

**John English SAC Meeting
Mar 25, 2010**

MINUTES

Council Business

Principal/Vice Principal's Report

Staffing Plan

- Staffing planning is beginning for next year. Once there is a model in place, 2 members of SAC will be needed to provide input on short notice. Jennifer and Rehab have volunteered.

Digital Photography Exhibition

- JE is participating in a digital photography event with our group of schools. The theme is the environment.
- 2 digital cameras were provided for this event which the school will be able to keep.
- Children can use these cameras on field trips or class activities or take pictures with their own cameras. Students from K-8 can participate and submit pictures to Mr. Tarantino.
- There will be an exhibition at JE but the date has not been chosen yet.
- Administration will choose 3 photos to be displayed on May 14 at the AGO.

Teaching/Learning Critical Pathway

- 110 administrators and teachers came together for a networking session to share learning and expertise. 4 JE teachers participated - primary, junior, intermediate and non-homeroom. It uses student achievement data to plan a 6-8 week program of focused instruction/learning that meets the students' needs.
- Each school within our FOS participates in professional learning communities and they use the teaching learning critical pathway (TLCP).
- The TLCP uses student achievement data to plan a 6-8 week period of time of focused instruction and learning. Teachers meet 3 times through the pathway to plan instruction that meets student needs specifically to chosen curriculum expectations. JE has already completed 3 pathways since last spring.
- Each school was asked to prepare a reflective planning board (attached).
- Heather Smith provided information about how this strategy works in the classroom for the mid-grades.

New physical education equipment

- Nikki Keenlside thanked SAC for funds to purchase physical education equipment (eg. Turbo training javelin, parachutes, etc.)

Teacher's Report – no teacher report

Board Reports

French – Jodie has had to resign her position because of other priorities. Romana has agreed to take on Jodie's role as the CPF representative.

Fundraising Plan/Report

Dance-a-thon

- The kick off rally for the dance-a-thon was yesterday. Children should have their pledge envelopes today or tomorrow. The children dance for an hour in grade groups.
- There is an incentive for the top fundraising class – a photo field trip, appropriate to the grade.
- On the day of the event (Apr 9), Jan could use help (distributing bracelets and selling the glow in the dark accessories). Several parents volunteered.
- Target for the event is \$6,000 which is intended to go towards technology (cameras, video cameras etc.).
- At the Dance-a-thon, they will play some of the See Spot Run music to get ready for the spring concert.

Spring Event (John English Rocks!)

- See Spot Run, a child-friendly pop-rock band, will be performing on June 11.
- The show will begin at 6:30. There will be a pre-show sale of T-shirts, CD, glow sticks, temporary tattoos and other items.
- There will be an opening act which Briar is working on, then an intermission.
- The band will perform from 8-9pm, then there will be a raffle and opportunity to have a photo taken with the band.
- There will be a poster contest in the school where the winning students (2) will receive a family pack of tickets to the concert.
- This event is also raising money for technology like smart boards.
- The tickets will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and \$50 for a family pass.
- Discussion of discounts for early purchases, possibility of babysitting, using the class reps/teachers to promote the event, incentives for the class that sells the most tickets, etc.
- Minutes of the planning meeting and the task list were reviewed. Please get in touch with Wendy if you are interested in volunteering.
 - Raffle
 - Concessions
 - Photo opportunity (Jeremy Sale) - \$5 for a picture with the band
 - Promotional items – Steve Kitson
 - Poster Contest – Jane
 - Pre-Publicity Sales
 - Ticket Sales Management
 - Master of Ceremonies – Instructor Ivan
 - Security – Police in Training – possibly one police officer
 - Decorations – on stage or in the lobby
 - Post-show follow up

Communications – strategy for email network

- We haven't been using the e-mail database a lot in the past month. This will be re-established.
- Possibility to use this mechanism to let parents know when material (fundraising or admin notices) has been sent home in backpacks.
- Any information to be posted on the website or newsletter should go to Kathy Hughes.

Class rep program – teacher support

- We are slowly getting more teachers on board. We need a more effective way to get parent e-mails at the beginning of the year. Perhaps a form can be sent at the beginning of the year when all the other admin information goes out to parents.

Treasurer

- SAC account - \$18,100
- Healthy Bites - \$19,300 (after the dishwasher purchase)
- Both of these accounts are in good shape.
- There has been a request from teachers for a new laminator – more information will be obtained, but SAC was generally supportive of the purchase.
- SAC is contributing to the SK, Grade 5 and Grade 8 graduations - \$1,000 in total.

Music

- Ballet Creole is booked for May 21 – (9:15 and 1pm to ensure kindergarten classes can attend). Teachers will be provided with curriculum support materials.
- Someone is needed to take over from Alison who is moving.

Other Business

Ward meeting report – Wendy

- A number of people attended. The first part of the meeting was an explanation of Bill 157 relating to how school administration incidents in schools.
- Bruce Davis is looking for ideas about how to make schools more accessible to parents and improve parental engagement and ensure they feel welcome.

Scarborough Parent Conference

- Open to all parents. Saturday April 24. Free. If interested, information will be posted on the bulletin board. Topics include critical thinking and creativity, demythologizing the no-snitch culture, understanding autism, and parent engagement.

Request from Mme Zamin for Future Aces team

- Mme Zamin is looking for community projects for this team to work on.
- One suggestion was contacting Mark Grimes for a park cleanup, the 20 minute makeover, LAMP's garden or contacting Lakeshore Arts for the Engage program.

PSP needs volunteers for Tues and Wed afternoons (until Apr 30)

- If anyone is available for 30 minutes, please contact Kathleen Eyman.

Grade 8 Fundraising

- Silicone bracelets will be a fundraiser for the grade 8 trip. The cost of the trip has climbed dramatically so other fundraising opportunities will be explored (car wash or BBQ).

Meeting adjourned – 8:45pm

Next meeting – Apr 22/10