

## Jackman School Council meeting – Monday May 5, 2014, 7-9 pm

In attendance: Council members

Shaune Palmer - Principal	Chris Robertson – Co-chair
Christy Gaetz – Co-Treasurer	Adrienne Lee – Secretary
Michelle Hunt – Fundraising co-chair	Lisa Milne – Outdoor Environment co-chair
Donna Spreitzer – Staff representative	Angela Mandalas – Social and volunteer co-chair
Vasha Zindros – Social and volunteer co-chair	Karen Finlason – Member-at-large
Tiffany Johnson - Fundraising	Patti Morrow – Member-at-large
Astrid Jacques – Equity co-chair	Kavita Khandelwal – Strategic Planning
Effie Kourbetis – Education co-chair (English)	

Parent/community attendees – none

**1. Welcome and introductions**

**2. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes** – Donna moves, Vasha seconds, passed.

**3. Principal's update** – starting to see that events with 65-70 people work very well (evening events); breaking up single concert into three smaller concerts has worked very well. Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) construction – going well, now 2 weeks behind tentative schedule (supposed to finish at end of June), hopeful that by mid-August, will be ready to go. Have met with Jackman Daycare, doing ordering for two new rooms, funds in core budget for furnishing these rooms. Time for teacher transfers, hiring, also will be doing student placement in several weeks.

FDK welcome to kindergarten – Fri. June 20, from approx. 9-10 am, welcome to parents.

Volunteer tea is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Review/Discussion item:**

Core Budget (attached) – “Start-up” funds needed by next year’s School Council until full budget can be discussed and passed in November 2014.

Sports equipment line item - \$8,500 not spent; Outdoor Environment Cttee. - \$4,000 not spent (construction, so not purchasing, planting trees as usual). May want to discuss use of these extra funds at June meeting, once have Spring Fair numbers.

LTTA – now have numbers (\$3,360 for grades 4 and 5 (two classes in each grade (one English and one French), four or five sessions over the year), amount is lower than funds proposed in Core Budget (\$4,000). Concerns re effectiveness of programme – strong anecdotal evidence, statistical evidence available through Effie/LTTA website, that is

helpful. Doing a small sample to test this effectiveness before purchasing from whole school.

Contingency amount – was \$500, now \$3,500 – can always be used towards kindergarten extra equipment, if not used. Other categories – standard, same amounts as last year.

**Motion to pass Core Budget** – Patti moves, Effie seconds, unanimous, Core Budget passes.

Playground safety – sitting rocks – parent had raised this issue in a past meeting, co-chair had advised that it would be addressed in a future meeting. Concerned by severity of injury – any need to look at this issue further, or unusual circumstances? Was two years ago, have had no injuries since. Shaune – at “tipping point” for rocks, more may be too many for playground. Rocks in sandy area tend not to be problematic. Those closer to maze at east side of school yard can get very icy in winter – some of these are being moved to become the friendship area. Had some concerns about adding a new apparatus to playground – concern around congestion. A school safety committee does review these issues.

5. **Committee Updates:** Fundraising – Spring Fair – Michelle – still looking for sponsors, three have not returned this year, so still looking. Tax receipts. **Reminder to make sure all raffle tickets get sold or brought back so that another student can sell them.**

Outdoor Environment – Lisa M. - have put in expression of interest for Toronto Live Green grant - \$8,600 – interested in receiving grant application – all community members and kindergarten parents invited to assist with grant writing. Still looking at other ideas, doing work in the yard with the kids during recess. Logs are here (from ice-storm-downed tree), have been arranged.

Social and volunteer – class reps got all info re parent volunteers for Spring Fair today, should be going out in next few days.

Equity – Dr. Tannock came in April, well received by parents and teachers. Format worked well, thinking that will do it again next year, on similar topics (ADHD), with tools for parents.

Poverty carousel – speakers coming in next week (FoodShare, Daily Bread Food Bank, Woodgreen Services); speakers know how young children are – having usually done presentation for Grades 4-6 only, now trying to expand to Grades 1-3.

Strategic Planning – question around amounts from provincial government, TDSB to be directed towards School Council. Provincial amount - \$500 - shows up in school budget – for photocopying, babysitting, etc.; Shaune will check about \$1,000 from TDSB.

Have been looking for placemats for children to use at lunch, but have not found anything suitable yet.

Distributed SSON to Council that was submitted so that School Council has a record of it.

Proposal to buy scoreboard for \$750 for one of gyms out of unspent sports equipment line item; should be part of School Improvement Plan process. Suggestion that Shaune distribute School Improvement Plan to Council in advance of Budget Committee meeting in late October, so that School Improvement Plan can inform Council's budget. This should improve the budget process.

Extracurriculars – working with extracurriculars – meet twice a week. Some thoughts if want to continue it next week – some of children who were in Jackman Daycare signed up, worked fine with older kids, but a lot of extra work for younger children. Suggestion is to limit it to Grade 1 and older next year. Not a lot of response from parents in terms of assisting walking them to the activities, also found that only a few people making the decisions about what programs will be put on. One possibility is to say that parents of Jackman Daycare children must get their children to and from the activities. If do hire someone to pick up children, who is supervising/responsible for that person?

6. Open Floor Items – school mailbox is packed, please check to see if any of it falls under your committee. Certain documents in mailbox should be held by a Co-Treasurer. Congratulations to Vasha and Angela and the Social and Volunteer committee for a great parent social on March 6th.
7. General Housekeeping - none

**Motion to adjourn** – Michelle moves, Karen seconds, all in favour, meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting – Monday June 2, 2014, from 7-9 pm in the Library**