

JESC Meeting Minutes

Jockvale Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

October 23rd, 2013 at 6:30pm

In the Chair

Dale Johnson - Chair

Meeting Participants

Attendees	Unable to Attend
Executive Members	
Dale Johnson	
Angie Hollis	
Cindy Frazer	
Parent Members	
Wendy Hovdestad	
Robin Webster	
Tara Ouellette	
Sean Gardner	
Dru Mennie	
Christina Mennie	
Danielle Wolfe	
Tanya Nascimento	
Erin Thompson	
School Administration	
Connie Daymond - Principal	
Brad Sokalski - Vice Principal	
Carol Ball	
Steve Holden	
Bowman Wilker	

Agenda Approval

Approved Motion: Tara Ouellette 2nd: Angie Hollis

Minutes Acceptance

Approval of November's minutes (as is custom there was no meeting in December)

Motion: Robin Webster Second: Angie Hollis

Approved



Principal's Report

- Report cards and IEPs are being written; several more students are expected to have IEPs as the year progresses, out of 500 children in the school currently 22 have IEPs in place and out of those 22, 8 of them are in Mr. Holden's special education class. Ms. Daymon has a special education backgraound and feels that there are several other children in the school who would benefit from having an IEP in place.
- Ms. Daymion would like to set up a 'social skills success club'
- Skating and swimming are on going
- A trip to the canal has been organized during the month of February; students will not be allowed to bring money with them as lining up for treats and drinks takes far to long and detracts from time that should be spent skating.
- Kindergarten information night went well; 20 to 30 people were present; Ms. Daymon and Mr. Sokalski organized the evening and were present.
- 40% of kindergarten children are expected to enroll in EFI next year.

Play Structure Update

Event Coordinator

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie nights have been going well this year; the last one raised \$800. There are 3 more movie nights scheduled for this year.

Jingle-Jangle Parade

The Jingle-Jangle parade raised just under \$1400.



Food Program Update

The following is copied from an e-mail sent from Krista Marsden to Erin Thompson January 22, 2014 and forwarded to the secretary on the same date for the minutes;

Here is the info with regards to the online orders from the last session:

- 1. 46 student orders were received online. Average admin cost per student was \$2.64. 224 students paid using the envelopes. It's about a 1 to 5 ratio. Not bad for the first kick at the can.
- 2. If we do decide to go ahead with the online ordering again, the transaction cost has gone up by a dollar to \$2.50. This is per transaction, not per student.
- 3. As well, if we decide to go ahead, please confirm with Connie that she can send out a school wide email with the link info. It would be good if we sent this email before we sent out the envelope, if that is what we decide to do.
- 4. My personal opinion would be that we give the online another shot, to see what the participation is like. The online administration is a lot easier upfront than the envelopes, as we can process those as they come in.

It was decided that Council would offer the option of on-line ordering for the food (pizza and hot dogs) program again this semester. The deadline for parents to send in orders will be February $12^{\rm th}$.

Nutrition Sub-Committee

The following is copied from an e-mail sent to the secretary from Erin Thompson on January 23, 2014 for the purpose of the minutes. This is a copy of the minutes of the nutrition sub-committee's meeting;

January 15, 2014 JESC Nutrition Subcommittee Minutes

In attendance: Christina Mennie, Azra Temple, Wendy Hovdestad, Erin Thompson Regrets: Danielle Wolfe

Discussion focused on various ways to improve nutrition for students at Jockvale. Key issues were hungry kindergarten kids, healthier alternatives to the JESC hot dog program, and potential actions to reduce candy/artificially coloured products at school.

Hungry kindergarten kids

Erin described an apparent need for additional food for some kindergarten kids, given that kindergarten teachers had approached her as the food program coordinator to donate leftover food to their classes. **Action**: She and Julia have some ideas they will explore about arranging sustained funding for a food program to get nutritious food to Jockvale kids who need it.

Healthier alternatives to the JESC hot dog program

Background information: hot dog days are laborious for volunteers, requiring two hours at the school. (Also: based on Jan 21 msg from Dale: hot dogs are sold for \$2.00, pizza sold for \$2.75/slice; new food orders requested back at school Feb 12.)

Possible alternatives: cheese & cracker & fruit carrot sticks & yogurt apple & hummous cheese strings & apple slices



Questions that would need to be answered RE alternatives:

How much would it cost to supply? How much would it be sold for? How would it be supplied (e.g., volunteer pick up, delivery)? How much volunteer time/effort would be required? Does it meet the nutritional guidelines? Additional question: what do other schools do regarding food-related fundraisers?

Action: Erin will research \$ spent & earned through hotdogs; Christina will contact Farm Boy & Extreme Pita; Azra will do a lit search to learn more about white bread & nitrates & health.

Potential actions to reduce candy/artificially coloured food/drink products at school

Issue: experiments have shown that artificial colours influence children's behaviour toward hyperactivity, with stronger doses having stronger effects. To "set children up for success" it would be best if artificial coloured food/drink/candy were not a part of the school. Some children's lunches contain coloured juice substitutes; some teachers give coloured candies & "freezies" to their classes; there is colour in the popcorn. Is it possible to summarize the evidence and draft a suggested recommendation?

