

John Fisher Public School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19th, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Virtual (Online Meeting)

1. Summary	
Meeting title	JFPS School Council Meeting
Attended participants	
Start time	6:19PM
End time	7:51PM
Meeting duration	1h 31 min

Participants:

1. SC-John Fisher Junior Public School (Jen Bloch)
2. Stathopoulos, Jim
3. Laura Thomson
4. Frederick Hesse
5. Rafael Soliaman
6. Marc Gervais
7. Marvin Chang
8. Barbieri, Rosanna
9. Sam Leung
10. Ashley Alias
11. Kristine Hayward
12. Shawna Fraser
13. Cecilia Carew
14. Jennifer Fry
15. Johanna Harding
16. Liga Miglane
17. Katie Gillespie

1. Opening Remarks

- Jen introduced Exec committee from 2025-2026 school year
- Land Acknowledgement was read
- Reminder of council's mission to act with integrity and in the school community's best interest.
- Quorum confirmed

2. Motion to approve the agenda

- Motioned by: Frederick Hesse
- Motion seconded by: Rafael Soliaman

3. Approval of Previous Minutes (October 8th, 2025)

- Motioned by: Jen Fry
- Motion seconded by: Marc Gervais

4. Bylaw Reviews & Approvals

- Will circulate bylaw draft to parent representatives and will vote for it based on noted method
- Motion to approve bylaws. Approved by Jen and seconded by Katie.
- Approved by: Marc, Cecilia, Fred, Marvin, Laura, Jen Fry, Raphael, Kristine, Ashley

5. Principal's Report – Jim Stathopoulos

- Off to good and safe start
- Teachers off at parent development
- Superintendent came to visit
- Lice check successful, same with Halloween parade
- Progress reports sent home
- Early French Immersion registration underway. Even if you live in catchment area, you are not guaranteed a spot. Fielding lots of phone calls
- Fire drills and lock down
- Construction - permanent fencing due to come in mid-December, so putting temporary fencing. Trees have been delivered.
- Repairs include roof gutters cleaning last year, heat tracers run perimeter of the roof
- Remembrance Day assembly and raised money for veterans
- Will start collecting goods for daily bread foodbank
- Question asked about the Kindergarten play area. First cost is a \$5000 design cost. Follow-up question about if we are allowed to fundraise for this cost. Board will help with cost, but will also look for money from French Connection and fundraising.

6. Teacher's Update - Mrs Barbieri

- Penguin reader program due to start on Monday November 24th (one to one support for Grade 1). Volunteers will come to work with Grade 1 English and French students who need extra practice.
- Any leftovers from winter sale will be provided as donations to the school.

7. Budget

- Raphael will go through each line of the budget. Quantity requested this year is \$62,200. Similar quantity to what was asked in previous year's budget.
- Question about whether we have enough contingency funds \$40,000 was set aside.
- Last year \$47,200 was requested in 2024-2025 year, \$800 short was the result.
- Direct donations allows tax benefits receipt. It is the only platform that allows receipt for donation to school council.
- Question if there is a partnership with external company. If it is a part of company's marketing campaign, they are not eligible for tax receipt, but rather an acknowledgement.
- Fun Fairs participants who donate time and logos, it is considered marketing.
- If there is any presentation of brand, then it is considered a marketing expense.
- Approval motioned by: Laura Thomson
- Motion seconded by: Marc Gervais
- All in favour: Marc Gervais, Marvin Chang, Jen Bloch, Jen Fry, Frederick Hesse, Ashley Alias, Kristine Hayward, Cecilia Carew, Ralph Cochrane (proxied by Jay Fry)
- Motion approved.

School Council Budget Request For the period of Oct 2025 - Sep 2026

	Requested for 2025 - 2026	Approved
TOTAL - MISC.	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -
Total Budget for 2025-2026 School Year	\$ 62,200.00	\$ -
September 1 beginning balance		\$ 109,000.00
Approved budget		\$ 62,200.00
Contingency funds		\$ 40,000.00
Under (Over) - Budget		\$6,800

Requested funds:

