

E.J.E.S. School Council & Parent Association Meeting MINUTES

Mission: To Foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community and to enhance student learning.

Date: November 24, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting and in person at E.J.E.S

Attendees: Eric Bouchard, Becky Koss, Jenn Stolfa, Chris Woo, Rosanna Zaniol, Susan Given, Melanie Leoni, Leslie Vassallo, Dale Karpluk

1. Call to order – meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

o Agenda review and additions – added 5.1 Staff COVID-19 vaccination policy.

o Introductions – brief introductions of attendees.

2. Approval of minutes - September and October minutes approved, with the correction noted for removal of the General Meeting title on October minutes.

3. Administration Reports / Opportunities to advise

1. Principal's Report:

- Remembrance Day virtual ceremony went well, approximately 15 parents in attendance. Will be trying to do the same modality for the upcoming Christmas concert.
- 2 new EA positions posted and being recruited to.
- Working on getting swim and skate time for children.

2. Trustee's Report:

- Dale spoke about the 2 motions' passed at the recent board mtg. The first one was regarding staff needing to have COVID-19 vaccination or demonstrating negative COVID testing. Second motion passed was related to if a child tests COVID positive, siblings must stay home.
- Update on local and provincial board priorities, and provided update on items trustees had opportunity to provide input on or discussed such as draft curriculum and costs related to bussing insurance.
- board had recent financial audit and it was 'cleared'.
- higher number of reserves than typical due to COVID due to less travel and education. Spending. Board transferred some of the excess reserves to special projects to special schools or school division projects
- update on modernizing specific schools.
- Council inquired if EJES has an opportunity to access the reserves in the future, or make a case for EJES. Dale to inquire on process and will report back.

3. Opportunities to Advise and Discuss: - no items.

4. Committee and Member Share

Opportunity for members wishing to share a brief report, update, or news item

-COS December calendar coming out on December 1. Will be doing Christmas carol around the world as was done last year. A family session happening on December 15 focusing on being away from family/home during the holidays – it will be a live Instagram feed. Will be doing a Zumba for parents.

-food bank update: They are in need of toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Suggested maybe incorporating into spirit day.

-lantern walk – asking if school is interested.

-there is an opportunity to have a company come on December 10 to do a school presentation/art project. Motion passed for the school council to pay \$2/per student, totally approximately \$500 to this project.

-shout-out to Tina our EA that is supporting so much of the school activities.

5. New Business

1. New Report Cards – more of a progress report. Lots of work went into developing the new report and work with teachers on how to best communicate the change. They will be emailed out on December 3rd, 2021.

2. Skiing at Marmot – supported to go skiing after Christmas. Eric will send out a survey. Brief discussion on how to account for kids that have equipment and passes. The school cost is \$90/ or 2 days.

3. School improvement plans – areas of strength: ability to connect with kids, kids and parents feel safe and cared for. Low: academic standing. 3 goals: 1) engagement with kids & families 2) increase literacy 3) increase numeracy.

6. Old Business

7. JES Parent's Association

Flower basket Fundraising – capping sales at 800 baskets. Last year made approximately \$14,000.

8. Opportunity for open discussion – no discussion.

9. Adjournment, meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

• **Next Meeting: January 26, 2022**, will do another mix of virtual and in-person. Will try and coordinate childcare for those that need to bring children.