



Jack Chambers School Council

Elections Meeting

October 25, 2023

6:30 pm – Jack Chambers Library

Welcome and call meeting to order @ 6:34pm, Oct 25 2023

Motion: Jonathan Somerville (co-chair)

Second: Nicole Elligsen (secretary)

Council attendance:

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| -Jonathan Somerville | Co-chair |
| -Andrew Lefort | Co-chair |
| -Susanne Young | Principal |
| -Richelle Hirlehey | Vice Principal |
| -Nicole Elligsen | Secretary |
| -Amita Rawat | Treasurer |
| -Lynne Murdoch | Teacher rep |
| -Andrea Legato | Fundraising rep |
| Anav Pate | Student Rep |
| -Lidia Yanchuk | Parent Rep |
| -Darren Elligsen | Parent Rep |
| -Yu Yang | Parent Rep |
| -Simone Zamper | Parent Rep |
| -Sara Dubilowski | Parent Rep |
| -Dale Dubilowski | -Parent Rep |
| -Emily Truscott | Parent Rep |

May have missed some online/virtual

2. Review Previous Minutes (Nicole Elligsen)

Discussion on how all will review minutes from previous meeting, come prepared to discuss/motion.

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3. Student Representatives (Introduction by Richelle Hirlehey):

- Anav – 10th year at Jack Chambers (present)
- Two others not present tonight: Fiona, Lily
- Anav + Fiona will be regulars at meetings. Lily will be the alternate

4. Administration Report (Susanne Young & Richelle Hirlehey):

- **EQAO test results from last year** - Grades 3 and 6s - want to achieve levels 3+
- Grade 3: well above provincial scores.
 - Reading: 91% level 3+; writing: 90% level 3+
 - Andre asked why higher proportions in level 4 for reading (33.8%) vs math (2.9%)
 - Response from administration: we celebrate the scores that are level 3 and above.
 - Discussion from council about how children don't have the same interest in writing; see parents on computers often, more on tablets.
 - Susanne: reality of new world, moving to technology; focus on writing is starting to decrease.
 - Use word processing systems, interactive systems (jam boards)
 - Still being taught conventions and skills of writing
- Grade 6: 95% level 3+ in reading; 100% level 3+ in writing, 95% level 3+ in math - we celebrate these scores

Safe Inclusive school plan:

- Focus on building our knowledge base of other cultures to increase our understanding of others; so differences can be actively respected and accepted within our school community
- Adopting posture of practice: learning about self identity, identities and cultures.
- Focus on building social skills in the early, primary and junior years.
- Engaging with community partners

Popcorn sales: raising money for another London school that did not receive nutrition funding, We are fortunate at Jack Chambers - always have a fruit bowl in office as top up. Helping another school; \$2 per bag
-Feedback that reason for selling could be more clear. Use as feedback for Charge Ahead

Halloween: students can wear costumes on Oct 31: no scary masks, swords.

5. Treasurer Report (Amita Rawat): Update on current bank account balance. Started with \$922.08

-\$56.15 for added for Sept: will be deposited today

-\$978.23 with no withdrawals

6. Fundraising Report (Andrea Legato): Update on pizza lunch and plans for the remainder of the year for it.

-**Pizza lunches:** low participation in September.

-Council discussion: links included in emails may not have been correct for ordering.

-Feedback that many systems for parents/families to figure out in September (school cash, hot lunch, school messenger); many people were figuring it all out in September, especially for new students.

-Get reports on Monday following order close about volume

-Feedback from parent council about noon close on Sunday vs midnight Sunday - will pass on to vendor.

-Student feedback from Anave: 4 or 5 had in his class, some others have had hot lunches.

Discussion about frequency for pizza lunch winter: can look at bi weekly or weekly options, can use other vendors other than pizza (ex. subway, pita pit, swiss chalet)

-Costs may be higher with some options - price consideration.

-Lunch box is the intermediary - they help with the orders, coordinating payments.