	Requested for 2025 - 2026
JF SCHOOL	
Outdoor Play equipment's	\$ 1,500.00
Hockey Nets Heavy Duty Nets	\$ 350.00
Athletics	\$ 1,850.00
Bus for Field Trips 	\$ 9,000.00
Performances (dance, plays, etc)	\$ 3,750.00
Carnaval	\$ 2,000.00
Cultural Enrichment	\$ 5,750.00
Indigenous Education	\$ 1,000.00
Projector x2	\$ 1,100.00
Micro Bits	\$ 600.00
GoGuardian	\$ 200.00
10 Chromebooks	\$ 3,500.00
Information Technology	\$ 5,400.00
Forest of Reading	\$ 2,500.00
Online Subscriptions (E.g. RAZ Kids, Lalilo, etc)	\$ 2,000.00
48" Round tables for library	\$ 1,050.00
PENGUIN Readers (Early Reading Intervention)	\$ 1,500.00
Library	\$ 7,050.00
Ace Awards	\$ 900.00
Science workshops (Scientist in the School)	\$ 12,800.00
Early Years	\$ 2,500.00
Teachers Discretionary Fund (\$300 x 17 homerooms + Half)	\$ 5,250.00
TOTAL - JF SCHOOL	\$ 51,500.00
WELCOME & RECOGNITION 	
Welcome back picnic - Sept 2026	\$ 1,500.00
New Families Coffee - Sept 2026	\$ 250.00

Volunteer Recognition	\$ 250.00
TOTAL - WELCOME & RECOGNITION	\$ 2,000.00
GRADUATION	
Hoodie + Yearbook	\$ 2,000.00
Grad Party	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL - GRADUATION	\$ 5,000.00

CARING & SAFE SCHOOL	
Brave Education program	
Art work for stairwells, Buddy Bench	
TOTAL - CARING & SAFE COMMITTEE	\$ -

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	
Lazypants	\$ 1,000.00
Pizza Lunch	\$ 10,380.00
Art Cards by Kids	\$ 50.00
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts	\$ 800.00
Morning Coffee & Donuts (Dec)	\$ 120.00
Family Dance Party (Feb)	\$ 400.00
Fete	\$ 5,000.00
June Fun Fair	\$ 12,500.00
TOTAL - FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	\$ 30,250.00

Executive Committee	
Website development	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	\$ 1,000.00

MISC.	
School Donation - TDSB Fraser Mustard Early Learning Academy	\$ 2,500.00
Treasurer budget (Tax filing, Bank Fees, etc.)	\$ 200.00
TOTAL - MISC.	\$ 2,700.00

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8. Committee Updates

Caring & Safe School Committee - Jim

- Jim bringing external speaker, but not requesting funds for budget.
- Some parents interested in bringing in Paul Davis about online safety
- Spirit days all planned and will be shared in squawk
- Buddy bench is almost complete and there will be a share out of its meaning
- Process of creating kindness tree on ramp down to gym (leaves will act as messages of kindness)
- Speaker lined up (mid-January) - motivational speaker recommended by colleagues about being positive and teamwork (K-6)
- Safe school and reduced number of entrances for kindergarten, communications via walkie talkies.
- Question about wasps: however struggle as no strategies seem to work. Exterminator came in to deal with wasps nest.
- Lots of initial interest from parents, however after explaining time commitment during school hours, no parent volunteers have come forward to join committee.

Grad Committee – Cecilia Carew

- Ordering grad hoodies
- Booked DJ and photo booth

Social Media Committee – Cecilia Carew

- Posting school events and campaigns
- No issues

Welcome & Recognition Committee – Jennifer Fry

- No updates
- Debriefed on events and put together budget
- Will focus on teacher appreciation in spring

Fundraising – Liga

- Running out of campaigns
- Lazypants and Art Cards almost complete
- Pre-loved sales taking place
- Direct donations starting shortly
- Next semester is FunFair and Fete
- New group members have been managing well
- Acknowledgement given from Jen to Liga's efforts and leadership
- Shawna - Fete kick off is happening next week. Co-chairs have started with tentative date April 24th at Granite Brewery. Need to identify roles for each of the members, along with activities and entertainment.
- Kristine - Fun Fair set for May 30th, securing permits.

Executive Committee – Jen Bloch

- Discussed creating a school council website as a one stop shop of event calendars and links to various campaigns.

9. School statement of needs

- Little late on school statement of needs. It will be kicked off with a survey to parents. Purpose is to understand parent priorities and what characteristics the parents are looking for in a principal.

10. Open Discussion/Questions

- No further questions

11. Motion to Adjourn

- Motioned by: Jay Fry
- Motion seconded by: Marc Gervais
- Meeting adjourned.

Next Meetings

February 4th, 2026

April 22nd, 2026

June 10th, 2026