

**Jackman School Council (JSC) – October Council Meeting**  
Meeting minutes for November 6, 2017

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**Committee Attendees:** Astrid Jacques (Co-Chair), Neil Faba (Communications), Jennifer Proos (English Education), Rolf Struthers (Outdoor Environment), Cameron Kirkwood (Equity), Sara O’Neill (Volunteer/Social Co-chair), Nahuel Arruda-Starzenski (Treasurer Co-Chair), Lisa Milne (Outdoor Environment), Suzy Papadopoulos (Vice Principal), Rory Sullivan (Principal), Karen DeGroot (Teacher Rep – English), Tiffany Johnson (Fundraising), Karen Pace (Teacher Rep – French), Paola Gomez (Spring Fair Chair), Theodora Rowlands (Strategic Planning), Angela Mandalas (Strategic Planning), Rachel Silvey (Equity), Lisa Farun (Secretary), Melanie Azeff (French Ed), Cissy Ho (Communications Co-chair)

**Jackman Student Council:**

**Parents / Other Attendees:** Nick Pessos, Daryl Watson

**Absent:** Sandra Cowen, Paul Cressman, Liz West, Cynthia Wong

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- 1) Welcome (Astrid)
- 2) Approval of October 2017 meeting minutes (Liz/Astrid)
- 3) Open up to comments/concerns from visiting parents that may then be added to Open Floor Items
  - a. Daryl Watson to join Council as Member at Large
- 4) Student Council Update
  - a. School spirit, ambassadors & social justice/equity representatives
- 5) Principal’s Update (Rory)
  - a. No new reports re: facilities/staffing
  - b. Thank you to council for pizza for staff on meet the teacher night
  - c. Began month with Mme Smith & Mr Polantsis facilitating session on 6-10-17 re: aboriginal issues
  - d. Rory & Suzy have met with special education consultant, learning coach re: designing professional learning for staff throughout the year
    - i. Aspects of universal design, with particular focus on autism
    - ii. Primary French Immersion team will be working with learning coach – supporting reading in French immersion (Thursday)
    - iii. Ms DeGroot will also assist with reading strategies
    - iv. Learning coach to return at end of the November to look at learning biases and how these interrupt the ability to see a more inclusive classroom and how to overcome these biases.
  - e. Equity committee met with administration
    - i. Equity within the classroom – relevant and responsive classrooms
    - ii. Safe schools component – inclusive code of conduct
    - iii. Wellness & wellbeing – mindfulness will be a focus at Jackman
  - f. Harvest Festival was a big success
  - g. Mr Baker organized a Jackman team for the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon, and a guest speaker came to Jackman to speak with students about her journey

- h. In 1 week support staff will be participating in a behaviour management strategies workshop, will help develop consistent strategies
    - i. Many clubs are underway
- 6) Council Meeting Night going forward – results of Doodle (Suzy/Rachel)
  - a. Meeting dates/times to remain status quo – meetings to remain first Monday of the month at 7:00pm, with January meeting to be on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday
- 7) Teacher Survey Update re: IXL (Karen Pace)
  - a. Asked staff 10 questions regarding use of IXL.
  - b. 80% of teachers reported back that they use it and want to continue using it.
- 8) Outdoor Environment – Harvest Fest '17 report (Lisa & Rolf)
  - a. Harvest Festival – all aspects were successful (bake sale, food, pumpkins,
    - i. Feedback – review pricing at bake sale
    - ii. Should encourage new volunteers
    - iii. Net was almost \$6,000
    - iv. **MOTION:** To donate \$3,000 to the Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack Fund
      - 1. Lisa brought motion, Nahuel seconded
      - 2. Vote – **MOTION CARRIED** with unanimous support
      - 3. Idea – to invite representative from Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack Fund to holiday concert to receive donation
- 9) Budget Update (Nahuel)
  - a. Nahuel to work with Sandra to develop itemized spending log, to track how funds are used and to assess how council funds support the school
  - b. Budget committee met on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - i. Approximately \$85,000 is in account
    - ii. Will have a \$10K shortfall in main account
    - iii. Moving forward with raffle
    - iv. Cookie Dough fundraiser – will be December 7<sup>th</sup> and supplier will help sort it.
    - v. **MOTION:** To allocate all funds raised by Cookie Dough sales to a sister school
      - 1. Cameron brought motion, Tiffany seconded
      - 2. Vote – **MOTION CARRIED** with near unanimous support
      - 3. Superintendent to provide recommendations and Equity Committee to assist with this process
    - vi. There is a store on Jackmanschoolcouncil.org, can order Jackman gear, Cobs cards and “JJ” Stuffie (Jackman Spirit Mascot). Items available for pickup on Wednesdays.
    - vii. Proposal to put funds allocated for Field of Dreams into a GIC
- 10) Budget Vote (Nahuel)
  - a. Full budget proposal was reviewed
  - b. **MOTION:** To support budget as proposed
  - c. Nahuel brought motion, Paola seconded
  - d. Vote – **MOTION CARRIED** with majority support
- 11) Committee Updates:
  - a. Education – English (Jennifer)

- i. Nov 24<sup>th</sup> was Jennifer Story's meeting. Binder received with information as to how to run a school council.
    - ii. Traffic safety school zones – can we do a safety walk in the Jackman area?
    - iii. Education sub-committee to be formed to decide what to do with funds raised by raffle? Liz to provide regulations regarding how raffle funds can be spent.
  - b. Education – French (Melanie)
    - i. Application process is underway for early French Immersion start
    - ii. East end information session planned at Danforth Tech on 28-11-17
  - c. Volunteer Social (Sara)
    - i. Next movie night is December 15<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Pizza to be provided to teachers on parent teacher interview night
    - iii. Still need parent reps for some classes
  - d. Equity
    - i. Planning field trips (Rachel)
    - ii. TDSB Enhancing Equity Taskforce (Astrid) – feedback requested
      - 1. Looking at application/structural processes associated with alternative schools
      - 2. Funding allocation being reviewed
      - 3. Feedback link is in newsletter
  - e. Communications (Neil)
    - i. Parent Council input is sent to Rory by Thursday, so please submit by Wednesday
    - ii. Weekly JSC e-blast usually sent on weekends
  - f. Outdoor Environment (Lisa)
    - i. Bulb planting this week in Peace Garden and poppies to be planted in the shape of peace sign
  - g. Strategic Planning (Theodora)
    - i. Steering Committee is meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss Field of Dreams
  - h. Fundraising (Tiffany/Nahuel)
    - i. Application for Raffle has been submitted, more cost effective printing has been found
  - i. Spring Fair (Paola)
    - i. Planning meeting to be scheduled soon

## 12) Open Floor Items

- a. Daryl Watson indicated his interest to join Council as Member at Large
  - i. **MOTION:** To allow Daryl to join JPC as Member at Large
  - ii. Tiffany brought motion, Nahuel seconded
  - iii. Vote - **MOTION CARRIED** with unanimous support
- b. Proposal to bring bboyizm to Jackman (Lisa M.)

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2017