

Minutes



November 14 2018
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: Laurie Allison, Isaak Dyck, Jackie Fraser, Jen Coleman, Dave Atkinson, Laurie Wenzel, Laura Fantin, Jenn Alviano, Kristina Lisk, Grace Desousa, Amanda Fruci, Perrine Hallbauer, Gillian Swanson, Nicole Franklin

Regrets:

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.
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. The only teacher present was Gillian Swanson, but since money is handled by Home and School which is separate, there shouldn't be an issue with our group.
3. **Review of Agenda and Minutes of meeting held September 19, 2018:** 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. **School Council Goals for the year**
 - School Yard Clean-up day November 24, weather dependant. Parents, kids, families welcomed. We do a general clean up of pea gravel, leaves, etc.
 - Health and Math Curriculum information nights
6. **Principal's Report:**
 - Student Census.
 - All students take part. Parents fill it out on behalf of Kindergarten to grade 3 students, Grades 4-5 fill it out at school during class time.
 - It covers student identity, family characteristics, school experiences, and student well-being. More information is available on the Peel Board Website at

<http://www.peelschools.org/aboutus/Research-and-Accountability/student-census/Pages/default.aspx>

- It is a voluntary process, parents can opt out.
 - It is private and confidential, but not anonymous
 - There were several questions and concerns brought up about this process, including why is it not anonymous, who the 3rd party is that will hold the information, and what they can do with it, why are there questions that are already surveyed in the government census, which the board should be able to access the info from, how will questions about gender identity be answered at the grade 4-5 level, given the current situation with the health curriculum, why it cannot be filled out at home for the grade 4-5 level.
 - The grade 4-5 were scheduled to fill it out November 15, but this has been postponed until we get more information. Questions can also be directed to 905-890-1010 x3523.
 - **Answers received from the Board regarding the Census:**
 - -Will results be shared for specific communities?
 - **Results will be reported at the school and board level with the appropriate privacy rules applied.**
 - -Who owns the data gathered? Peel DSB or third party?
 - **Absolutely, the Peel board owns these data.**
 - -Much of this information could be gathered from the Canadian Family Census. Why is this being repeated?
 - **The Canadian Census gathers information individually but is only reported by postal code, census tract, and dissemination areas. Therefore, it includes everyone in these reporting groups, including those who may or may not be in school, those in the Catholic board, etc. Our census is at the individual student level, so our data will be specific to our students (it describes our Peel board student population).**
 - -For our grade 4 and 5 students why is the gender identity question being asked?
 - **This question aligns with when these concepts are taught in the curriculum.**
 - -Our community feels that grade 4 and 5 students should have the survey sent home. Why is this not an option?
 - **The grade level (grade 4 and up) is aligned with the Your Voice Counts (YVC) survey. Based on the experience with YVC, it was felt that the students could fill in the census questions. This decision was also made by the Student Census Steering Committee.**
- Staffing: Mrs. Miller had her baby, a boy, Jackson, 8 lbs 8 oz.
 - Curriculum/school success planning: Theory of action: “If teachers do this _____, students will be able to do X Y and Z”. This is in the beginning phase.
 - The Peel Public Health Nurse is interested in getting schools to do pledges. JB’s pledge will be around DPA (Daily Physical Activity)
 - Parent reading program starting soon. Gives an extra boost to students with reading.

- Humberview has a big presence in our school: 4 co-op students, a grade 11 family studies class doing placement to learn about child development, there will possibly be a hip-hop class for our grade 3's
- Safety: all 3 fire drills completed, as well as the lock down and bomb protocol practice.
- Holiday giving: staff sponsor a family in need
- Winter clothing drive starting soon, as well as a breakfast program drive and a toiletry drive.
- Save the Dates: Dec 6 – new KG drop in, December 12 KG open house, December 18 Grade 1-5 outdoor concert, and Dec 20 the choirs will be performing

7. **Business/Questions:**

- Drinking water-Lead exceedance letter dated October 31. There was 1 instance in a washing station that was tested in July. This was rectified by flushing, no repair needed. JB is in compliance. The threshold is 10 mg/litre, the result was at 10.9 It was flushed for 30 minutes and then sits for 5 and retested at 4.6. We were on a weekly flushing regimen, now it is daily.
- Question about progress reports being printed single sided not double. Since it is only 2 pages, it was done this way, but for reports which is 4 pages, it will be double sided.
- We completed the Principal Profile as a team. This is done on a yearly basis and is used by the Board to know what we are looking for in a replacement principal, should that happen. There is no current plans for that to happen in the near future. We also assisted in completing the VP profile
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8. **Adjournment of Council Meeting:** It was unanimous that the meeting be adjourned.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: January 16 2019, March 20 2019, and May 15 2019. All meetings are held at 7:00 in the staff room. Babysitting can be provided by contacting the school office.