

## KJPS Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting # 2 October 28, 2019

In Attendance: Jenn Penikett, Patti Myers, Rebecca Hart, Megan Meeds, Deirdre Crampton, Jenn Tinker, Lillian Hanson, Rakel Goiri, Bruce Burley, Kate McColeman, Jen Mack, Claudia El Ouni, Darlene Kofoed

### 1. Welcome

### 2. Community Events/Classroom Activities

Abilities in Action: Students participated in wheelchair basketball and bocci ball

Outstanding for all grades - everyone participating - Beaches loved it - kids learned/understood empathy and had fun

Thank you card for Variety Village being made/sent

Beaches paying \$800

Consider paying for annually or every 2 years. also could consider field trip for older grades

Billy Bridges - Paralympic athlete and medalist - willing to come participate with kids next time.

Council happy to facilitate and pay for programs that are easier for teachers in lieu of field trips.

Schedule of Upcoming Events:

\*Nov 12 - forms go home for Purdys Chocolate

\*Pizza lunch dates

\*Breakfast w Santa - KBJPS will help advertise, but event will be at Centre 55 - permit too expensive - should we do a table at the event?

\*Healthy Families - partnering with Alexandra (Beaches) as co-chair - organizing for Nov

\*Auction Feb 21 - March 6

\*Parents Night Out

\*Dance A Thon - Claudia Suggested: Draws for prizes where students get raffle tickets for bringing in money - which they can use to win prizes.

\*Fun Fair - Thurs June 11 - Lillian to get permit. Book inflatables starting January(Dar) - Jenn P has TDSB vendor list

\*Beaches may be having a Movie Night - Kimberley not participating this year

\*Beaches Haunted House - Kimberley classes can go if they choose

\*Extra last minute event: Erin McLeod - Olympic Athlete - Spoke to 5/6 classes about mindfulness/perseverance in Oct.

### 3. Parent Communications:

Megan to ask Brittany to set up Google analytics on the website

68 new contacts 231 subscribers

69% opening emails 16% click rate - 41% clicks for pizza

Note from the Principal in Sept encouraging parents to sign up to email/come to council mtgs seemed to be effective.

Approximately 275 students @ Kimberley and 80 students @Beaches

+/- 215 signed up to emails - assuming high percentage of families receiving emails now

Discussion was had about using social media for communicating to parents. Difficult to determine which is most effective, and there are concerns with using social media.

Facebook - concern about everyone being able to post - maybe we could limit comments?

Twitter - Currently used by teachers and office currently Tweets announcements in morning

Conclusion of conversation was we will see how Oct goes with emails and revisit social media discussion if website and newsletters are not effective.

Lilian reminded group that School/Principal cannot send emails about fundraising/donations

Council suggested that another prompting email directing Parents to the Council website from Lilian in January would be helpful.

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### **4. Treasurers Report:**

2019-2020 Budget was distributed to all attendees and reviewed

\$14,260 in account - pizza money received for whole school year

\$7800 gross pizza amount

\$4500 received from direct fundraising which has not yet been transferred to account

Beaches has been sent invoice for Abilities in Action

Currently 12 chrome books on the half cart and 26 on full cart

Budget on track - Jenn P confirmed we are not likely to run out of money for planned events

Council voted for 10 more new chrome books to be purchased this week - bringing second cart to 22.

Council voted to purchase 3 sets levelled readers for Grades 1/2 - approx. \$3000 Jenn P to coordinate with Ms Rakel on what to buy

New jerseys suggested - already in budget

### **5. Fundraising Activities:**

#### Basketball Nets/Outdoor Improvements:

Discussed additional basketball net and/or new basketball backboard. Need to find location - to be approved by Lillian and TDSB Facilities (Jenn T has ideas)

Lillian advised KPJS Currently on waitlist with Facilities to re paint pavement

Lillian to request facilities assessment

Megan suggested that a facilities team/committee be assembled to investigate, research, come up with budget/action plan.

Council will set aside money for outdoor improvements

Spirit Wear - Niki Lockett offered to update logo - will be done before Christmas break

Online Auction - discussed what our purpose for money raised now that "fill the cart" goal is almost complete. Letter to be changed to include other fundraising initiatives.

Auction letter goes out for donations ASAP - Deirdre has the letter and information to look on last years website for ideas and examples of what to give

### **6. Other Business:**

By-Laws: Hilary is going to read/re-write - need to be very practical and reader friendly

Succession Planning: new faces on council - group to explore different roles

SSON (school statement of needs) : due this week - Megan to email out for approval

Hand Sanitizer: Jenn T to purchase for snack wagon

### **7. Teacher's Report:**

Dufflebag Theatre happened this month - everyone loved it

Leadership Club organized Spirit Day and took a picture of all the students in a leaf shape. They also organized Food Drive - We Scare Hunger : communicated by teachers to parents

Rebecca to talk to Ms McNaught about leadership group communication so parents are more aware of initiatives.

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### **8. Principal's Report:**

All attendees reviewed School Budget and EQAO Report

EQAO report - Gr 3 doing very well Gr 6 is up and down. Lillian pointed out that it is important to note that no students are exempted from taking the test. All students are encouraged. Also, seeing as our school has a small group of students, it means percentages are more easily effected. We also have several students who leave in Grade 4 for the Gifted Program, which could contribute to lower scores in Grade 6 vs Grade 3

#### Upcoming Events in the School:

Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov 11 - Parents welcome to join

Halloween Parade Thursday Oct 31

Kindness Program - Free - Comes with dog to teach empathy - Planning to come to some/all classrooms