

JFC School Council Agenda

Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:00 - 8:30, School Library

7:00 - 7:10 Welcome and Introductions

7:10 - 7:15 Remarks from the Chair

- WRAPSC Meeting update
 - Sarah attended - focused on school safety
- Council Roles
 - Vote held - all in favour of Claire for Treasurer

7:15 - 7:20 Introduction: new Public Health Nurse - Sharon Conlon

- looking to connect the community with the school - engaging parents at local events - goal is to hear people's voices who are not often heard
- Might bring in guest speakers, can fill in grants (e.g., to get more sports equipment), attending clubs (e.g., social justice clubs)
- This is a new initiative
- Sconlon@regionofwaterloo.ca if you would like to contact her

7:20 - 7:35 November Events

- Plant Fundraiser - information went home on School Day. Orders due next week. Plants can be picked up on November 23, 2023 - goal is to raise \$1000
- Community Closet/Book Swap/Bake Sale - have to change the date because of the by-election being called and JFC being an election site
 - likely Wednesday November 29 (Wednesday before and after school but gym has to be cleaned by 5 to set up for the by-election)
 - looking for more clothing donations of all sizes (outerwear especially), and book donations [going to try Tallize etc.] - feel free to ask on social media for donations
 - Nancy will take on the food drive and get boxes for the food bank. A message will go out on School Day this week.
- Pizza fundraiser - Ashley reached out to Dominos, but since they are no longer our pizza day provider, the deal isn't as good as it used to be [your school would get a one-time Monday-Thursday timeslot]
 - Ginos - will make a combo deal that will go on for a month - seems like a better deal - let's look at February

7:35 - 7:50 Finances - Claire (Treasurer)

- Current Finances - at the end of the year looking potentially at \$22,000
- 2023/2024 Budget
 - vote to increase the classroom experience fund to

\$350

7:50 - 8:00 Principal's Report

- Home Reading and structured literacy/decodable books
 - books that were going home are not decodable texts and board-wide we are making changes to align with the Right to Read inquiry report

- we have taken all the old home reading books and sorted them by theme, non-fiction/fiction etc., and the boxes of books have been distributed to classrooms

- if we want to spend council money on new books, we could buy books to add to those collections, but not to be used as levelled books. The board direction is that Council cannot buy decodable books.

- Question: Can Council focus on buying books that are more representative of our community, since we can't(?) buy decodable books as a council?

- Voted on \$2000 for home reading in the budget.

Teachers will make decisions on what books would be useful.

- Mrs. Dempsey is currently on leave
- Progress Report cards going home on November 20
- Families are always welcome to reach out to teachers if they'd like to check in about their child's progress [no formal interview day]
- Monday November 13 is a PD Day
- Remembrance Day assembly is on Friday

8:00 - 8:25 Future Planning

***We didn't have time to discuss these items this meeting.**

- Grants
 - Parent Involvement Fund - \$500
 - Translators for upcoming meeting?
 - PRO grant (January deadline)
- Playground improvements/greening - create a formal committee because it's such a big topic
- Events

-Movie Night

- Fundraising
 - Chocolate Fundraiser - timing?
 - Any other fundraising?

8:25 - 8:30 What's on your mind?

Amber - Love my Hood Matching Grant - Idea: paint the crosswalk so people know that they are in a school zone

-Council discussed and is interested in the idea, however because construction on Patricia continues we will hold off until the spring