



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

Meeting minutes for 9 January 2017

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**Committee Attendees:** Liz West (Co-Chair), Jeannine Bourgon, Lisa Milne, Jennifer Proos, Theodora Rowlands, Daryl Watson, Cissy Ho, Rory Sullivan (Principal), Astrid Jacques, Melanie Carino, Karen Pace (teacher), Dimitria Douzenis (teacher), Diedre Fernandes (community rep), Angela Pyle

**Jackman Student Council :**Harrison Rivet

**Parent / Other Attendees:** Kate Butler (parent), Suzy Papadopoulos

**Absent:** Maria Sara-Voutsinas, Vasha Zindros, , Paola Gomez, Jeremy Gibbs, Lisa Farun, Sara O'Neill, Nahuel Arruda-Starzenski, Chris Robertson

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

- December 2016 JSC meeting minutes to be voted on next JSC meeting (February)

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

- Harrison provided the council with an update on the 'TDSB Red Nose' campaign championed by the Student Council (raised \$960); a suggestion was made to consider extending the time for red nose sales so as to increase sales
- The Food Drive was very successful with 30 food bin collected for those in need during the holiday season.
- No initiatives are planned for January

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

- Introduction of Suzy Papadopoulos, new Vice Principal who joined the school that day.
- Other staff changes include: Mr. Plytas on medical leave and Mr. Webb is filling in; Mr Polansis is teaching grade 4/5 FI; Dexter Ambron is replacing Jane Archibald (special needs teacher); Vicky Pисalis and Darlene Barrett (2ECEs started); thank you to all who filled in.
- Building update: repairs continue with school broiler to deal with the variable heating; electrical outlets are being installed in classrooms to provide classes with better access to electricity; bulletin boards are awaiting installation by TDSB; school painting continues
- A Teacher Leadership Committee was formed which is focusing on math at the outset;
- An 'Hour of Code' was held in December and was very successful (thank you to Cissy Ho); Rory to provide an update (links) in his weekly update'
- Next concerts: 9 March, 17 May and 15 June

### 4. **Fundraising (Liz West)**

- Liz expressed the need to find a Fundraising co-chair to support and partner with Paola (Fundraising Co-Chair)
- Fundraising set up a table during the December school concert and sold \$1000 worth of merchandise.
- Aiming to implement on-line Jackman gear sales in near term; a suggestion was made to encourage students to wear Jackman gear on pizza day to raise the school spirit and encourage gear sales
- Ideas were discussed on a new Jackman t-shirt; Rory made a suggestion to include/leverage the school's statement of values and beliefs (which need to be established – suggested surveying students and parents);
- ART CLUB – Dimitri Douzenis shared with the council that the Art club is looking for project ideas (possibly designing a new Jackman t-shirt picture); Kate Butler suggested the Art Club could assist with designing the Spring Fair posters and flyers;

### 5. **Strategic Planning (Theodora Rowlands)**

- Theodora requested each committee to provide a few lines to support a communication to parents on actions / priorities the Council are taking in response to the Parent Survey;
- Mr Plytas requested the council cover 2015 spend on supplies for cleaning banners; Rory will review and provide feedback;

### 6. **Equity Committee (Astrid Jaques)**

- First Equity committee meeting was held in December with a good turnout



- Exploring a mental health/anxiety information session for parents in 2017; other schools in the area will be invited;
- The equity committee continue to explore how Aboriginal matters will be addressed;
- The equity committee is supporting the Jackman library and Rory to invest a donation made the school requiring the funds to support the library through an equity lens; a review of the library resources is being conducted to support this;

7. **Communication (Cissy Ho, Member at Large)**

- Cissy shared the Website prototype she created at the meeting; to support further development, there is a need for a graphic designer – a request for parent skills to be put in the school newsletter and Liz to ask Jeremy Gibbs;

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

- Kinder shed installation is progressing and should be up in the near term
- A compost drop has been organized for 13 May

9. **Other**

- Rory to confirm with Superintendent the process to donate monies from one school council to another (cookie dough proceeds to be shared with a local school in need
- Questions were raised on the Hot Lunch Provider – suggested Liz speak to Ghada on the history
- Asked if Maria could provide the committee with an update next meeting on 'Fix Our Schools'

Next meeting is scheduled for 6 February 2017.