



W. Erskine Johnston Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: W. Erskine Johnston P. S.

Date: Sep. 22, 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
	Saami Hamid	Treasurer
X	Vijay Mishra	Hot lunch co-ordinator
X	Yifan (Coco) Li	Parent member
X	Tina Nguyen	Parent member
X	Linise Claire	Parent member
X	Maria Short	Parent member
X	Chris Short	Parent member
X	Xue Wang	Parent member
X	Hao Wang	Parent member
X	Naina Behal	Parent member

1 Call to order at 6:00 pm

- a. Co-chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There was a roundtable introduction for everyone.

2 Agenda

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

3 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.

4 Summary Report (Co-chairs) and Re-election of the School Council

- a. Nupur presented the report on the School council for the year 2021-22. The main highlights of the summary are as below
 - i. Virtual School council (council meetings were held every month through Google Meet)
 - ii. Thanked all the parent volunteers, school council members, Principal, Vice Principal, teachers and the staff for a successive run for the year.
 - iii. Highlighted the safety regulations that were taken at the school by the staff and as a result, there were no outbreaks or closures in the school because of the pandemic.
 - iv. Listed the activities that the school council engaged in last year including the teacher appreciation day that the school council hosted as well as the Virtual family Science night under the OCDSB Speaker series which were well received.
 - v. Also presented the financial report : Opening balance was ~\$ 4940, Raised ~\$1110 and spent ~\$1120. As of July 31, the closing balance was \$4517, taking into account other retrospective costs.
- b. Chair proposed dissolution of parent council 2021-2022
 - i. Approved by Sutha, seconded by Vijay.
 - ii. Principal announced the dissolution of School Council for the year 2021-22.
- c. Re-election of the school council
 - i. All the nominees are considered elected to the council. Following are the various elected members.
 - ii. Chair- Nupur Chakravorty
 - iii. Co-chair – Naina Behal
 - iv. Secretary – Arya Balachandran
 - v. Treasurer – Tina Nguyen
 - vi. Voting members - Saami Hamid, Maria Short, Xuguang Liu, Sutha Manik, Vijay Mishra and Li Yifan (Coco).

5 Principal's Report

- a. School strength at the beginning of school year ~680
- b. Highlighted the school year day to day activities; how the change in the Covid protocols and mandates mean to the different activities around the school including a common recess time and how it now become a bit of challenge to have logistics to fit all the students in the gym, etc
- c. Meet the Teacher night in early October.
- d. School follows provincial guidelines for COVID protocols and there are no special guidelines made by the school.

6 Vice-Principal's Report

- a. Waiting for board's direction about school teams participating in inter school sports.
- b. Different clubs have started operation and some are planned to start in early winter. These include X-country running, chess (late fall), Junior games club, soccer, volley ball, homework club, track and field, gardening club, spirit days, Scratch club, girls who code, Arts club etc.
- c. Field trips have started (Bever pond)
- d. Virtual field trips planned (Supreme court)
- e. Upcoming Terry Fox run

7 Open Forum

- a. Question on buses getting delayed. Principal and vice principal explained the difficulty with one bus operator and working to get that resolved.
- b. Fundraising efforts – Parent members seek out to Principal to know what's comfortable for teachers and staff to plan activities for the students at school, for eg: a DJ nite or a movie nite.
- c. For the hot lunch programme, Sutha, Vijay and Coco have kindly agreed to team up to co-ordinate the efforts.
- d. Naina has kindly agreed to lead the fund raising activities.

8 Action Items –updated list

- a. Principal and Vice Principal to discuss with staff to understand the logistics implication to understand the activities that school council can plan for the student community at school.

9 Motion to Adjourn

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

10 Next meeting : Oct., 11, 2022. 6:30 pm.