



John M James Public School

Oct. 25, 2021

Attendance

Karen Duke- Principal

Tammy Best- Vice -Principal

Sharon Woischwill- teacher rep

Brenda Rafter-

Allison Welsh-

Lynette Gordon-

Emily Witlarge

Michele MacEachern

Jennifer Ede

Christina Manos

Zoe Bray

Jessie Stagg

Steven Cooke

Sheri Villeneuve

Agenda

1. Call to order 6:04pm Jessie motion to start

Land acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather and learn daily is the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. We are grateful for our relationship with the first nation of this territory, for their care for, and teachings about, the land, the water and all our relations. As people of the Williams Treaty, we continue our journey to strengthen our understanding of our treaty relationship and of how to move forward together in a good way.. We acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of all Indigenous people across Turtle Island, current and throughout history”.

a. Adoption of minutes Motion to accept Jessie, 2nd Lynette

2. Reports

a. School Admin – Karen Duke / Tamara Best

- Photo retake day has been rescheduled for Nov 3- please let home room teachers know if you would like a retake, absent students will have their photos taken
- IEPs went home Oct 19
- School wide bus safety presentations – completed virtually first week of October
- Rabbit and Bear Paws Virtual Assembly November 2nd - Introduce Grandfather Teachings
- Student Leader - Traditional Day - dress up in traditional cultural clothing and share information about culture to help educate others about their culture
- Grade 7 and 8 taking part in skilled trades project, where they design and build some items for the school, happens tomorrow
- John M James was selected to participate in our very first Take Tech! Design Challenge. Three schools in KPR have been chosen to represent each region in this challenge. There were 18 schools who registered, and we are thrilled that you have been selected to represent Clarington!

This opportunity was organized by The Pathways Team, with Jaime Nobes

(Student Success Pathways Consultant: Experiential Learning, Guidance, SAL)

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- Grade 8 leaders are running games for junior and primary students twice a week they rotate through games, Mr Bridel and Mr Porteous classes, purchased shirts for leaders

- Jon Stevenson – BHS Vice-principal - To act as a liaison for your parents and be able to answer any questions about transitioning to high school or any other questions that the greater school community may have.
- Weeks of Nov 8 and Nov 15 online bookfair Miss Dobri

b. Staff Report- Sharon Woischwill

- Nothing to add at this time

c. Regional Rep- Zoe (virtual meeting October 20 2021)

- Elections - Ashley Bell, James
- PIC committee (parent involvement committee) 3 regional members are part of this
- Shoppers Drug Mart for 3 yrs will provide menstrual supplies to KPRDSB as part of Menstrual Equity Project
- Pizza Pizza lunch program, individual boxes \$1.75/slice cost
- Indigenous Speakers, they are hopeful to have some
- How will students be supported coming back from VES in pandemic?
- Surveys on KPR website, student survey from 2 years ago results coming soon, Nov 26 Staff Census

d. Treasurer Report – Brenda

- Transfers to do for playground
- Motion - Transfer Hot lunch 125.50 and 390 from Jungle Sport, 114 Spring Plants to playground (Jessie 2nd, all in favour)

3. Fundraising

- Spirit wear - Fine Balance
- If for fundraising, we need to let families know what we are fundraising for, possibly grad money or playground equipment
- Is it effective to have virtual assemblies and activities?
- Poinsettia - pick up for them and where to purchase, COVID protocol makes it challenging
- Pizza, need to wait for direction from public health
- Budding artists - 30% participation, about \$12 per participant
- How will we determine what to raise money for, is there a plan? Open to ideas, what other initiatives can we add to? Are there supplies in need to enhance the school?
- Previous years, books, gym bags, feedback from teachers and families

- Can teachers give a list of items they need and then an allotment be provided to teachers, Sharon to survey to staff
- Ministry gives money for essential supplies but could look at other things that enhance your child's education
- How is tech situation? Looks good, opportunities for students to access
- Special education departments, incentives/fidgets are they needed?
- Outdoor space, is anything needed? Rocks are all here from last years purchase. Is there anything else we need?
- School cash online changes? Credit card?
 - I was able to speak with Susan MacGregor in school business operations about school cash online. The credit card option is not yet available but they are looking into it. She was not able to clarify why the wallet option is no longer available. There is some understanding that inputting the transit numbers every time is time consuming. She shared that it was considered to be a safe and secure method.

4. Parents Reaching Out Grants – application to be completed

- What are your recommendations? Ways to include parents and involvement with community
- In past, mathletes, family math night, Inspirational talk to students and parents, author
- We can ask around for other ideas
- We can apply and if we don't use it the money goes back
- What are ways we can involve parents?
- Need to have specific information for application
- Due December 6, possibly a small committee to work on the application (Emily and Sheri, Steven, Jessie) Sub Committee can send info and share via email. Committee to begin some research once information is shared from school after staff meeting; staff survey for parents to share what they would like for the community. Christina may have connections for speakers around grief.

5. New Business

- Can we record meetings so we can document minutes later
- Mr Porteous "living legend"
- Is it still a concern that older kids are on the property after hours?

Parking lot safety and also unused/discarded masks on the school property.

- Kiss and Ride is improving, efficiently improving
- Parking is always a challenge, Allison highlighted in the facebook group
- We continue to monitor and try to improve as admin in order to keep council members from being in positions that are uncomfortable

- ? Parents wearing masks on school property
 - Changes since beginning of year as students aren't expected to wear mask outside so parents may not
 - Enforce in the building, different on the playground now
 - Follow guidelines to keep yourself safe
- Can we as council do more to support the school or can we learn from others?
- Custodians help with discarded masks, grade 8 leadership with gloves help with it as well
- Bylaw was ticketing vehicles
- Email Crystal for flyer for Spirit Wear, ask about delivery and supply

6. Adjournment Motion 7:18pm Lynette, Brenda 2nd

Feb 28th next meeting