

Minutes



September 11 2019
James Bolton Public School Council

Meeting called by: Laurie Allison, Principal
Type of meeting: School Council
Meeting chaired by: Laurie Allison
Council Secretary: Jackie Fraser

Attendees: Isaak Dyck, Jackie Fraser, Dave Atkinson, Antonietta Esposito, Anessa Marrielli, Rita Mancini, Massimo Mancini, Jennifer Alviano, Kristina Lisk, Krystal Costa, Jackie Rossit Thornton, Jen Coleman, Grace Desousa, Elaina Pacheco, Amanda Simpson, Gillian Swanson, Grace Denzinger, Carolyn Van Toen, Laurie Allison

Regrets: NONE

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, and everybody introduced themselves.
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Laurie explained that the potential conflict of interest is if you are a teacher with this Board, you cannot vote on any money related issues. She explained that it's also appreciated to disclose if you are a Peel Board employee, or a teacher for another board. There were several teachers and Peel employees present but since we do not make money related situations, there is no conflict of interest.
3. **Review of Agenda and Minutes of meeting held May 15, 2019:** There were no carry forward items from last meeting. The minutes are posted online.
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

We are required to meet 4 times per year and have an election for roles on the Council. We have 2 teachers that will share the teacher representative position (Gillian Swanson, and Danielle Belle-Hopkins). Jackie Fraser will be the support staff representative, and was also voted in as secretary. Dave Atkinson and Massimo Mancini were voted in as co-chairs, and the 5 parent representatives will be Jennifer Alviano, Kristina Lisk, Krystal Costa, Jackie Rossit Thornton, and Amanda Simpson.

5. **Proposed Meeting Dates:** September 11, November 13, January 15, March 11 and May 13

6. School Council Goals for the year - Brainstorm

- School yard clean up
- 50th anniversary – do we want to do a fair?
- School Success Plan to be presented at a future meeting

7. Principals Report:

- **Staff Update:** Marny Bissonette was scheduled to return but was offered a job as a teacher-librarian at a brand new school which she accepted. Ms. Bokun is covering the grade 5 English that she was supposed to teach. Ms. Tran is covering the remainder of Ms. Miller's maternity leave until November.
- **Board/elementary situation:** No information yet on strike action or work to rule. Teachers are wearing "Red for Ed" on Fridays.
- **Projections and Reorganization:** We were projected at 482, and sitting at 477 right now. Junior English numbers are low, may lose a teacher there. If your child will be moved, you will get a phone call. If your child's class is being affected but your child is staying where they are you will receive a letter. 425 students are required for a full time VP so we are safe on that front, but our ½ time secretary will not go full time, as 551 students are required for that.
- **Curriculum/School Success Plan:** New school success plan website is available to the public. Workshops for staff in October, Admin will present info at future council meeting.
- **Climate/House Colours:** The house colours give the students a sense of belonging. All new students will receive a free t-shirt. Hoodies and hats will be available soon for purchase (at cost).
- **JB's 50th anniversary:** The celebration will be held in the spring, plans in the works. Possible tie into the school BBQ or a separate event with speeches, etc.
- **School Parliament:** Grade 5's are getting ready for another election and spirit days!
- **Safety:** Always a 1st priority at JB. Water passed the lead testing. Training for staff on Ryan's Law, Sabrina's Law, etc to happen soon. Training will be offered to volunteers as well. We are mandated to do 2 practice lock downs, a hold and secure practice, a shelter in place practice, and a bomb threat practice as well as 6 fire drills a year. The teachers review procedures with the students ahead of time, so that they are comfortable when the time comes. For the first fire drill, the students will be made aware it will be happening shortly, the 2nd one only the teachers are made aware, and from the 3rd one they are surprise to everyone.
- **Events:** Gotcha's: "caught you being good", students get a ballot and every 2 weeks, 10 names are drawn for a prize. Shining star assembly is like a pep rally, high 5's, pictures, etc.
- **Track and Field:** September 26 is the Terry Fox run, we will use the new track. Sept 27th after 2nd ebreak there will be an opening ceremony with the mayor, trustee and other dignitaries. A field hockey game will follow. JB and Humberview both now have keys for the fence to access during the day. At night it will be rented out by permits.

8. Business/Questions:

- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC): Heather Munich is the only representative from Caledon, and her term ends at the end of this year. They are always looking for new representatives. This is a committee at the Board level.
- Lunch Supervision – what is the level of supervision? 1 staff for 2-3 classes for eating time plus there may be 2 grade 5's in the class. KG there is always 2 adults. When outside, there is 7 adults first ebreak, and 8 for 2nd ebreak.
- Behind the scene funding cuts – has there been any? There were instructional coaches cut, and Special Education Resource teachers were reduced. There used to be 15 itinerant teachers, and now there is 9.

9. **Adjournment of meeting:** The meeting was adjourned by Laurie Allison.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: September 11, November 13, January 15, March 11 and May 13. All meetings are held at 7:00 in the staff room. Babysitting can be provided by contacting the school office prior to the meeting.