

Minutes



September 19, 2018
James Bolton Public School Council

Meeting called by: Laurie Allison, Principal
Type of meeting: School Council
Meeting chaired by: Laurie Allison acted as chair for this meeting until a chair is elected.
Council Secretary: Jackie Fraser

Attendees: Laurie Allison, Isaac Dyck, Jackie Fraser, Jen Coleman, Dave Atkinson, Laurie Wenzel, Laura Fantin, Jenn Alviano, Kristina Lisk, Grace Desousa, Amanda Fruci, Steve Conforti, Carolyn Van Toen, Grace Denzinger, Kate Farnsworth, Perrine Huppbauer, Danielle Belle-Hopkins

Regrets:

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Laurie Allison (Principal) welcomed everyone and explained that Marg Jones (past chair) had to resign part way through last year, so she would chair this meeting in the interim until a new chair was elected, if nobody objected (nobody did). Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Laurie explained that anyone who works for PDSB needs to declare so. As well, its customary for teachers in other boards to declare that. Jen Coleman is a teacher for a different Board.
3. **Review of Agenda and Minutes of meeting held May 8 2018, and reading of School Council Year End Report:** There were no carry forward items from last meeting. There was no reading of the year end report, as one was not completed last year. We will work to get one completed this year.
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
- **Elections:** Laurie explained the roles, and there were several people who stepped up to various positions:
 - Chair: Dave Atkinson
 - 5 Parent Reps: Jenn Alviano, Laura Fantin, Steve Conforti, Amanda Fruci, and Kristina Lisk
 - Teacher Representatives (voted by the school staff): Danielle Belle-Hopkins and Gillian Swanson

- Support Staff: Jackie Fraser (will also be Council Secretary)

5. **Proposed Meeting Dates:** September 19, November 14, January 16, March 20 and May 8. It was noted that May 8 conflicts with Allan Drive's musical so that was changed to May 15. Meetings will be held at 7:00 in the staffroom, and babysitting may be available. Please notify the school office in advance of the meeting should you require babysitting.

6. **School Council Goals for the year – Brainstorm**

- School Yard Clean-up day
- Health and Math Curriculum information nights
- EQAO info
- French resources
- Empowering modern parents' session/workshops
- How to help your child in French Immersion if you don't speak French

7. **Principal's Report:**

- 491 students. We lost 9 grade 1 FI students over the summer so we were able to take 9 from the Herb Campbell waiting list so numbers remained stable in that area.
- Numbers are projected in February, then finalized in September when we have firm numbers. There will be some shuffling, at reorg not a lot, but some. It is not confirmed yet who will be affected, so no teachers/grades were mentioned. We will not be losing any teachers.
- Discussed how students are chosen to move when reorg happens
- Staffing: 1 teacher is on maternity leave, a teacher who has previous experience at our school is covering. One teacher who was on sick leave last year has returned.
- The board's focus for curriculum this year is "The Three E's": Engage math, Empowering modern learners, and Equity.
- EQAO: Tests what percentage of students are working at above level 3 (similar to a "B"). Province is at 61%, Board is at 60% for math. James Bolton is at 67%. For reading JB is at 77% and writing JB is at 87%
- Student Safety: All paid employees must go through safety training. This includes Sabrina's Law, Ryan's Law, Fire Drill protocol, Lock Down protocol, Bomb Threat protocol. 3 fire drills have already been done. Lock Down and Bomb protocol to be done at a future date. Parents will be notified of those 2, but not for fire drills.
- Progress reports go home mid-November. The evening of November 15 will be Parent-teacher interviews, as well as on the PD day on the 16th.
- Upcoming events: We are participating in the fall fair this year. September 27 is meet the teacher night, September 28 will be the Terry Fox Run. Tomorrow there will be a guest speaker from the Terry Fox Foundation. She is a survivor of the same type of cancer that Terry had. October 4 will be orange shirt day.
- House Colours: Siblings will be on the same team. It's a community building strategy, and a leadership opportunity for the 4s and 5s.
- JB Parliament for grade 4s and 5s. 48 application were received. The applicants shortlisted will present 1-minute speeches.

8. **Business/Questions:**

- A parent asked what kind of training lunch room supervisors have. They are interviewed, 2 references checked, have a Criminal Record Check completed, they are given a map of the school, given expectations on behaviour, rules, etc, as well as emergency procedures.

- A parent asked if PDSB has made any statements on the health curriculum: Its in progress. The human rights component will be honoured. The direction is still unclear, so nothing is being taught at the moment.
- Kiss and Ride: Ours is not a true Kiss and Ride because its too small. To use it, students must be able to get out of the car independently. The driver should remain in the vehicle. Its more of a turn around loop.
- Home and School update: October 1 hot lunches will start. Fruit First also starts that week. In mid-October, fundraising will start, with the Joy Catalogue as well as Fund Script gift cards.

9. Adjournment of Council Meeting: Laura moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jenn seconded it.

NEXT MEETING: November 14 2018 at 7:00 in the staffroom. Please let the school office know if you will require babysitting.