

JACOB BEAM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **November 13th, 2008**

Present: Laurie *Arsenault*, Michelle *Bartlett*, Bev *Boden*, Andrea *Brownstein*, Alison *Clayson*, Heather *Habgood*, Kathy *Horton*, Tracy *Leemet* (Principal), Leisa *Lenko* (Community Representative), Ann *Martin*, Kelly *Putter*, Lori *Shuker*, Susan *Stewart*, Tammy *Strongitharon*, Wenonah *Tallman*

Absent: Doug *Allan* (Chair), Gina *Allan*, Krista *Capes*, Jackie *Phelps*,
***Names in italics are voting members*

6:06PM CALLED MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the September 11th minutes and October 16th minutes were approved. Motion carried by Ann Martin, second by Andrea Brownstein.

EQAO PRESENTATION – CHRIS SOTOLA IS ILL SO TRACY LEEMET WILL PRESENT ON HIS BEHALF.

- EQAO is a tool that uses many different things to assess the students.
- Questions are divided into three categories; Explicit, Implicit and Making Connections formats
- Assessing can use what they read and apply it to other things.
- Example of Grade 6 Constellation question provided and reviewed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- PRO grant - Tracy submitted a proposal for a communication system for the lobby worth \$1000 - we will have to wait and see if it is accepted
- Int volleyball is over for the girls but the boys possibly have one more tournament and a final game
- Jr volleyball regular season is over next Monday with playoffs soon after
- Tolerance is our character trait for the month of November
- Primary games has begun for our students in grades 1-3 - on days 3,6 and 9 the students have the opportunity to spend some time on their favourite board games in the library thanks to Ms Keir and Mrs Phillips
- teachers are working on the first term report cards - they go home Wed Dec. 3rd with interviews being scheduled for Thurs evening and Friday morning of the PA day
- Homework club continues to be offered after school until 4:15 on Mondays and Wednesdays as well as the ketchup club
- We are continuing to purchase resources - Literacy place resource for the grade 3s, as well as self selected reading materials for the ½ and gr 3 class rooms
- Premier suite program - is a program that is now available to all students in our board - its capabilities are endless from a talking calculator, to reading back text, summarizing and word prediction - we spent part of the PA day having Mr Hannahson lead us through the program - keep your eyes open for a flyer letting you know about workshops that Mr Hannahson and Mrs Phillips will run to show parents how to use the program because you will be able to download it and use

- for free at home with your students as well
- Christmas concert this year will be the juniors and intermediates with the primaries doing something in the spring - we don't have a definite date yet but we are looking at Wed Dec. 17th
- Gingerbread shop will run on Friday Dec. 12th thanks to Jackie and her helpers
- Focus for our school growth plan is to read for deeper meaning and extending understanding by focusing on text forms and features and to write using different text forms - in math to Focus on teaching through problem solving, incorporating mathematical processes (reasoning, proving, reflecting, selecting tools and computational strategies, connecting, representing and communicating) and high yield strategies
- The primaries are going to see Seussical on Thurs. Dec. 18th
- Book fair begins next week on Nov. 24th
- Library - Ms Fish and many volunteers have been working tirelessly to weed through the library and to discuss the set up - with the new literacy initiatives and the use of technology we are looking at ways to best use the library time Ms Fish has to support the classroom literacy programs - we only receive 0.2 time for library admin and there is no time in the curriculum now for separate library classes

CHAIR'S REPORT

- No report due to Doug's absence

<p>Past Action: 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 \$1,174.98 in one account and \$4,811.60 in the playground account.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- Golf coupon book – possibly a small fundraiser we will try.
- There has been a request to sell chocolate bars again. This will be considered in the spring.
- Julie Rowley did not receive as much money as in the past to support the snack shack.
- Gingerbread shop profits will go towards helping the snack shack.
- We may ask for snack donations for the snack shack at the Christmas Concert.
- A basket raffle at the Christmas Concert was approved. Items for the baskets to follow suggested themes and collected by the junior and senior classes only.

CHARACTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Ann confirmed the members of the committee.
- Members to meet after today's meeting to receive assigned month for quotations.
- We had a discussion with regards to Christmas Angels. Decision: not supporting this program this year.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Letter and order form for Spirit Wear going home November 14th. If orders are in by November 24th they will be ready for Christmas.
- A table will be set up at Parent Interviews for viewing the spirit wear. Orders taken will be processed in January.
- No meeting in December.

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: January 8th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.