

# Minutes



May 15 2019  
James Bolton Public School Council

**Meeting called by:** Dave Atkinson, Chair

**Type of meeting:** School Council

**Meeting chaired by:** Dave Atkinson.

**Council Secretary:** Jackie Fraser

**Attendees:** Isaak Dyck, Jackie Fraser, Dave Atkinson, Danielle Belle-Hopkins, Grace Denzinger, Jenn Alviano, Laura Fantin, Amanda Fruci, Sarah Davidson

**Regrets:** Gillian Swanson

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, and everybody introduced themselves.
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Dave explained that the potential conflict of interest is if you are a teacher with this Board, you cannot vote on any money related issues. He explained that it's also appreciated to disclose if you are a Peel Board employee. There were several teachers and Peel employees present but since we do not make money related situations, this is not an issue.
3. **Review of Agenda and Minutes of meeting held March 20 2019:** There were no carry forward items from last meeting.
4. **Role of School Council Members:** There are three components that make up a School Council's Mandate:
  - Promote the best interests of the school
  - Facilitate two-way communication between the school and parents/community
  - Act as an advisory body providing ideas and suggestions to assist the principal, trustee, and superintendent in making decisions on educational issues
5. **VP Report:**
  - Laurie Allison is on a medical leave. She is taking care of several medical issues. She is expected to be back in September. Kathryn Turp who is a retired Principal has been here last week and this week. Sharon Stevens Lay will be filling the role of acting Vice Principal and Isaak Dyck will move forward as acting Principal. Sharon Stevens Lay is a retired Principal.
  - Government cuts: 120 non classroom jobs were lost in the PDSB. Many of them were Instructional Coaches, and Resource staff working out of the Board Office. One of the Instructional Coaches, Marny Bissonnette will be returning to JB to replace Lynn Pantarotto who is moving to a new school. No jobs were lost at JB.
  - We are projected at 490-500 students next year, so no loss of staff right now due to numbers.

- We had over 130 volunteers at JB this past year, and everyone is invited to a volunteer tea May 30 from 3-4 in the library.
- We are mandated to do 3 fire drills in the fall, and 3 in the spring. One was held today. Also mandated are 1 lock down in the fall and 1 in the spring, as well as 1 bomb threat procedure per year.
- June 5 is the family BBQ.
- Volunteers tend to dwindle throughout the year. Police checks are needed to volunteer. If you think you will volunteer in any capacity next year, now is a good time to start that process. There are many jobs that need help on a regular basis, and many are one time only or only very occasionally. If you have any time at all, no matter how much or how little, or how regular, we can find a job for you!
- X Movement is booked for September.
- EQAO will be held over 6 mornings over the next 2 weeks.

6. **Business/Questions:**

- Ideas for recruiting volunteers: A table set up at a September “meet the teacher” type of night, and hand out forms for police checks, utilizing the volunteer job board on the school’s website, and social media blitzing. Amanda Fruci has volunteered to be our social media communications person for next year.
- Discussed possibly merging some H&S/Council meetings next year. Also discussed having a “pressing issue/hot topic” discussion at Council to draw people to the meetings.

7. **School Yard Clean up:** 43 people attended. No word on mulch yet, Isaak will look into this. Students are no longer allowed in the bushes/trees.

8. **Adjournment of Council Meeting:** It was unanimous that the meeting be adjourned.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:** September 11, 2019. All meetings are held at 7:00 in the staff room. Babysitting can be provided by contacting the school office prior to the meeting.