

Jack Callaghan School Council Agenda

Tuesday, September 27th, 2022 - 6:00PM

1. Call to order **6:02 PM**

2. Introduction of attendees

Liana James (principal), Charlene Chapman (vice principal), Jenny Ormiston, Sarah Reynolds, Lucy Coons, Kristen Vollick, Kate Lowes, Laura Carnochan, Danielle Slot, Keri Currins, Laura Purdy, Ashley Elford, Amanda Ullius

Regrets: **Lindsay Hussey, Stephanie Bruene, LeeAnne Grof**

3. Review and approval of minutes **Approved**

4. Elections/Appointments

- a. Chair **Jenny Ormiston**
- b. Co-chair **Kate Lowes**
- c. Treasurer **Lucy Coons**
- d. Secretary **Amanda Ullius**

5. Treasurer's report **Requested from Victoria Peebles, will be emailed**

6. Principal's report

Enrollment

- **School year has started off well, our enrollment has increased to 343 up from 331 last year.**
- **As with last year we have 15 classrooms, so our rooms are a little fuller than last year**
- **We are still working at reducing our number of out of area students, as we are no longer allowing new families into the school unless they are in our catchment area. This means over time this number will be reduced. Last year we had 74 out of area students, this year we are at 64, showing our growth in enrollment is our in area students.**
- **We will continue with the same pick up routine, only we will be now loading cars after the bell rings, which may delay the pick up time.**

Academics

- **This month our teachers have been working on community building and diagnostic assessment of students.**
- **This Friday we have a PA day and we will be spending some time looking at the data we have gathered to build our School Improvement and Equity Plan**

- This year our primary teachers K-2 will be focusing on our Reading Plan using research from the right to read. Our Junior 3-6 teachers will be focusing on our Math Plan and our intermediate classes will be focusing on our Equity Plan.
- Once we have gathered and analyzed our data and have a School Improvement and Equity plan in place we will share it back with parent council.
- We do not have our EQAO data back from the ministry yet, but hope it will be coming out soon.

Extra-Curriculars

- Our teachers have jumped into providing some extra curricular activities for the students
- Primary/Junior/Intermediate cross country has begun - Mr. Short and Ms. Blakeman are running the teams, Mrs. VanKooten and Mr. Tomlinson are Convenors for the actual event. We will also like to ask this council if they would be interested, willing and able to run the snack bar at the event as a fundraiser for our school.
- Kristen, Kate, Danielle, Keri and Laura signed up to assist with the snacks. Jenny can help with purchasing
- After Cross Country the next event will be Soccer and Mr. Tomlinson has already begun working with students
- With the exception of Cross-Country and track and field, most “county” events will only be offered to our Intermediate divisions; we will no longer be having a Junior soccer, volleyball, or basketball event. However, our teachers are planning to have a development program for our junior players to prepare them for intermediate competitions.
- Terry Fox was well participated in this year. We added the option for some of our long distance runners to run the trail to the bridge and back (3X) to complete a full 10k. We had a group lead by Mr. Tomlinson that completed it. Unfortunately our donations did not match the student interest. We have fallen short of our goal, but we have reminded families that it is still not too late to give.
- Can we have paper donation forms again, more promotion
- We are back to having lunch monitors in the primary classrooms and classes are partnering up to have learning buddies again.
- We were also represented at the Lindsay Fair which has been exciting to get back to and a thank you goes out to Mrs. Cameron for organizing all the details.
- Meet the teacher night was a great success, it was so refreshing to have parents back again. Our hope is to learn from this year (book fair delays and line up) and come back even better for next year. We welcome any suggestions you may have. Our donation for a frozen treat, raised over \$400!!

Return to “Normal”

- Most things have returned to a more “normal” state in the school, water fountains are open so we are no longer giving our paper cups for students who have forgotten their water bottle, however we strongly encourage families to continue to send refillable water bottles to school to fill up at the hydration station.
- Almost all of our staff that were on family leave last year have returned, and we are lucky to have only one LTO teacher, and 2 LTO EA's the rest of our school is permanent staff.
- As mentioned in the September newsletter, Mrs. Devries has retired, and Ms. Peebles is now our Head Secretary. We then were able to hire Mrs. Harper as our part-time secretary and library clerk

Next Meeting to address:

- 1. Fundraising initiatives**
- 2. Plan for funds**
- 3. Parent Engagement Plan**
- 4. Support for Nutrition Programs**

-Will the milk program be returning?

-Could we add the option to donate when you order a meal? Ex: \$1, \$2, \$5 or other

-Maybe add a form to the website where families in need could reach out

-Wishes and Needs survey, sent out by Liana on Thursday Sept 29

- 7. Determination of future meetings**

Wed Oct 5 @ 6 pm

Tues Nov 1 @ 6 pm

Tues Jan 24 @ 6 pm

Tues Feb 21 @ 6 pm

Tues May 23 @ 6 pm

- 8. Adjournment**