after the winter holidays (5 Jan.) into virtual mode.
- b. Awaiting further instructions from the board as how to proceed after Jan. 14 (till which the online mode is announced). This includes
  - i. N-95 mask distribution for the staff ( Staff presently uses 3-ply medical grade masks)
  - ii. Air filtration units procurement
  - iii. No directives from board asking students to wear N-95 masks
- c. Rules of transfer to online school still remain the same as before. Once switched to online school (OCV), might not be able to come back to in person classes for the rest of the school year.
- d. No MFI is provided is OCV, however will not lose the student's spot in the MFI programme at WEJ after switching back from the online school to in-person school in the next academic year.

## **6 Vice-Principal's Report**

- a. Around 100 chrome books distributed to support the online classes for the duration when OCDSB schools went online.
- b. Purchase of six Chromecast (wireless connection from the source to the projectors) devices; thanks to fundraising.
- c. Math league contest for Grades 4-6 (approx.. 200 students); students participate for free thanks to fundraising.

## **7 Teachers' Report**

- a. Canadian celebrities visit to the online classroom
  - i. "Body break" actors in Mr. Bradley's Gr.6 online classroom
- b. Presented opportunities for online dance sessions with Luv2Groove ( Stephanie to send details to the Principal)

## **8 Open Forum**

- a. Nil

## **9 Treasurer's Report**

- i. Fund raising activity- Jo Jo's Pizza drive fetched \$438.22 for the school council.
- ii. Have a rough figure of \$3150 available for any funding that the school wants to be covered.

## **10 Items to fund**

- a. Dance-a-thon project
  - i. Proposed timeline – yet to be fixed.

- ii. Principal to finalise details and send out the information to school community.

### **11 Other Items**

- a. Teacher appreciation event
  - i. Ideas discussed were a potluck breakfast/lunch/tea for the teachers, reimbursing teachers with a fixed amount towards classroom expenses
  - ii. The outstanding amount in the school council funds deemed not enough to cover the second option
  - iii. No specific idea was finalised.
- b. Next Pizza day – Proposed date : Jan. 21 (Thanks Sutha for agreeing to prepare the flyer)

### **12 Action Items –updated list**

- a. Updated poster and information handout for the Dance-a-thon. (Principal) - pending
- b. Follow up with OCDSB website support for linking WEJ council website to school's website (Secretary) –completed.
- c. Followup with Principal regarding Luv2Groov details (Stephanie) - pending

### **13 Motion to Adjourn**

- a. Co-chair proposed motion to adjourn
  - i. Approved by Coco
  - ii. Seconded by Vijay
- b. Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.