



W. Erskine Johnston Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Video Conference (Google Meet)

Date: Feb. 8, 2022

| Attendees | | |
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| 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 |

1 Call to order at 6:33 pm

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

2 Agenda

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

3 Approval of the minutes of meeting on 8 Feb., 2022

- 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. Dealing with bus delays in the morning and afternoon. Parents highlight that Principal's emails were very succinct, reliable and carried critical information like bus cancellation, which was occasionally not being updated on OSTA website.
- b. Online dance programme (Luv2groov) being used across the school

- i. Funded by School's fund raising efforts
 - ii. WEJ subscription to Globalgrooves
- c. Report cards
 - i. Teachers have submitted the report cards
 - ii. Principal and Vice Principal going through the report cards
- d. Government has announced EQAO
 - i. For Grades 3 & 6
 - ii. English and Maths proficiency testing
 - iii. Tentative timeline – May 4 to June 24
- e. Photo day
 - i. April 12, 13
 - ii. No group photos keeping in mind COVID protocol

6 Vice-Principal's Report

- a. All WEJ families have been provided with rapid test kits. Return to school protocol in the event of an infection is after two negative tests.
- b. Yard work in the nearby city property
 - i. Used by WEJ students during recess
 - ii. Plan to adapt yard usage in the short term for safety reasons
- c. Chromecast devices
 - i. Five classrooms are already using the Chromecast devices in the in-class projectors.
- d. Math League
 - i. About 200 students
 - ii. 30 min in-school test
 - iii. Feb 22nd – Grade 6
 - iv. April – Grade 4
- e. Grade 6 classroom connected virtually with Ottawa Senators
- f. Winter Olympics wall put up by one of the teachers
 - i. Focus on writing in newspaper reporting style, media literacy
- g. Online WEJ clothing store
 - i. <https://werskinejohnston.entripyshops.com>

7 Teachers' Report

- a. Nil

8 Open Forum

- a. Nil

9 Treasurer's Report

- i. Fund raising activity- Jo Jo's Pizza drive fetched \$213.95 for the school council.

- ii. Have a rough figure of \$4850 available for any funding that the school wants to be covered. (including PIP grant)

10 Items to fund

- a. Dance-a-thon project
 - i. Revisiting this in April.

11 Other Items

- a. Valentines Day celebration to teachers
 - i. Parents are encouraged to send Valentine's Day celebratory wishes to teachers by email instead of physical gifts in view of the COVID protocol
- b. Arts advisory committee representative
 - i. Principal will fanout the email to school community seeking interest to represent WEJ in the Arts Advisory Committee (OCDSB level)
- c. Parent Reach Out (PRO) grant – Speaker series
 - i. Please see appendix for the list of topic in the previous years

12 Action Items –updated list

- a. None

13 Motion to Adjourn

- a. Co-chair proposed motion to adjourn
 - i. Approved by Coco
 - ii. Seconded by Sutha
- b. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Appendix

OCDSB Speaker Series

1. Technology and Youth - What Parents Need to Know
2. The OCDSB Indigenous Speakers Series
3. On Screen Time
4. On Resilience
5. From Worried to Well: Supporting Your Child at Home and at School
6. Technology Misuse and Mental Health
7. Vaping - What it is and How to Parent It
8. Protecting Your Child: Reducing the Risk of Sexual Abuse
9. Concussion Management
10. When Technology Takes Over : Navigating through the Teen Years
11. Supporting the mental health of Students with Autism
12. Self Regulation for children and Parents
13. Social Networking & Online Safety
14. Speaking out against Racism and Intolerance
15. Talk With Our Kids About Money