

JACK HULLAND SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 5, 2022
School

“School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta’an Kwäch’än Council and would like to thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”

Present: Council Members:

Caitlyn Carey
 Lea Pigage
 Taelor Mason
 Rachel Hrebien
 Jesse Bouchard
 Aura-Lea Harper
 Randi Lopushinsky

Administration:

Jeff Cressman, Principal
 Andrew Nobel, Vice Principal

Guests: Geraldine VanBibber, MLA Porter Creek North

Regrets: Valerie Ireland, Vice Principal

MEETING AGENDA:

#	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1	Call to order	Taelor Mason
2	Review & adoption of Agenda	Taelor Mason
3	Review & adoption of Minutes – September 7, 2022	Taelor Mason
4	Treasurer’s Report	Randi Lopushinsky
5	Principal’s Report	Jeff Cressman
6	Committee Reports: 1. Transportation Committee 2. Health & Safety Committee 3. School Growth Plan 4. Playground Committee	1. Jesse Bouchard 2. Rachel Hrebien 3. Lea Pigage 4. Lea & Jesse
7	Old Business & Correspondence: 1. Solutions Tracking Document	1. Taelor Mason
8	New Business: 1. Council update on 2022 school year priorities & initiatives	1. Taelor Mason
9	Adjournment	Taelor Mason

1 Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

2 Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Randi, seconded by Jesse that the agenda be adopted.

3 Adoption of Minutes:

Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 7, 2022

Moved by Randi, seconded by Aura-Lea that the minutes be adopted.

4 Treasurer's report

- At this time no specific financial report to provide. The binder, previously managed by Jerry, has been retrieved and everything seems to be present.
- Cheques have been picked up as well however still working at gaining banking access so unable to issue them at this time. Forms still need to be submitted to transfer control of the account and when that occurs there will be an ability to print and download all history and create a budget projection.
- The current account has many past council members on it so work will begin to clean up and assign appropriate people going forward.
 - Proposal and approval from council for the three officers, Randi, Rachel, and Taelor to be added with an addition of Lea.
- Confirmation that the additional funding was applied for and received in June.
 - Recommended to create a cheat sheet for this process going forward for future councils

5 Principal's Report:

- See Principals Report attached.
- Additional points discussed
 - Report will be sent to Taelor going forward to print for distribution at the meeting
 - Recommendation by council that school Christmas events be resumed and an offer from council to assist if needed
 - Administrators believe a plan is needed with the department to support staff currently and in the future. The investigation is weighing on staff and when the report comes out, regardless of the outcome, support will be needed.
 - EAP services are not readily available and there is a limited number of sessions staff can use which are simply not meeting the needs.
 - Taelor to draft a letter to YG & RCMP on behalf of council to provide in school counseling supports for staff and students and to inquire about an anticipated date of completion
- Haunts and Holly is happening
 - Rachel is going to reach out to Brittany who is coordinating to see if council can help
- Great to see all the clubs and different classes helping out around the school

6 Updates from Committees:

Transportation Committee:

- Currently no major issues reported but a follow up meeting has been set for the end of October.
- One issue suggested to bring up from JHES administration for next meeting
 - A request for more notice when a bus is canceled. More than 10 minutes of warning is needed for staff and parents.

Health and Safety Committee:

- Meetings have been set and Andrew confirmed they will occur the second Thursday of every month
- September inspections were completed and sent to the department
 - Health and Safety Coordinator Deanna White came and met with new members to answer questions about the process which is occurring a bit differently this year to reduce workload for staff. The committees will provide teachers a form to complete for their classrooms which they know best. A summary page will be completed and submitted and this seems to be going well.
- Additional safety items discussed:
 - Staff have noted issues with migraines due to the lighting and irritated throats when in the building. Administration is looking into both of these concerns
 - it has been confirmed that air quality was tested recently and determined to be “within acceptable range” . It is not known how the testing occurs and in which rooms. Council will put forward a request to complete testing in specific rooms that have been cited as problematic over the years
 - Council to put in request for update to lighting
 - Internet/cell phone reception - direct communication has been given to YG and Karen Campbell, without receiving any response, to address the unacceptable reception and safety risk for students with health issues (ie. Diabeties) or in the event of an emergency situation. ITSS has been contacted as well and offered a wifi adjustment which expanded range slightly but has a slower speed.
 - Multiple request for improvements and boosters, 3 times in the last year, have occurred
 - Pipes in Mrs. McDougall’s room need to be removed
 - Jeff to send Emergency plans to council to review for approval. This outlines staff expectations based on the type of emergency.
 - RCMP remained in contact with JHES regarding the recent shooting incident in Porter Creek throughout the entire incident

