



# Jack Chambers School Council

May 28th, 2025

6:30 pm – Jack Chambers Library

## **Welcome and call meeting to order @6:36pm Motion:**

*Alexander Second: Aradhna*

**Council attendance: Oleksandr Kostenko, Olha Kostenko, Melanie Carpenter, Aradhna Bagga, Priyanka Saxena, Jody Fisher, Amita Rawat (Treasurer), Andre LeFort, Jonathan Somerville, Simone Zamper, Sally Chamberlain, Tosin Sosanya, Sue Seara**

### **1. Approval of previous minutes (Jonathan Somerville):**

*Motion: Alexander*

*Second: Aranda*

**2. Administration Report (Frank Letsos & Sally Chamberlain):** lots happening, busy, EQAO gr 3 and 6 begins next week, lots of prep for teachers and students for questioning they might see, is it a good representation? Yes, because the questions are very embedded in the curriculum, it has come a long way. There are hours and hours of prep for technical issues, as students are writing in the moment items that pop up, timing has been great due to Sally running it at Princess Anne to help navigate processes/issues here at Jack Chambers. Lots of collaboration between the staff to help cover supervision. 4 days of writing and 2 assessments are each day. Students have paper that is unique to each student with specific QR code. The system does some remediation throughout the testing, to create student tailored pathways which could increase the length of the test.

Q: Do the results get skewed by ESL students? Board does categorize newer English-speaking students and statistics are affected by all students regardless of ESL but then schools can look at groups separate groups. ESL EQAO tests have variations to help students be more successful on the test.

Q: When do ESL students stop getting support

A: Next year, we are getting more ESL to 1.5 teacher support because our student ESL population is increasing at JC.

Q: How are EQAO used by the board?

-piece of pie to explain how board is performing, school performing, and used by the Ministry guides what school goals should be directed to.

Q: Are these results used to navigate a student's learning needs?

A: The results come out in the Fall so JC can't use them right when school begins-math and literacy mainly. There are several different types of assessment to identify learning patterns. EQAO is one of them. Helps teachers guide the strategies that they use for their student.

Q: What are the trends of JC for EQAO?

A: For years past we have been high, but last year JC did drop. Assessments have newly changed to online which has affected the results too.

Safe and Inclusive Plan

-students and admin have met

-school strength: quality of education

-issues: cultural safety, exclusion/bullying, bathroom safety-pictures in the bathroom, peaking in the stalls,

-skits, poster, students are leading initiatives,

-students need to report, admin will be interview, anonymous reporting exists on the school website, suspensions, bathrooms are closed,

-one camera in the front hall only

Q: can we get more cameras installed?

-students need to report more to get the board to fund it.

Q: Can SC buy cameras? Can people volunteer to install themselves?

-they are expensive and no, all work must be done

### **3. Student Representative Report** (Claire Roche & Lameese Chahbar):

#### **4. Treasurer Report** (Amita Rawat): Update on current bank account balance.

-\$6,909.61 regular account, 2,391.72 in the lottery account.

-the money needs to be moved from lottery account and the hiccup is that Frank must approve the deposit into SC account. We are waiting on this part.

-9, 301.33 total!! yahoo

#### **5. Hot Lunch Report** (Andre LeFort), Sue Seara: 2025 program coming to an end soon. Discussion for 2026 session by Andre and Sue

-Andre: It's official we are going weekly.

-We are going to need more volunteers; we had 30-35 sign up, the schedule is created at the beginning of the year, first term is organized in September and then re organized again in Term 2.

-every other week we can 200 orders approx.

-pizza is sole SC

-Q: Can we run both companies at the same time?

-A: Delivery charges would apply

-Q: Why change if we already have a wide variety of foods?

A: maybe we don't

-Q: Healthy versus fast food unhealthy options?

-A: concern for switching to brands,

-Smaller businesses sometimes can't fulfill packaging

-Q: Does our current vendor have other options?

-A: We don't have that information.

Sally: Subway is her least favorite vendor, poorly made and under portion size,

- Council would like to survey the school before changing.
- what we have now the deadline is June 13<sup>th</sup>

Advantage of switching companies is that it would be more seamless.

- consensus is to stay with current company because of timing but perhaps add new options.
- if we can find out other options but admin will pick, and they will consider what options will change.

