

May 21st 2024
EJ James Minutes

Total Attendees: 8 (plus 2 online)

Call to Order: 7:02 PM (Jodie)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Anna, seconded by Jodie

Approval of Minutes from March 4th, 2024 – Motion by Manpreet, Second by Anna

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Steel Band \$500 Approval for EJ Spring Fair:

Motion by Heather, seconded by Manpreet - Approved

Sign to be used for Fall Fair (\$100) Approval:

Motion by Manpreet, seconded by Heather - Approved

Coffee Day Fall 2024 Approval:

Motion by Heather, seconded by Jodie - Approved

Pool Rental for Party (\$500):

Motion by Heather, seconded by Manpreet - Approved

Financial Summary:

Approximately \$6K will likely remain from the year

Council approved the direction for the remaining school year Funds from the Spring Fair will be allocated to Curricular programs in the school – with priority focused on areas including Athletics (purchasing new tents for outdoor events, medals for inter-school tournaments), Technology and Music.

Principal's Report:

- a New Land Acknowledgement announcement has been implemented
- EQAO assessments have started
- Eco Certification: Aiming for Platinum next year

Upcoming Events:

June 6: Volunteer Appreciation

June 12: Second EJ Day

Graduation details

Cluster on posters for Black History Month and Pride Month, recognizing uniqueness throughout the year

Outdoor Proposal:

New system proposal has gone out to vendors

Phase 1 setup and installation by August 31, including rain garden and container gardens

Explore collaboration with families to maintain the gardens next summer

Program for PIC Night:

\$700 allocated for the night

Fundraising Report

Recommendations:

Do not continue "Fresh from the Farm" and "Terra" next year

Continue with food fundraisers and dance-a-thon

Suggestions for 2024/25:

Revisit cookies, box of cards, Terra cookie dough (need to register in the Fall)

Teacher Appreciation Day- how do we incorporate better next year?

Continue with the Movie night in the Fall

Other Business:

1) Food Days

- Panago did a presentation- wanted us to explore recycling containers, gluten free options.

Proposed lunch day Schedule

Monday: Lunch Lady

Tuesday: Pizza

Wednesday: Subway

Thursday: Nuggets

Friday: Popcorn

Action to implement additional food days in the Fall next year

- 2) Technology Discussion** – look to bring a speaker into the Fall 2024 - Paul Davis: to speak on Technology - a session for students, and one for parents
 - Council parents wanted to discuss further the use of Chrome books and technology in the classroom, too much posting of slides and how do we have a balance between writing and tech? This is one we will carry forward to discuss in the Fall of next year
 - Feedback for the Multi- Year plan to discuss Technology, and less screen time for students
- 3) HDSB Multi-Year Plan** – the plan links were shared with the Council group and offered to set up a meeting to further discuss feedback, then the Co-chairs will submit any feedback by June.

Adjournment 8:15 – Heather and Jodie

