

JACK CHAMBERS SCHOOL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

2018 October 24, 6:30P.M.

STAFF ROOM, JACK CHAMBERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Council met in regular session on 2018 October 24 in the Staff Room at Jack Chambers Public School, meeting in public session at 6:30p.m. The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS

J. Grant (co-Chair)	J. Mathuranayagam
W. Kean (co-Chair)	P. Mills
I. Agar	L. Murdoch
S. Blumas	Z. Muvuti
R. Griesmayer	S. Ruffell
R. Hummell	C. Steele
S. King	J. Zhang
T. Lei	

OTHERS

A. Dubaczewski	T. Macdonald
S. Dubitowski	C. Nelson
W. Inch	T. Poole
K. Laird	T. Schembri
H. Liu	M. Snoeks
C. Lougheed	B. Usher

Absent: N. Abdul-Gani, A. Ellaw

Call to Order

- Chair J. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.
- The agenda was approved on motion of J. Grant, seconded by P. Mills
- The 2018 September 26 minutes, as amended, were approved on motion of J. Grant, seconded by P. Mills
- No one in attendance declared any conflict of interest.

Chair Report

- J. Grant reported the following:
- Two new Trustees elected in our area this week: P. Cuddy and C. Rahman
 - Provincial government pulled PRO grant funding, TVPIC will step in – approx. \$88,000 available
 - 2 Superintendents retiring – C. Beal (2019 February 15), P. McKenzie (2019 January 11)

Financial Report

R. Hummell reported the following:

- Balance as of August 31, 2018: \$29,904.45
- New transactions as follows:
 - +\$367.08: Meet the teacher event revenue
 - +\$345.51: HST rebate
 - +\$23.35: Mabels Labels
 - \$13,500.00: Gym sound system deposit
- Balance as of September 30, 2018: \$17,140.39

Administration Report

I. Agar reported the following:

- Status of Gymnasium New Sound/ Projection System
 - Whole school benefits:
 - Used in the gym monthly for the Great Assembly to recognize student achievement for all grades, AYLS, graduation, productions and concerts, sporting events, etc.
 - Kate Laird stated that the system will benefit students requiring accommodation for example students with hearing loss for instructional support during gym class.
 - Itemized costs and additional costs:
 - Sound system: \$26,112.59, Projection system: \$20,633.70
 - Some additional costs: wiring: \$1,392.00 + HST and a scissor lift rental for one day for installation – cost TBD
 - To date School Council has pledged \$13,500
 - Superintendent contribution: \$3500
 - Chocolate sales: \$2500
 - Three quotes were obtained, with Bob Green from Armour Pro Audio being selected based on the winning combination of quality, experience and price. The offering is for user friendly equipment with more complex utilization opportunities.
 - Looking to move forward and asking for an additional \$16,000.00 from School Council with the remaining monies being contributed from the school budget with the goal for a pre-holiday concert installation.
 - Discussion topics:
 - P. Mills asked if additional funding could be requested from the School Board this year since money was granted last year – I.

Agar stated that leftover budget funds are given out at the end of the school year.

- J. Grant discussed the possibility of forming a sub committee to discuss the requested amount
- T. Schembri suggested to spend the money earned last year right away to benefit the students that raised it. J. Grant said that the School Council likes to keep some money in the account to float expenses required for upcoming fundraisers. Z. Muvuti stated that further delay in the release of funds could result in higher future costs.
- The projected hot lunch profits are \$2,000 per month.
- R. Hummell put forward a motion to “reimburse the school up to \$16,000 for the purchase of the sound and projection system, and associated expenses, for the gymnasium. The motion was seconded by S. Ruffell and CARRIED.
- Music Program “Plans, Needs, and Wishes”
 - Presentation by W. Inch and B. Usher
 - Extracurriculars include 300 students plus a grade 2/3 choir to start in the New Year (118 last year), which is more than 50% of the school population that enjoy a large variety of performing opportunities including school events, Santa Claus parade (possibly if a truck can be secured), London Lightning and Knights games, etc.
 - Performance shirts are now available for \$25 for uniformity and pride and available through cash online. Options are provided for students that need assistance with funding.
 - Assessment of instruments completed and \$7,300 + HST is required to repair the 25 year old instruments that are used everyday all day long.
 - Recurring needs are \$4,000 annually for show materials, consumables, registration fees, repair and maintenance, new equipment and music and piano tuning.
 - There is a goal to do a full Broadway show and there would be costs associated with costumes, licensing fees, etc.
 - The program would benefit from dedicated iPads/Chromebooks.
 - Increased festival involvement is desired which would have associated costs such as bussing and registration
 - Fundraising ideas: London Knights ticket sales (\$650 projected) + London Lightning ticket sales (\$300 projected), donations, VIP seating, reserved seating, 50/50 tickets, snack sales.

- An application for a repair and replacement fund (estimated \$500-1000) from the board has been applied for as well as MusicCounts Grant (\$7,000).
- EQAO Discussion: POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
- Student Representative for School Council
 - Role and potential leadership opportunity:
 - Voting member of School Council with the responsibility to solicit views of other students, participate in committees and communicate back to students.
 - Application process submitted to the Principal:
 - A grade 7/8 student with two letters of reference from teachers
 - Approved by School Council to start application process

Staff Report

K. Laird reported the following:

- Orange Shirt Day Update
 - It was a meaningful day raising awareness for anti racism and anti bullying. Every teacher planned activities tied into the curricular and some stand outs were feather wreaths, collages and poetry analysis.
- Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT7)
 - New screening test that measures cognitive reasoning across verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative domains. It identifies students at the high and low ends of the achievement scale with possible outcomes being an IEP, itinerant teacher and differentiated learning opportunities.
 - It will be used in grade three in February 2019.
- Math Lead
 - Whole school “Thinking Question” assessment
 - Jack Chambers has three Math Leads, which is the maximum allowable. The upcoming PD day is math related and all teachers from grade 1-8 will come up with thinking questions that are more application and thinking based versus knowledge based which will pinpoint where most students are struggling at Jack Chambers.

Committees Report

- Formation of committees
 - Budget – planning of revenue and expenditures

- I. Agar, J. Grant, R. Hummell, P. Mills, Z. Muvuti
- Fundraising – explore new streams of revenue (e.g. Volleyball tournament concession)
 - Multi-school volleyball tournament on November 20, 22, 27 2018 from 3:30-6:30 pm
 - S. Blumas (Chair), J. Grant, R. Griesmayer, R. Hummell, P. Mills, Z. Muvuti, S. Ruffell, M. Snoeks, J. Zhang
- EQAO – planning of January EQAO information session
 - I. Agar, J. Grant

Community Report

- Three parents concerned that students are using e-cigarettes on or near school property and Ingrid will investigate.
- A syringe with no needle was found and removed outside an entrance door at the end of the school day.
- Garbage and possible underage alcohol consumption near the pond off school property. C. Steele recommended for concerned parents to email London's Parks and Recreation department or the City Councillor.

New Business

- Bullying discussion – how prevalent is bullying and how is it managed – POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
- S. Blumas had idea of older students patrolling the younger kids
 - Anti-Bullying Committee was formed: S. Blumas, R. Griesmayer, T. Macdonald, S. Ruffell
 - T. Macdonald will attempt to find a primary division teacher to join this committee.

Adjournment

The next meeting is Wednesday, 2018 November 28 at 6:30p.m. in the Staff Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12p.m. on motion of J. Grant, seconded by W. Kean.