

**JACKMAN SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING: 2 APRIL, 7PM
MINUTES – DRAFT**

Attending

Members: Antonia Guidotti, Shaune Palmer (principal), Ryan Granville-Martin, Kathryn MacDonald, Stephanie Eaton, Jeff Lennon, Lisa Farun, Helen Hawketts, Karyne Finlason, Lissa Mitchell, Michelle Nelson, Gaylene Edmondson, Grace Chao(teacher), Paul Cressman (teacher) Michele Pollack, Muriel Deschenes, Astrid Jacques, Mia Sheard, Aerin Guy, Joel Brody; Vice Principal: Freddy Frenette; Parents: Lisa Cruikshanks, Henry Miller.

Absent

Freddy Frenette, Kunle Bristow, Karen Jungjohann, Julie Dale, Kamran Jafry, Jen Cumming.

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Follow up: Person(s) Responsible/Timeline
1. Approve minutes March, 2012	Approved. Uncertainty expressed regarding how Council will approve minutes: by vote or less formally.	Secretary (Joel) to bring forward at May meeting for decision by Council.

2. Principal's Update

Teachers' staff development - topics in Critical Thinking led by OISE's Garfield Gini-Newman. Reasoning must be judged against stated criteria. This presents some demanding work for teachers, requiring a wide repertoire and the right conditions.

Full-day Kindergarten will commence at the school Sept. 2014. A plan will be put into place next year. Full-day K will present some challenges for the school. For example, kindergarten classrooms will all require a bathroom and therefore some construction will be necessary. One or two more portables can be expected. Just one dedicated specialist classroom, e.g. music/band will remain; therefore core French, visual arts, etc will have to conduct prep work in class setting as opposed to dedicated space.

New kindergarten parents surveyed at registration to determine if there is demand for early a.m. or post school day childcare. Government policy is where sufficient parent demand, before and after school care must be provided.

TDSB spending cuts are pending. Staffing cuts are expected. The spending cuts will delay development of Jackman's staffing models for next year by 3 weeks. Anticipated are cuts in: Educational Assistants, Teacher Librarians, VPs, Clerical staff. Presently Jackman has the equivalent of three full time Educational Assistants and the concern is that cuts will decrease the amount of support available to children who most need it.

3. Committee
Updates

Volunteer Cttee

Family Movie Night: proceeding to obtain the requisite license for next year. Up to \$1,000 is available for this purpose from the current year's budget.

Alex Russell April 26 7-9 PM to talk on resiliency. Child minding provided. Fee is \$500.

Strategic Planning

Technology: 10k in this year's budget.

Approximately half the budget has been spent on assistive software installed on new laptops. This will benefit children with special needs.

With the approx. 5k remaining, the school has been exploring, getting a quotation on, installation of wireless internet WiFi on the 3rd floor. It was suggested that given the current poor connectivity/performance, that TDSB check the school's present Internet service.

Another option for investment is purchase of 5 laptops. The school has put in a research proposal which if successful will fund a number of new laptops for next year. The existing laptops are not reliable, though it hasn't yet been determined if this is a problem primarily with the laptops, or the internet service within the school, or both.

Communication Cttee

JSC blog is working well and receiving regular hits. Training is required around integrating the new email software, Mailchimp and the newsletter. Will make sure the blog is linked from the current newsletter. Working to update the parent/guardian email list for Sept. A new Jackman School website is also being launched.

Education Cttee

Next meeting May 7, 2012