-Action: send a survey in Charge ahead to solicit feedback about frequency, options provided.

7. Community event and fundraiser planning for 2023-2024 (Jonathan Somerville):

Begin discussion on what we'd like to accomplish for the year and begin to assign who will oversee what, and what the timeline will look like. Ideas...new hot lunch vendor option, lottery license for holiday raffle, movie nights in the gym, cake raffle, colour house bracelet sale (or some other clothing item), popcorn and lollipop sales, valentines day chocolate sale, holiday gift-wrapping supplies (or station?), ping pong tournament, board games night, school scavenger hunt, teacher appreciation activity/event, . ???

-**Raffle for holiday concert:** lottery licence is requirement. a small cost. Darren able to provide some donations (sports tickets); reach out to other local businesses for donations, opportunity to promote business.

-If raffle - could start selling 1-2 nights before so available to all instead of only night of concert.

-Promote the cause for donations:

- Mrs Inch and music department - puts a lot of time into concert. *Action:* discuss with Mrs. Inch.

-Could have other causes: outdoor play structure, flags for sports teams.

-50/50 draw: easy win for fundraising

-Date of concert will not be last week of school.

-Silent auction vs raffles

Action: Will set up sub-committee to start planning for holiday concert (Jonathan documented who will be involved – Jonathan, Andre, Andrea, Nicole, Darren, Emily...)

Other discussions:

-School colour house accessories: bracelets or bandana (consideration: bracelets may break)

-Student rep: could ask peers about options - opinion is right now most use markers, clothing.

-Gift wrapping: Andrea hasn't found anything great. high shipping costs.

-Card box sales - full for Fall, could look in spring.

-After school snack program: ex. apples in season, hot chocolate - quick wins. Student reps could help

-*if frequent - find best way for petty cash. cash cannot leave premises - counted by two people right after.

-Online auctions: could capture more people. Susanne identified may not be able to in TVDSB

-Bottle drives or raffle baskets of oils/hot chocolate etc.

Principal for a day: award for contest. Susanne - a lot of work.

Andre:

- 8. Council Roundtable:** Identify Goals for fundraising for the year and identify opportunities for fundraising. Council members to present ideas to the council for consideration. When presenting your idea, please clearly provide the Who/What/When/Where/Why. **Areas we can apply ourselves to:**
- a) Supporting a School growth plan (School Improvement Plan) - ex making home learning, tutoring more accessible
 - b) School council bylaws, School council election procedures (reviewed and/or revised) - Andre has taken lead, policies are currently 12 yrs old
 - c) Determine use of Base Mobilization and Outreach Funds (Parent Involvement Funds) - remove barriers, educate (speakers) - same grants/funding may become available
 - d) School program and curriculum priorities
 - e) Healthy schools and student nutrition
 - f) Safe school issues and/or strategies
 - g) Provide input to TVDSB policies
 - h) Extracurricular activities in the school (sports, clubs, etc)

*May need to talk offline or next meeting due to time constraints tonight

Additional idea: Paul Davis, Public Speaker (Sara Dubilowski provided information)

-He spoke at St Catherine of Sienna -3 presentation for different ages + session for parents. Info about apps, parent controls, cyber bullying.

Grade 4/5/6 - 45min + Q&A

Grade 7/8 -50min + Q&A

Parents/Evening - 70min + Q&A

-Actions: Look at accessibility for grants (applications due Dec 22); Sara to reach out to understand how far in advance he is booking into.

-Question about Paul's credentials - will look into it and provide information back.

-Options for parent session: child minding options, volunteer hours.

Fee/Day: \$1600+HST inclusive of travel to London

Will need to fundraise \$

-Administration confirmed would be supportive of allowing kids to participate during school hours as it is part of the curriculum

2. Adjournment @7:53pm

Motion: Jonathan Somerville

Second: Lynne Murdoch

next meeting Nov 29 @6:30