

**JACKMAN SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING: 5 MARCH, 7PM  
MINUTES – DRAFT**

Attending

Members: Antonia Guidotti, Jen Cumming, Shaune Palmer (principal), Ryan Granville-Martin, Kathryn MacDonald, Stephanie Eaton, Jeff Lennon, Lisa Farun, Helen Hawketts, Karyne Finlason, Lissa Mitchell, Michelle Nelson, Grace Chao(teacher), Paul Cressman (teacher) Michele Pollack, Muriel Deschenes, Joel Brody; Vice Principal: Freddy Frenette; Parent: Lisa Milne.

Absent

Freddy Frenette, Astrid Jacques, Kunle Bristow, Karen Jungjohann, Gaylene Edmondson, Aerin Guy, Mia Sheard, Julie Dale, Kamran Jafry.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision/Action Taken</b>	<b>Follow up: Person(s) Responsible/Timeline</b>
1. Approve minutes Feb '12 2012	Approved w/ changes	

2. Principal's Update

Report cards out. More C grades than in the past reflecting renewed focus on Critical Thinking. Verbal skills not necessarily always reflected in students' written work.

Talk at Frankland re: "Helicopter Parenting." Parents need sometimes to step back and not solve/prevent all kids' problems. Kids learn resilience which: increases independence and problem solving skills, and allows for development of emotional self-regulation.

May – District Review at Jackman. This is a helpful process that looks at areas identified by the school itself. It is intended as a learning opportunity. It looks for patterns across the school, not individual classrooms.

French Immersion Information Night was less well attended this year vs. previous ones. Highlighted that French Immersion is not an enriched program vs. English. French Immersion has added benefit of 2<sup>nd</sup> language. English has added benefit of enriched opportunity around meeting intellectual needs as English is more inquiry based than French Immersion.

It has been difficult to recruit French Immersion staff, as there is a dearth of applicants for vacant positions. This is a system-wide issue.

3. Committee Updates

Treasurers – No budget report this month.

Fundraising – Raffle license obtained. 100 prize packages prepared. Sponsors for inflatable attractions are in place. New for this year: photo booth and mini-put. Waiting to see if H2O to GO water trailer will attend. Return of Clown has not been discussed.

Volunteer – Class reps are engaging parents re: volunteering for Spring Fair. Council providing meal for staff on interview night.

Equity – Buying classroom resources. To get input from teachers via survey. Student engagement/learning - instead of carousel format, will this year be assembly. Equity requesting a budget for next year to support teacher training re: teaching equity.

Communications – Next steps on new weblog: seek teacher submissions; add events calendar. Intending to set up a new newsletter email system so as to streamline the current system.

Outdoor Environment Committee – Running a school-wide contest where all classes are growing Sunflowers.

4. Council Election – Spring vs Fall

Following on budget planning changes, Executive researched potential for change to a Spring election. It is unclear that we're allowed to move to Spring, so maintain status quo for this year.

**Council/Chairs** to follow up on planning Fall election. **May/June.**

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| 5. Engaging parents                             | Recruitment – Target specific parent groups (e.g. parents of children w/ attention issues); Shaune to consider talking at Curriculum Night re: current issues and school improvement activities; consider event(s) targeted to specific parent populations; limit number of business meetings and instead run speakers/similar. | <b>Discussion ongoing.</b>  |
| 6. Ideas re: unused portion of Volunteer budget | Possible uses of unused funds from Volunteer and Communications budgets were discussed: Movie Night; and/or speakers around education and parenting issues. Summary of options under consideration was presented.   | <b>Michelle N. et al</b> , to follow up and potentially book speaker(s)     |
| 7. Budgeting                                    | Budget Ctte to convene ~ April. Those with an interest in participating please contact Stephanie. The sub-committee will address the issue of the carry-over surplus and present ideas to Council.  | <b>Members</b> to contact Stephanie ASAP if interested work on Budget Ctte. |

**Next meeting April 2, 2012**