



W. Erskine Johnston Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Video Conference (Google Meet)

Date: Mar. 8, 2022

Attendees		
X	Mark Schenk	Principal
X	Sean Davidson	Vice Principal
X	Nupur Chakravorty	Co-Chair
	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 – Vijay approved; seconded by Coco.

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

- a. Approved by Vijay; seconded by Saami.

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. Classes celebrating on ongoing Winter Olympics and setting up the Olympics wall of fame.
- b. Online dance programme (Luv2groov) being used across the school
 - i. Funded by School's fund raising efforts

- ii. WEJ subscription to Globalgrooves
 - iii. Consensus that the classes are better as digital resources due to the flexibility it offers to be used in DPA sessions.
- c. Planning for the next academic year (2022-23)
 - i. Ongoing registrations for the kindergarten and MFI (Gr. 4)
 - ii. Completed transfer process for student applications
 - iii. Next step – Beginning April, proposing new organisation for school (number of teachers, staffing etc)
- d. Student population increased from 612 (Sep 2021) to around 650 (Mar. 2022)
 - i. Added a class for Grade 3 in spring (new teachers for Gr. 3 and morning ESL)
- e. Government has announced EQAO
 - i. For Grades 3 & 6
 - ii. English and Maths proficiency testing
 - iii. Tentative timeline – May 4 to June 24
 - iv. All digital (previously paper booklets)

6 Vice-Principal's Report

- a. Spirit day observed end of February (Formal day)- well received
- b. Grade 6 Math league in February 22
 - i. 30 min online exam with results available immediately.
 - ii. April – Grade 4
- c. WEJ Twitter : wejps
- d. Ms. Winter's French program
 - i. Students listen to Francophone songs from across the world
 - ii. Open to all students

7 Teachers' Report

- a. Nil

8 Open Forum

- a. Nil

9 Treasurer's Report

- i. Usable funds available to fund any projects at school : \$4848.95
- ii. Total funds (including reserves) : \$5670.20

10 Items to fund

- i. Nil

11 Other Items

- a. Arts Advisory Committee

- i. Council webpage updated with details on the Arts Advisory Committee (AAC)
- ii. Will reach out to Principal to fan the information to community seeking volunteering interests to represent WEJ in the AAC at the OCDSB level.
- iii.

12 Action Items –updated list

- a. Survey form creation for voting towards speaker series (Nupur)

13 Motion to Adjourn

- a. Co-chair proposed motion to adjourn
 - i. Approved by Saami
 - ii. Seconded by Vijay
- b. Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.