

JFC School Council Minutes

Monday, February 2, 2025, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, School Library or Online: Google Meet
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Present: Leah Pullen, Christine Caughill, Susan Fryer-Davis, Ashley Jardin, Breanne Bellingham, Ashley North, Amber Robertson, Phillip Periolaris, Miki Uoya, Bronwyn Fleming

7:00 - 7:05 Welcome and Introductions

- The group said goodbye to Leah and wished her well in her next adventure.

7:05 - 7:10 WRAPSC Update - Ashley Jardin

- Ashley circulated an email with information from previous meeting.
- There is an event Feb 21 at RIM park to discuss impacts of Bill 33.
- Confirmed our council does not have by-laws but follows a handbook.

7:10 to 7:20 Grant/Fundraising Updates

- Westcoast seeds fundraiser - 19 orders and anticipating total raised is \$300 dollars.
- ProGrant- Indigenous learning - received \$875 (asked for \$1,650). Crow Shield Lodge: puppet show with an Elder, Land-based learning circle, food with Chef Destiny. Is there anyone who would like to work with Amber on planning this event?
- Phillip volunteered to support Amber with the planning of the event. Other members of council can attend and provide support but don't have any planning capacity.
- The group discussed holding the event in May.
- Amber to forward a copy of the ProGrant to Susan for her review.
- Susan to connect Amber with a representative from the Indigenous office of WRDSB for alignment and invite them to participate.

7:20 to 7:45 Playground Update - Ashley North and friends

- JFC is getting a new playground in the spring/summer 2027 to replace the existing structures.
- We have \$35,000 left to fundraise by June 2026.
- Ashley North has written two fundraising letters that are waiting for approval to distribute to businesses and community members. Hoping for help from Council to distribute around neighbourhood and at workplaces.
- Planning to submit a grant to Love My Hood seeking \$10,000 dollars from City of Kitchener.
- Breanne suggested we explore Walmart in Kitchener locations for \$1,000 dollar grants.
- Amber and Ashley North to attend the staff meeting Feb 11 to provide a slideshow to teachers and gather feedback.
- Add the message on school-day in the products for parents to contribute to the playground fundraising.
- Also add a QR code for direct access to donate online for tax receipt in next cougar combo.
- Amber and Ashley to work on an announcement to put in cougar chronicles about the playground and how to donate.

- Need to schedule one more community engagement opportunity in February to gather feedback to support grant submission. Suggesting a movie night (see more below).

7:45 - 8:00 Review Fundraising and Event plan for 2026

- Feb movie night and playground engagement on either Friday February 20 or 27. Susan to double check the gym is free that evening.
 - Suggested time 6:30 to 8:00 pm (make final decision after length of movie)
 - Parents must attend with children. Bring blankets and pillows to lay on floor.
 - All boots to be out in the hallway.
 - Council to provide free popcorn and juice boxes through PIC funding - passed by vote.
 - If additional funding is needed Council to provide extra funds.
 - Ashley N and Amber to create some engagement activities in the hallway for parents and kids to react and provide feedback to outside of the gym.
- Chocolate fundraiser
 - Confirmed the importance of doing the chocolate fundraiser to support fundraising for our playground.
 - A plan will be circulated through email or at the next meeting with details about the fundraiser.

8:00 to 8:10 Fundraising Update JFC School Council -2025/26 BUDGET

-deferred to next meeting

8:10 - 8:30 Principal's Report

-deferred to next meeting

Next Meetings: March 2, April 13, May 4, June 1