



W. Erskine Johnston Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: W. Erskine Johnston P. S.

Date: Oct. 11, 2022

Attendees		
X	Mark Schenk	Principal
	Sean Davidson	Vice Principal
X	Nupur Chakravorty	Chair
X	Naina Behal	Co-chair
X	Arya Balachandran	Secretary
X	Tina Nguyen	Treasurer
X	Vijay Mishra	Hot lunch co-ordinator
	Yifan (Coco) Li	Hot lunch co-ordinator
X	Sutha Manik	Hot lunch co-ordinator
X	Saami Hamid	Voting member
X	Maria Short	Voting member
X	Afreen Shaikh	Teacher Representative
	Xuguang Liu	Voting member

1 Call to order at 6:37 pm

- a. Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2 Agenda

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

3 Minutes of the last meeting

- a. Approved – Sutha
- b. Seconded - 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. Welcomed Ms. Afreen Shaikh as the teacher representative
- b. Class allocation update-

- i. Completed the class re-allocation on October 11th. Email sent to parents of all impacted students.
 - ii. One split class each in almost all grades starting Gr. 2. These are created based on different strategies with education support teams.
- c. Meet the teacher – School open house event on 20th October and in-person (first time in-person since 2020)
- d. Halloween – costumes will be allowed in school sans any masks and will have regulations in place for the nature of costumes, email will be sent later to school community. No treats will be allowed, keeping in mind the allergies and healthy eating habits.
- e. Remembrance Day events – Logistics difficulty (space in gym) to accommodate all the students together for a single in-person event. Will have virtual events that will be displayed for the whole school.

6 Vice-Principal's / Teacher Representative's Report

- a. Terry Fox raun and fund raising was a huge success and raised around \$5000 from the school community.
- b. Clubs are getting very active, for eg. Junior running club and Arts club (Mr. Bradley and Ms. Stephens), Singing club are some that see a lot of participation
- c. Plans to start a girls only coding club (Gr. 4 onwards) and a knitting club (open for all students).
- d. A homework club is on going and so is rainbow club which is based on an all inclusive theme
- e. Cross country team is participating in the first interschool sports events since 2020.
- f. Explained the different assessment tools used by the teachers to evaluate the students reading level, for eg. Dibbles (primary) and Maze (for Juniors), which is a reading comprehension assessment tool.
- g. School is still awaiting last year's EQAO results (which was the first time it was conducted as an online exam instead of paper exam)
- h. Explained the assessment of learning for Maths which is created by the school board. Open to Gr. 3-6 and uses Google form platform this year and provides a real time feedback for the student and the class as a whole. The first window will be Oct 4-Nov.14 and again during April-May timeframe
- i. Junior students are volunteering as lunch monitors for the lower grades.

7 Open Forum

- a. Nil

8 Treasurer's Report

Saami presented the Treasurer's report.

Available fund (as of e/o September, 2022): \$3133.66 (This is after allocating to floating expenses and reserves)

Approved budget for Gym (basket balls) : \$500

Remaining usable fund ~ \$2633

9 Items to fund

- a. Basket balls for the gym: \$500 (approved)

10 Other items

- a. Nil

11 Action Items –updated list

- a. To present the different fundraising prospects for the months of November and December – Co-chair

12 Motion to Adjourn

- a. Chair proposed motion to adjourn
 - i. Approved by Sutha
 - ii. Seconded by Coco
- b. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- c.

13 Next meeting: Nov., 8, 2022. 6:30 pm.