



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

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

**Date: Apr. 12, 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	Kelly Lewis	Teachers' Representative
X	Bongeh Rosaline	Parent member
X	Eddrick Wei	Parent member
X	Rami Moussavi	Parent member
X	Scott Wu	Parent member
X	Kamjith P	Parent member
X	Sophie Jing	Parent member
X	Dalia Elimam	Parent member
X	Guoxu Tong	Parent member
X	Evandro Souza	Parent member
X	Sharon Cheung	Parent member

**1 Call to order at 6:35 pm**

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

**2 Agenda**

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

**3 Approval of the minutes of meeting on 8 Mar., 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. Welcoming Kelly Lewis (Gr. 3) as the teachers' representative
- b. Explained ongoing planning for the next academic year (number of teachers, staffing etc)
- c. 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)
- d. COVID-19 related updates
  - i. No class cancellation so far.
  - ii. Masks – vast majority are still masked among the staff and students
  - iii. Difficulty with getting buses for field trips (supply chain issue).

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

- a. Math league
  - i. Grade 6- WEJ came first in Canada in the school category.
  - ii. Grade 5- April 19th
  - iii. Grade 4- end of April
- b. Yard play protocol
  - i. No more zoning in the yard play.
  - ii. Play structure is also being used.
  - iii. Changes are positively welcomed by students
  - iv. Looking forward to amalgamate the recesses (presently two cohorts)

## **7 Teachers' Report**

- a. Welcoming Kelly Lewis (Grade 3) as the new Teachers' representative. She has been at WEJ for last sixteen years.
- b. Spirit days a huge hit with students
  - i. April 29<sup>th</sup> – WEJ wear day
  - ii. May 27<sup>th</sup>- Crazy hat day
  - iii. June- beach day
- c. 1A (Ms. Gallaway) celebrating poetry month
- d. Gr. 2 (Mr. Stafford) making origami flowers for the elderly at the hospice
- e. Finger knitting – 63 signups, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ends mid May
- f. Manic Musicale (MFI) – March tournament for French songs around the world and students voting for their favourite songs.

- g.** Music Monday (May 2).
  - i.** Performance by D.D Jackson (Emmy-winning composer/producer/Jazz pianist)
  - ii.** Virtual event
  - iii.** Classes asked to present a song

## **8 Open Forum**

- a. Nil

## **9 Treasurer's Report**

- a. Usable funds available to fund any projects at school : \$4841.10
- b. Treasurer proposed motion to budget upto \$500 for gym equipments
  - i. Motion approved by Sutha
  - ii. Motion seconded by Coco

## **10 Items to fund**

Nil

## **11 Other Items**

- a. Fundraising
  - i. Need to finalise possible dates for Pizza-day fundraising
- b. PRO grant – Speaker series
  - i. School council had selected the topics for the Speaker series (OCDSB level) and dates are yet to be announced.

## **12 Action Items –updated list**

- a. Nil

## **13 Motion to Adjourn**

- a. Co-chair proposed motion to adjourn
  - i. Approved by Saami
  - ii. Seconded by Vijay
- b. Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.