Action: Wendy to ask Tara about source for movie night popcorn. Wendy will prepare a brief research summary & draft proposal for Nutrition ctte review.

Other discussion issues.

The "litterless" lunch should always be the ideal for which we're striving. Is there a better way to handle pizza boxes? (Note that clean boxes can go in with paper recycling.)

Other schools have vegetable gardens: would this be possible at Jockvale?

Next meeting set for February 12, 7pm, at 16 Antler Ave. Members will bring back information & ideas

OCASC Report

Cindy attended the December and February OCASC meetings and the following are my notes; (Secretary's apologies as I am trying to pull double duty here these notes will be in rough draft)

December OCASC Meeting

Ideas to spend money? Somewhere between 5,000 & 15,000. Update web site, spring sessions on ???? OCASC has a Facebook page.

Edmodo. Like Facebook register a classroom. Have to register a bit more closed

Discussion from spec ed committee re mini vans are in compliance

Question re March break 2015, committee would like to have it a week earlier March 9 to 13. Issues with bussing if we are the only ones who move break, \$250K teachers reps are the only ones proposing this, makes second half of winter semester longer. This from the board calendar committee. Would make this reeeeally hard on secondary students. If you want to express your opinion please contact Susanne.bowen@icloud.com by Monday, Dec 16th. Dale city camps????

OCASC NEEEEEDS a secretary!!!!!!! Interm for the minute. Minutes will be scarce for the time being. Ottawa U prof looking for a parent to sit on an advisory group re anti bullying

Let them know before meeting if someone wants an hard copy and only those who requests one will get a hard copy no others will be printed.

Updates to Cinervoice? Text vs e-mail vs phone call.....role out is February. Elementary schools can sign up for it but priority is for Secondary schools to have access. Mrs. D???? Cinervoice translates in several languages. Elementary schools are limited to sending out notices on the week-end only.

February OCASC Meeting



February 20, 2014

\$7000 left in pro grant money going to spend it on updating website and getting a speaker in. Looking for someone to make minor updating changes (\$200??). \$2800 maybe to re-do website. Maybe speaker from "People For Education" \$500 - \$2000 plus travel costs for speaker.

Motion to spend;

Up to \$3000 for web site

Up to \$3000 for a speaker

Up to \$1000 for a joint conference with the Catholic board on best practices.

A remaining funds to be put towards a workshop with the Catholic board regarding best practices. OCASC has \$17,000 in the bank (according to their treasurer) so if we need more for the above motioned projects we can revisit the motion as the money is there.

PRESENTATION BY THE GM OF OSTA (Ottawa Student Transportation Authority)

Bell time changes come into effect in Sept 2015, OSTA can approve changes up to 10 minutes, larger than that have to go back to the board trustees, Barrhaven schools have been excluded as we have already been through this.

8:00, 8:30, and 9:15 start times across the board, trying to develop standardization across the boards. Electronic version of presentation should be available sometime the week of February 24th. For more information see also the OCASC Facebook page.

The position of OCASC rep is still vacant

Treasurer's Report - Jewel Lau

Dale is filling in as Treasurer as $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Jewl}}$ has had to vacate the position for personal reasons.

Dale reports that the books have been balanced to the penny.

Treasurer's Report has been attached as Appendix A. - NEED ELECTRONIC FORMAT PLEASE

Follow Up on Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)

- OCASC 'Parents Reaching Out Grant': I am sorry I don't have notes for this has the speaker been paid??
- Samko and Miko Toy Sale; We received a cheque for \$242.87

New and Continuing Business

- 1. The position of OCASC Representative remains vacant.
- 2. Council's 2012-2013 Annual Report is not ready yet but will be done by the October 30th deadline. Was this completed and submitted, I have no notes on this?
- 3. Angie to follow-up with Mary-Honeywell regarding a business expo



fundraising evening they had and report back to Council. Forwarded to February's meeting.

- 4. Mr. Sokalski iniated a discussion regarding the need for new gym equipment for the school. Angie motioned that the money raised at the recent volleyball tournament (\$1125.00) be put towards the required gym equipment. Robin seconded the montion. The motion was carried by Council. Following this Robin put forward a motion to use an additional \$875 of Council's funds towards the purchase of gym equipment. This motion was seconded by Erin and carried by Council.
- 5. Erin put forward a motion to give the school \$100 of Council's funds to put towards 'fishbowl' (sensory room) resources. This motion was seconded by Cindy and was carried by Council.
- 6. Following the meeting Cindy gave Mr. Holden and Mr. Wilker a copy of the Excel spreadsheet that Tara put together as a result the survey that was sent out to teachers earlier this year. They were asked to take this back to the teachers for further discussion and a sub committee would meet at a latter date to discuss the results and report back to Council.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was put forward by Tara and seconded by Wendy. Motion was carried by Council.

Meeting was adjourned around 7:59 PM.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday February 26th, 2014

Appendix "A" - Treasurer's Report (abbreviated)