

Joan Carr Student Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11 2023

Meeting minute held via TEAMS Link

In Attendance

JoAnne Campbell Nash
Patricia Lofiego
Jonathan Seib
Michelle Koshka (JC)
Kafayat Adejare
Ashley Wright-Caveny (JC)
Laureen Yakemchuk
Cheylyn
Olha
Shelann
Morin Olagunju
Tamara Korassa
Nanjai Alvarado
Darrin DeForge

1.0 Jonathan Seib called the meeting in order at 6:03pm.

2.0 November 2022 student council meeting minutes reviewed briefly, can be found on the school website.

3.0 Book Fair & Reading Group Success.

Mc Caveny provided information and feedback on the book fair and the reading group. Book fair event was very successful and received \$3500 in reward. The reading group put together with strategy in place has been a success. It was planned to help Grade 2 & 3 students struggling with reading. The program was developed by the Toronto Hospital for Sick Kids. Students meet in groups every Tuesdays and Thursdays with guidance from teachers. Also purchased guided reading resources with the Book Fair Funds. A very helpful reading resources.

4.0 Backpack Project

The Christmas backpack project raised \$1797 to provide about 30 backpacks for the students in the village of Los Chupaderos in Nicaragua. Target was \$1000.

5.0 Oil Kings Partnership

Oil Kings have chosen to "adopt" JCS as part of their community. Very generous. 6 tickets for every single home game. Way to thank students and their families. Used the Vision Statement. Names submitted based on students who are "showing heart" and then draw names. The second piece is recognizing athletes who are leaders in terms of creating team spirit in the athletics program. K-7

6.0 School Budget:

The assumption is that all the school expenses are provided however that is not accurate. The school only gets basic grant funding and other resources such as furniture, fixtures and equipment expense are included. There are no funds for expenses such as reading resources, library, playground etc. The school has a current deficit of \$210,810. The deficit reduces as the school grows with inclusive education, as well as support with Fundraising Association. The #1 expense is staffing. Darrin previous experiences as a principal of new schools suggests that the more students register, the deficit can immediately revert to a surplus budget for the school.

7.0 Families from Bishop David Motiuk (BDM) and Open House.

Starting September 2023, families from BDM will be transferred to Joan Carr. Though, not all the BDM students will join Joan Carr. Joan Carr is currently capable of accommodating all BDM students. There was an open house held on January 12th for BDM families to visit Joan Carr and be introduced to the school and student classrooms. The expectation is that the students and families from BDM will integrate and be part of our community.

8.0 Questions & Answers

Question by Laureen Yakemchuk - After-school Care (at what point will there no longer be space?)

Response by Darrin: Long ways down the road and even at "right size" as long as we aren't over-taxed, we should be able to accommodate it. We will have to figure out a few details around it but it's likely that we should be able to continue to sustain the after-school care. No plans to compromise the daycare. Considering there's a 1-year wait for a daycare spot.

Question by Laureen: Are the new-incoming BDM students going to be mixed in or will there be a BDM school within a school.

Response by Darrin: Don't want to lose the sense of school spirit and community. Still catching up with Division in terms of details of transition.

Question by Tamara Korassa: Is there opportunity in working with BDM's principal to expand the Fundraising Activities, can we work with BDM to connect with Parents on fundraising efforts?

Response by Darrin: Yes. Arrangements will be made to engage with BDM families via email, get them informed and engaged on school events and fundraising activities.

Meeting ended at 7:08 pm