

**JACKMAN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
3 October 2011**

Attending

Members: Astrid Jacques, Antonia Guidotti, Helen Hawketts, Michelle Nelson, Karyne Finlason, Grace Chao (staff/teacher), Kamran Jafry, Jen Cumming (Co-chair), Gaylene Edmondson (Co-Chair), Michael Moore (staff/teacher), Shaune Palmer (principal), Ryan Granville-Martin, Mia Sheard, Lisa Farun, Karen Jungjohann, Julie Dale, Kathryn MacDonald, Jeff Lennon, Joel Brody

Vice Principal: Freddy Frenette

Members Elected at the Meeting (3 Oct): Stephanie Eaton, Michele Pollack

Parents: Claustre Bajona, Lisa Cruikshank, Henry Moller

Absent

Kunle Bristow, Muriel Deschenes

Agenda Item	Details Decision/Action Taken	Follow up: Person(s) Responsible / Timeline
Welcome	Call to order 7:05 pm Meeting Chair – GE	
2. Review and approval of previous minutes: 12 Sept (meeting) & 19 Sept (election)	Moved that minutes be accepted. CARRIED	
1. Bylaw/Constitution review & Overview of council procedures	New processes were discussed regarding planning agendas for future Council meetings.	Gaylene Edmondson to draft document outlining procedures for setting Council meeting agendas.
2. Creation of new Co-Treasurer position	Moved that the position of Co-Treasurer be created and that Stephanie Eaton be confirmed to fill it. CARRIED	
3. Nomination of Fundraising Co-Chairs	Lissa Mitchell and Michele Pollack nominated to positions of Fundraising Co-chairs. ACCLAIMED.	

<p>4. Principal's Update</p>	<p>Documents circulated: "Purpose of School Councils" "Major (Jackman) School Committee Structures" A new direction has been set for the school based on evidence. There are weaknesses to be addressed in students' intellectual development, for example in articulating "proofs", and also in the area of supporting at risk learners. Two lenses have been selected by the school to be used in developing higher level thinking. These are: a) eco-literacy, and b) equity/diversity. The school will be evaluated this year through participation in a "district review." It's hoped that School Council will focus energies on its chief objective of supporting students' academic achievement. A next step towards this will include learning more about the school's specific goals for the year and aligning these with Council's capacities and activities.</p>	<p>Relevant Council committee chairs (and others as necessary) to contact Chairs of Major School Committees – ASAP and ongoing</p>
<p>5. Outdoor Education Committee: Chess Rocks</p>	<p>Moved that Outdoor Education Committee's 2011-12 budget be increased from \$5,000 to \$7520 to accommodate the purchase of</p>	

	3 chess rocks, a transaction that was budgeted for in 2010/11 but was not completed in that period. CARRIED	
6. Outdoor Education Committee: Update	Plans for Harvest Fest discussed.	
7. Communication Committee: Update	Options for development of a new Council/School website were presented. Moved that Council proceeds to develop and maintain a Council website. CARRIED	Communications Committee to proceed to plan and develop website in consultation w/ school and Council.
8. Treasurer: Budget Update	New government/TDSB rules are more restrictive than in the past and it appears as though Council may be required to direct and spend the present ~ \$72,000 budget surplus as soon as possible. Operating Budget Committee is to be struck in preparation for developing 2012/13 budget. Bylaws stipulate that the (co)Treasurers participate along with the Secretary and Principal. Other Council members are encouraged to join the Cttee, as is any member of the Jackman parent/guardian community.	Council members interested in joining the Operating Budget Cttee to contact one of the Co-Treasurers.
9. Budget Surplus	Council should be winding down the current \$72,000 budget surplus. Council needs further clarity around the rules, and should begin developing ideas for a major project(s).	Council to discuss ideas around dealing w/ the surplus in December. Principal to clarify work/costs associated w/ upgrading the Green Roof (for December).

		Jeff Lennon to clarify latest rules/policies re: fundraising surpluses (for December).
10. Strategic Planning Committee	<p>Update Chess: Chessmasters are expensive - \$100/class of less than 20. Budget is limited. Are there volunteers in our community who are able to help run our chess/strategy club?</p> <p>Decision made: allocate up to \$2,000 (allocated towards chess club in 11/12 budget) towards chess sets in classrooms.</p> <p>Looking for ideas re: web resources, i.e., educational software/activities online</p>	<p>Kamran Jafry to work w/ school in purchase of chess sets for classrooms.</p> <p>Council members to spread word and determine if a community volunteer(s) can be found to help run a lunch recess chess club.</p> <p>Council members to forward ideas re: web resources to Kamran Jafry</p>
11. People for Education: Update	<p>November workshop for Council members and parent community set as agenda for November council meeting.</p> <p>Focus to be on effective Council decision making: what decision making “reflexes”?; what decision making “lenses”?</p>	Astrid Jacques to work w/ P4E to finalize workshop.
12. Meeting adjourned	9:20 pm	Next meeting: November 7, 2011