

**Jackman School Council (JSC) – March Council Meeting**  
Meeting minutes for March 5, 2018

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**Committee Attendees:** Astrid Jacques (Co-Chair), Angela Mandalas (Strategic Planning), Rory Sullivan (Principal), Rachel Silvey (Equity), Cameron Kirkwood (Equity), Sara O’Neill (Volunteer/Social Co-chair), Paul Cressman (Teacher Rep), Lisa Farun (Secretary), Rolf Struthers (Outdoor Environment), Jennifer Proos (English Education), Lisa Milne (Outdoor Environment), Sandra Cowen (Non-teaching Staff Member), Suzy Papadoloulos (Vice Principal), Karen DeGroot (Teacher Representative - English), Karen Pace (Teacher Rep – French), Cissy Ho (Communications Co-chair)

**Jackman Student(s)/Student Council:**

**Parents / Other Attendees:** Steven Braun

**Absent:** Liz West, Theodora Rowlands, Paola Gomez, Tiffany Johnson, Neil Faba, Melanie Azeff, Nahuel Arruda-Starzenski, Cynthia Wong, Daryl Watson

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- 1) Welcome (Astrid)
- 2) Approval of January and February 2018 meeting minutes (Astrid)
  - a. Motion to approve Jennifer Proos (1<sup>st</sup>), Sara O’Neill (2<sup>nd</sup>), motion passed
- 3) Open up to comments/concerns from visiting parents that may then be added to Open Floor Items
  - a. Road safety (Steven Braun) is a huge issue, speed humps are not effective, would like to explore creative solutions to keep kids safe
    - i. Streets of concern – Browning, Ellerbeck, Jackman
    - ii. School Administration and Parent Council representatives met with Councillor Mary Fragedakis to review local safety concerns and do a community walk. Parents encouraged parents to bring forward concerns as well, perhaps create a campaign. Councillor Fragedakis will be holding a community meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Estonia House and traffic concerns will be discussed
    - iii. Steve to do some research to determine the process for changing traffic rules in the area and Parent Council will assist with follow up
- 4) Principal’s Update (Rory)
  - a. Student Council has organized a whacky clothing day this Wednesday (March 7)
  - b. Cooling stations to be assessed tomorrow – will be at least 1 air conditioned room in the school for classes to circulate in
  - c. Greens Manager came to Jackman to provide insights into new field, which will be completed in July, and this area will be fenced off for one month
  - d. Staffing Update:
    - i. Welcoming back Miss Tvrdy back from leave
    - ii. Welcoming Ms van Gent
    - iii. Wishing Ms Jones a speedy recovery
    - iv. Goodbye to Mr Imeneo
    - v. Wishing Ms Amonie-DiMondo a speedy recovery

- e. Ministry of Education Student Achievement officer, Cloyce Weaver, met with staff last week
  - f. Successful school concert last week
  - g. Celebrated students' demonstration of Fairness at our monthly Character Traits assembly
  - h. Student Equity Group, led by Shelley Lue Kim, has created a board on the main floor about "What is Equity?" they have divided into kindergarten team, a primary team and a junior team to engage students
  - i. Tomorrow will be the first trip "Indigenize Our Minds"
  - j. Teacher Equity Group will be meeting tomorrow, will hold a lunch and learn about gender equality (Raul Selberg), special education-universal design (Shelley Lue Kim), Day of Pink in April, planning for remainder of this school year and for next year
  - k. Red & White Day held to celebrate Olympics
  - l. Ball hockey and girls hockey team have been successful
  - m. French speech contest held Concours D'art oratoire for the second year at Jackman and we will send up to 2 students to the TDSB contest on March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - n. Eco – students have started tapping the maple trees, successful Apple Big Crunch and Walk to School
  - o. Mr Baker and Mr Ellis met with students involved in Right to Play group, planning next steps
  - p. Started a new sewing club
- 5) Survey & Results (Karen Pace)
- a. Sought feedback from teachers regarding \$39,000 funds provided by Parent Council towards various programs & classroom allowances. 27 of 30 teachers responded.
  - b. Teachers were in favour of keeping current programs, with the exception of reading programs (Reading A to Z & Raz Kids). Teachers appreciated classroom funds and activity bins, and suggested that funds be provided instead of activity bins so that teachers could buy room-specific bins and leverage teacher discounts.
  - c. Next steps – relaying the survey results to the teachers and soliciting teacher feedback for alternatives to Reading A to Z & Raz Kids.
  - d. Further discussion to occur at May Parent Council meeting and additional reviews to be conducted regularly in the future
- 6) MVP/Silent Auction (Suzy)
- a. Eleven parents transformed the gym, sustained sponsorship, arranged for food, alcohol, photo booth, silent auction, DJ
  - b. Well attended, with over \$15,000 raised
- 7) Committee Updates:
- a. Education (Jennifer)
    - i. Jennifer Story's monthly meeting – Mental Health and Wellbeing and available supports
      - 1. Next meeting March 27 – Eco Schools
    - ii. Jennifer Proos to be part of focus group this week about technology in the classroom and how this ties in with mental health

- b. Volunteer Social (Sara)
    - i. Next movie night April 5
  - c. Equity – Enhancing Equity Taskforce (Rachel/Cameron)
    - i. Free parent workshop – How To Validate So Your Child Will Talk by Liz Lovrics on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9pm in the GPR
    - ii. Indigenize Our Minds field visits
    - iii. Arlo Kempf to come in May to talk about racism in schools – date to be determined
  - d. Outdoor Environment (Lisa)
    - i. Meeting next month
    - ii. Tapping trees now, with syrup making and pancakes planned after March break
  - e. Strategic Planning (Angela)
    - i. First Master Plan meeting planned April 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss how the site is currently being used. Donna Spreitzer is documenting this information.
  - f. Fundraising
    - i. Jackman Day at Marlees game on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, \$30 per ticket
    - ii. Dance-a-Thon with Professor Jamz raised approximately \$8,000
  - g. Spring Fair
    - i. Will need to confirm if Classroom Canvases to be done this year – Sandra & Astrid to follow up
- 8) Fundraising debrief and parent engagement (Astrid)
- a. Some parents in the community are feeling fundraising fatigue, so we need to be mindful of frequency of fundraising communications
  - b. We need to make sure that we are engaging parents in other ways too
  - c. Follow up idea – to discuss fundraising plan in May or June

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2018