



## Jackman School Council (JSC) – January Council Meeting

Meeting minutes for 6 February 2017

**Committee Attendees:** Liz West (Co-Chair), Jeannine Bourgon, Lisa Milne, Jennifer Proos, Theodora Rowlands, Daryl Watson, Cissy Ho, Rory Sullivan (Principal), Melanie Carino, Karen Pace (teacher), Dimitria Douzenis (teacher), Diedre Fernandes, Paola Gomez, Jeremy Gibbs, Sara O’Neill, Nahuel Arruda-Starzenski, Chris Robertson

**Jackman Student Council :** Harrison Rivet, Ruby Hayes

**Parent / Other Attendees:** Ghada Sharkaway (parent), Suzy Papadopoulos (Vice Principal), Rachel (Parent)

**Absent:** Maria Saras-Voutsinas, Vasha Zindros, Astrid Jacques, Lisa Farun, Angela Pyle,

### 1. **Lunch Program at Jackman**

- Kidslunch.ca presentation by Rose Reisman provided a pitch to the JSC on her service.
- Real Food 4 Real Kids is the current supplier to Jackman with services for 3 days.

### 2. **JSC Student Council Update (Harrison Rivet and Ruby Hayes)**

- January highlights included announcements for Chinese New Year, Martin Luther King day, Let’s Talk Bell Day (focus on raise awareness of mental health) and an ‘Anti-teasing’ Week was held where funds raised (\$140) was donated to LGBTQ helpline.
- Plans for February include
  - an assembly for Black History Month
  - Spirit Day – focus to have English and French students interacting more
  - Pizza Lunch – students to wear Jackman Gear to support their school spirit
  - A ‘No Talking’ hour to focus on the isolation of bullying

### 3. **Welcome by Co-chair (Liz West)**

- December 2016 and January 2017 JSC meeting minutes were approved

### 4. **Principal's update (Rory Sullivan)**

- Thank you to the Student Council representatives
- Rory spoke to the need to balance both French and English classes in the school and that demand for French is currently higher than English
- Kindergarten registration is underway
- A French Public Speaking Contest is upcoming
- The shed in the Kinder space outdoors is near completion
- New bulletin Boards are to go up in the school
- The school leadership team met with the Student Achievement officer to create a plan (22 Feb)
- Ten new chrome books have been added to the inventory for use by students
- Many extra-curricular clubs are underway from knitting to rowing

### 5. **Finance Update (Nahuel Arruda-Starzenski)**

- A parent came forward with a proposal on how to save ~20% on the cost of pizza day at Jackman by buying discounted gift cards at Costco. Nahuel and Sara were able to make this happen and the cost of pizza fundraising will decrease as a result. Thank you to the parent for bringing this idea forward!
- Nahuel is working with Pizza Nova to honour the HST exemption which should further save monies
- Nahuel was asked to provide the JSC with an update on the budget and confirmed this will be provided at the next meeting.
- Cookie Dough proceeds will be donated to the First Nations School who are starting a ‘Snack Program’

### 6. **Fundraising (Paola Gomez)**

- Meeting to be held on 9 February at 7pm; Spring Fair planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Sales of baked goods and Jackman gear was conducted during the last concert which was a big success with ~\$1000 raised



- Plans are to sell Jackman Gear at the Scholastic Book Sale

7. **Communication (Melanie Carino and Cissy Ho)**

- **Action:** Request made to the JSC to send content for the new website to Melanie. Content is everyone's responsibility.
- Melanie and Cissy provided a demo of the new JSC website which is planned to be up and running by 1 March
- Weekly JSC will be reduced as a result of easy to access information on the website

8. **Outdoor Environment Committee (Lisa Milne/Jennifer Proos)**

- Kinder shed installation near completion
- Maple syrup tree tapping planned for 2017
- TDSB Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting on Feb 7, Lisa Milne is a member and will attend.
- OEC meeting scheduled for 22 March
- Earth Day planned for April
- School Eco Club are planning a letter writing campaign to the city of Toronto to encourage recycling of black containers (see front of school for temporary installation)

9. **Ward 15 Meeting update (Daryl Watson attended on behalf of JSC)**

- School Council Appreciation dinner. Thurs Feb 23, 6-9pm Montecassino Hotel. Registrations by Feb 17. Contact: [appreciationevent@torontopiac.com](mailto:appreciationevent@torontopiac.com)
- Parents needed for participation in Principal/VP interviews. Training is Feb 7, 9-11 or 1-3. Interviews are 8-4, on 2 of the following days: Feb 23, Mar 7, Mar 9. Contact: [latha.john@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:latha.john@tdsb.on.ca)
- **Success in school is dependent on Student Engagement!**
- TDSB seeking French Immersion teachers!

10. **Equity Committee (Rachel)**

- To promote Diversity two field trips are being explored including the Native Child & Family Services (Long House) and the Native Canadian Centre for Toronto (lead by Elders)
- Planning underway for 'Mindfulness' based training to deal with behavioral challenges and teach students how to calm themselves
- A speaker is being sought to address the subject of different learning styles

11. **Strategic Planning (Theodora Rowlands)**

- A facilities meeting was held to obtain information on the process/steps for a master plan of the school grounds
- A school community consultation will be held in the future to obtain everyone's input in March
- A request was made for the OEC to be included in outdoor planning meetings. The Strategic Planning Committee committed to doing this.

12. **Social Committee (Chris Robertson)**

- Chris made proposal for a fundraising ideas.
- The JSC did not commit any funds to for the ideas.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 6 March 2017