#### **6. STEM event (Andre LeFort) Full Report on evening including a few pictures. Learnings and discussion on goals for STEM in 2026**

- Mr. Martins basically had students run all the stations, Grade 8 leaders,
- 120 Parents came during the day 2pm-3pm
- Egg Drop Stations, Robots,
- Grades 1-4 event
- Mr. Martins will do a proper science fair, JC has not had a science fair for 13 years,
- no Board officials did not come; we did get re tweeted by the Director,
- micro bits, be bots,
- students helped clean up too.
- gym was full capacity so next year if we want to include other grades, we need to stagger students in the gym,

-Orchid Park does do a science fair, grade 5-8, where they can move on,

Q: Is there a JC Speech Competition, public speaking initiatives,

A: Nothing at JC right now. Schools pick initiatives what they are passionate about, so maybe no one on staff who wants to take on, teachers could be doing speech/presenting, happening in classrooms, it's in Grade 5-8 curriculum,

Q: Does JC have any clubs? How are they publicized?

A: Sometimes the information doesn't come to the office. It's voluntary but next year, could be asked in September.  
-Chess, Debate, Knitting, Music/Choir, Sports happening during recess,

Q: Students new to the school could stay in at recess and be lead/matched up with older kids to help them navigate them to school –Ambassadors club, Buddy club, teach them activities,

A: Recess club is maybe what this was. It was run by EAs when they were available but as of late, they have not had time to officially run this club.

Q: Are clubs allowed to run after school?

-if there is a staff advisor. The bible club runs after school by outside people because they apply for community use of school space.

#### **7. Outdoor Playground Climber Fundraising (Sue Seara):**

Updates and information on corporate donations for the playground climber. Discuss what our best options are for next steps.

-did not get to

#### **8. 2026 Event / Fundraiser Calendar (everyone)**

[https://tvdsbo365.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/teams/JCSchoolCouncil-Chairs/\\_layouts/15/Doc2.aspx?action=edit&sourcedoc=%7B71322b41-7be8-4028-8f28-c8944cc5f57d%7D&wdOrigin=TEAMS-MAGLEV.teamsSdk\\_ns.rwc&wdExp=TEAMS-TREATMENT&wdhostclicktime=1748184478038&web=1](https://tvdsbo365.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/teams/JCSchoolCouncil-Chairs/_layouts/15/Doc2.aspx?action=edit&sourcedoc=%7B71322b41-7be8-4028-8f28-c8944cc5f57d%7D&wdOrigin=TEAMS-MAGLEV.teamsSdk_ns.rwc&wdExp=TEAMS-TREATMENT&wdhostclicktime=1748184478038&web=1)

Andre: please look at this link and consider signing up to lead one or two of the fundraising activities.

Q: Can the delivery happen before Thanksgiving?

A: Timing of meeting is a hurdle since we meet at the end of the September.

Motion: Can we adjust our meeting length next year to 1.5 hours?

Affirmed: Jodi, Aranda, other members,

Jonathan: didn't get to playground discussion, but Jonathan wants to start to spend a little bit of money to start improvements, FDK, FDK needs more space, could we expand the space, adding more equipment, Kindergarten pen.

Q: Do we have a volunteer coordinator for SC?

A: Not an official position needed to run SC.

-We need to vote on how to spend the money but need to know what most urgent areas are and get the ball rolling on some smaller projects.

**Adjournment @ 8:06pm**

*Motion: Andre*

*Second: Tosin*

*Q: Does Phys. Ed gets replaced? Students had to bring in their own badminton racquet.*

*A: Yes, there is an attempt to re-order.*

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**Princess Anne:**

-run fundraisers all year:

-hot lunch every Friday,

-popcorn every Tuesday, buy it at intervals, one volunteer with 2 student volunteer go to all the classrooms,

-3 cakewalk a year, all baked good raffle,

-Freezies at various points in the year,

-5000 jibbitz made,

-Dances every Thursday before PD Day, Grades 5-8, Parents run the event, snack bar that runs out, gym is used as a community use space, rent a DJ, board approved ones, prove insurance,

-Big Spring Day: spring fair whole after school 5-7pm, every grade has a theme, they create baskets, big giant raffle, running them with lottery,

-Bingos in person at Bingo Halls,

-sell Merchandise: pepperoni-Carmichaels, Spring Flowers in Flats, Rheo Thomspen, Muskoka roasters,

-home in school: separate bank account Parent Council,

-they do not have SC council, work around,