



Jack Chambers School Council

January 29, 2025

6:30 pm – Jack Chambers Library

Welcome and call meeting to order @ 6:32pm Motion: Jonathan

Second: Andre, Jodi

Council attendance: Carlos Damiani, Martha Damiani, Amita Rawat, Jonathan Somerville, Claire Roch, Lameese Chahbar, Wendy Masciotra, Lynne Murdoch, Diana Kriznic, Jody Fisher, Tosin Sosanya, Simone Zamper, Aradhna Bagga, Frank Letsos, Sue Seara, Andre LeFort

1. Approval of previous minutes (Jonathan Somerville):

Motion: Andre

Second: Jodi, Amita

2. Administration Report (Frank Letsos & Sally Chamberlain): Introduction of Frank to school council and sharing of new information about Jack Chambers since our last meeting.

-Frank started out teaching at the elementary intermediate level then was promoted to a literacy coach position with the board then promoted to various administrative roles. Most recently left the board office from a systems position.

-no new Jack Chambers information given from our last meeting

3. Student Representative Report (Claire Roche):

-Claire reported: a camping trip is getting planned for grade 8 end of the school year trip, candy grams for Valentine's Day, Grade 8 parents fundraising for the dance after party, bake sale at the end of May/early June, funds raised for the grad ceremony. Did they have a DJ last year? -students will make their own pre-approved playlist.

4. Treasurer Report (Amita Rawat): Update on current bank account balance as of December 2024.

-Amita reported: \$5,554.01 in our school council account, lottery account \$2,419.73 most recent funds collected from our 50/50 ticket draw at the recent Christmas Concerts –afternoon and evening draws.

5. Hot Lunch Report (Andre LeFort): Update on pizza lunch program. Is there any feedback about the hot lunches that anyone has heard from the community? Are there opportunities to improve?

-Andre reported: 10 more pizza lunches, running smoothly so far, volunteers 4-5 each time, logistics chatter, weekly every Friday which we will consider, survey vendors out to families on which types of lunches we want to offer for next year. Survey should be sent in the spring to get vendors ready for the following school year.

6. Holiday Concert Raffle for Playground Climber (Jonathan Somerville): Summary of our holiday raffle and discussion about what worked and how we could improve for next time. What would you do the same and what would you differently?

-Jonathan reported: the lottery report was returned to the City of London. I did this in January, and it was a requirement to close the license and wrap things up. The next steps are to work on is moving the funds out of the lottery trust bank account and in to the one which Lori (front office) said it needs to be parked. It's a separate account from our regular school council bank account though.

-Feedback from Wendy Masciotra: draw didn't impact the show which was positive,

-Feedback from other council members: consider less people selling so it less people handling money, use a cart with wheels to better display the rolling ticket basket, tickets were left on the floor, we will need to sweep up after,

7. PRO Grant Application (Andre LeFort)

PRO Grant funding application was approved, we've received \$3,000 in funding. Andre is coordinating next steps for the event and would like to have some volunteers to join him to coordinate.

The event is: TBD

Date: TBD

-Andre reported: PRO, parents reaching out GRANT. We have received this grant for the last 2 years. This event helps bring the community together-considering running a STEM night this new then it helps us purchase new equipment that the school can use afterwards. The grant is \$3000. We received it 10 days ago. Email from Shauna EA from Superintendent that TVDSB wants to promote event at the Board level. Andre is working with Mr. Martin the Jack Chamber's Librarian, to decide what to order. He is a STEM lead for the school and ran the event in April last year. We need helpers to greet people, provide childcare for families attending, and we also need help cross promoting this event and consider using this night to also promote our next fundraiser event aligned with the April PD Day: April 11th (offer for Thursday April 10th, Friday April 11th and Saturday April 12th: Brazilian Cuisine Restaurant nights with [Love Pastel](#) (owners Martha and Carlos).

8. Brazilian cuisine event at Love Pastel (Sue Seara w/ owner Martha Damianci)

Martha, owner of Love Pastel (Covent Garden Market) will be joining us to help plan a restaurant night at her store in the CGM. This is an opportunity to provide memory for the Brazilian community, but also welcome and showcase Brazilian cuisine to the many families at Jack Chambers.

-Sue reported: promoting restaurant night to time up with our April PD Day on Friday April 11 (include Thurs and Sat too), flyer to send out with planners, email, posters around the school, taste tasting on the PRO event.

9. Concession Stand for Volleyball Tournament (Jonathan Somerville)

Jack Chambers is hosting a regional girls volleyball tournament on the evenings of February 10th and 12. There will be around 250 people coming to our school on those days between the hours of approx.. 4-8pm, and we'd like to open a concession stand to sell food and drinks. Gather volunteers to help will be needed. High school volunteers welcome!

-Jonathan reported: 8/9 teams, 250 people on each night, Costco supplies, pizza ordering, list of schools, send flyer/email to schools attending, need volunteers/shifts.

10. Outdoor Playground Climber Fundraising (Sue Seara):

Updates and information on corporate donations for the playground climber. Discuss what our best options for 2025 and create a plan on who contacts which company to inquire about their ability to support.

-Sue reported: copies of different organizations that have potential to help provide Grant money for playground equipment. A plan was made to spread grant inquiries amongst those council members willing to help out and then we will start compiling a report on the status of those grant inquires/applications at the next meeting. We will create a Jack Chambers master list on who was applying to what organization and what was the result of that email or phone call. Council members who wanted to help stayed after the meeting to get the information they needed to reach out about Grant Application process.

11. New ideas and things to discuss (everyone)

Open discussion. Is there something you'd like to discuss next meeting and have added to the agenda?

Various council members: -Chambers Day, setting yearly schedule at next meeting –start to build a yearly plan.

Adjournment @ 7:33pm

Motion: Jonathan Second: Jodi, Tosin

Next meeting Feb 26 @ 6:30pm