

**JACOB BEAM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Present:** Doug *Allan* (Chair), Michelle *Bartlett*, Bev *Boden*, Andrea *Brownstein*, Krista *Capes*, Kathy *Horton*, Mary *Jastremski*, Tracy *Leemet* (Principal), Leisa *Lenko* (Community Representative), Ann *Martin*, Jackie *Phelps*,

**Absent:** Laurie *Arsenault*, Gina *Allan*, Alison *Clayson*, Lori *Shuker*, Susan *Stewart*, Wenonah *Tallman*

*\*\*Names in italics are voting members*

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**6:08PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The approval of the November 13 minutes were approved.

**KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION PRESENTATION – PRESENTED BY AMY FISH**

- February is JK/SK registration.
- JK is optional but it is a 2 yr program and teachers recommend it for a number of reasons.
- Children are grouped by ability. They work with the different teachers.
- If a child goes to JR kindergarten he/she can get speech assessments and access free services a lot easier if it is done in JK.
- Play is different at school than at home.
- Students develop lots of skills through this.
- Children are exposed young and get lots of review.
- Educators notice a big difference when students attend the kindergarten program.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- January is a busy month especially for our gr 8 students who have some important decisions to make - BDSS comes to the school tomorrow to start the process explaining the programs available and what some of the things are that the high school offers - BDSS has their open house next Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and parents and students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend - it is never too early to start thinking about getting ready for high school - teachers look closely at the student's marks and how they are doing with the gr 8 curriculum in order to steer the students and parents to choose the right level of courses - gr 8 teachers meet with representatives of the high school closer to the end of the school year to discuss the students that they will be getting
- January also is our Family literacy day which will be held on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - we will be spending the day celebrating literacy activities throughout the day and there will be an opportunity for parents to join us - mark this date on the calendar - students will be encouraged to wear the pajamas and bring a stuffed friend
- January also brings the opportunity for those students who are in gr 6 to receive information about the Extended French program offered beginning in gr 7 at Lakeview school - they have a short presentation that the students received this morning from the Extended French teachers and there is also an open house on

- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for those parents who would like more information - it is an application process to get into the program
- Mrs Scalzo will be in for the remainder of the year for Ms Penley - she is a familiar face for the students and we are very excited to have her as part of our staff
  - the Gr 6 students will be going to BDSS on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> to take part in an Anti-bullying presentation called, "Stand Up Speak Out" put on by the gr 11 Sociology class - Mr. Kitcher will be walking the gr 6s over to spend the morning with the rest of the gr 6 students in the area
  - Sub days are on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> and pizza days are on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - the Ints are off to Brock on the 15<sup>th</sup> to see a play and spend some time in the gym
  - Int basketball is just starting with tryouts for both teams happening this week - the season begins the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> - myself and Mrs Scalzo are doing the girls and Mr Sotola and Mr Woelk are doing the boys
  - chess is underway as well with Mr Kitcher coaching the team - they are in the midst of matches to determine who will be off to the tournament later in the term
  - Mr Robinson, Mr Contonis and Mr Kitcher's gr 6s are off to Toronto on the 21<sup>st</sup> to go to Queen's Park as part of their government unit - as part of the trip the students will also get an opportunity to skate in Nathan Phillips Square - part of the cost has been subsidized by the selling of the Ice dog tickets
  - our Recognition assembly is the 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00- we will be recognizing our Dec and Jan winners due to the last assembly being cancelled due to the weather
  - February is our kindergarten registration month - if you know of anyone who has a child ages 4 or 5 by next Jan please encourage them to register as soon as possible - our open house night for that is Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Skating will also begin at the end of this month - each division will be going for 4 times at a cost of \$2 per session - skating times are from 1-2, 2-3

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Parking lot letter regarding congestion issues and Playground grant letter should be sent out by the weekend.

<p><b>Action:</b> Doug to prepare letters for playground grant and parking lot issue.</p>
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#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

We have an opening balance of \$2,151.13 in one account and \$4,811.60 in the playground account.

#### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

- Basket raffle made \$845.26 with \$690.00 in ticket sales less \$69.74 paid out for wine baskets and baskets.
- Hockey raffle made \$450.00. Parent council banked \$225.00 and the remainder was donated to the Women's Resource Centre.
- The Gingerbread shop made \$387.40 and the funds went towards the snack shack.
- We will be selling chocolate bars again in the spring.

#### **CHARACTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

- January character building trait is enthusiasm

### **COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

- Boys volleyball in newspaper
- Hoping to get paper in for Literacy day.
- Suggestion to write an article on importance of kindergarten to encourage registration.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A question was asked regarding the strike. Updates on bargaining on DSBN website.
- Spirit Wear: another order will be done around Easter time. We broke even due to higher initial screening costs. Next time we should get ahead with sales.
- Do we have any audio books in the library?
  - No.
- Is this something the school would consider?
  - It is the direction things are going. The school is excited to be getting 9 more computers. We don't have the capability for it yet but it is coming at a slow pace. The school does have books on tape that students can use.

### **DEFERRED ITEMS**

- Deferred Item: Laminated plaque. Krista Capes advised the laminated plaque was delayed. It's still on it's way and should be here for October meeting. Krista absent.

**NEXT MEETING: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 6:00pm**