School Growth Plan:

- First meeting will take place this month and Jeff will send Lea dates.
- Handbook discussed with staff during PD day and they are going to finalize this, then tackle school growth with focus on 2-3 main goals of which numeracy and literacy will likely be considered.

- Plan for roll out of "ready to learn" has been made with four teachers to be part of the pilot. This is an intentional choice with a slow introduction to help it succeed
 - 2 grade 7 classes, a grade 4 class, and grade 3 class have teachers that have agreed to participate. This group will then support the rest of the school going forward if successful.

Playground Committee:

- Val wanted to pass on that a playground audit occurred this summer and it looks like we might be due for a significant renovation. This needs to be taken into consideration before making any decisions.
- Council met as part of the playground committee and walked around the grounds and discussed nature based play and inclusive items. Some suggestions included
 - Removing teeter totters, moving swings, adding a significant primary structure
 - discussed outdoor learning spaces
- Taelor to inquire about whether an accessibility study has been completed and if so seek out the report. If not, an inquiry into completing one will be done
- Taelor to confirm if there is a playground maintenance schedule

7 Old Business and correspondence

- The parent solutions document is not something that administration signed on to. It was committed to by Ryan and he would report on it. With the new staff at the Department of Education Council has committed to reviewing the document and presenting a revised version for the current environment for the next meeting. This will be adopted by council going forward with the intent of getting follow through on the commitments made by Ryan on behalf of the department.

8 New Business

- Council met after the first council meeting and held a strategy session to determine what they felt the major issues in the school are and what could reasonably be done do to bring positivity and change to the school
 - What was brainstormed was large with a plan to renegotiate portable funds, leverage the outdoor play equipment update funds, and fundraise to create an outdoor learning space for students and staff. Andrew will get information to Council on the portable details.
 - This idea aligns with both the Auditor General and Dr. Nikki Yee reports and recommendations
 - The idea was presented to staff last week with positive support, and feedback is being prepared on exactly what they would like to see. Jeff will provide this.
 - This request will also include a commercial kitchen and a food program as part of the proposal for land based learning to support meal prep and improve the learning environment for all students

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- o This request will also include fixing up the greenhouse and council will explore a funding application through the City Environmental grant, to assist with this.
 - o Council will endeavor to meet and present the proposal to the department of Education in October.
 - o Need to consider how to keep any improvements free from vandalism.
- Inquiry as to whether the department has released anything about funding for private speech therapy? It has been suggested that YG will now fund and support this. Jeff will look into this and report back.
- Following discussions with Ta'an Kwach'an tutors it has been discovered that they have not provided services because they have not felt welcomed to come into the school in the past. This is a general consensus of a number of First Nations and council would like to improve this perception
 - o Council will draft a letter to all First Nations to invite them to be part of the school community and work with the First Nations directorate to determine the best way to communicate ethics to build greater inclusivity
 - o Guest Geraldine agreed that this was a good approach to work towards inclusivity.
- Why do intermediate grades no longer have locks for their locks?
 - o Jeff to find out
- YFNED food program– This initiative was put in place to ensure all students needing access to food to succeed in education can access it. At this time the program is working well and meeting the needs but may need to be adjusted over time.
- Inquiry into whether Reading buddies still exist and confirmation received by administration that this program has been resumed this year.

9 Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

Next regular meeting: November 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm.