

# John English School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7pm-8pm

## Opening

The regular meeting of the John English School Advisory Council was called to order on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00pm EST by David Fudge the SAC Co-chair.

## Present

### Elected Council:

All members of the elected Sac council were present and accounted for:

Alana Dickie – OPAL Subcommittee Chair

Bridget Bridges

Cam Smith - Secretary

David Fudge – SAC Co-Chair

Graeme Dymond – Events Subcommittee Chair

Katy Hung – SAC Treasurer

Kristina O'Hara

Mani Kakkar

Michael Kinsey – SAC Co-Chair & Bylaws subcommittee Chair

Nalini Feuilloley

Nathalie Di Francesco – Communications Subcommittee Chair

Stephanie Byrne

Principal: Luc Gelinis

Teacher representatives: Tamara Easton & Anne Piper

## Absent

No absences reported

## Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved by the council via e-mail

## Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved by the council via e-mail

## Business from previous meeting

No stated business from the previous meeting outside of the posted agenda was discussed.

## Motions

Motion to move next meeting from November 17<sup>th</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup> brought by David Fudge. Seconded by Michael Kinsey. No objections the motion was passed

Motion to end the meeting brought by David Fudge. Seconded by Michael Kinsey. No objections. The motion was passed.



## Meeting Beginning

David Fudge Co-chair welcomed all attendees and began the meeting with a land acknowledgement. David requested if there were any additional items to add to the agenda. None were listed. David requested for Principal Luc Gelinias to provide the monthly principal update

## Principal Report | Luc Gelinias

- Warning About Coyote. Messages have been sent out to parents. City has been notified.
- Kiss and Ride: Continuing to see the usage of Kiss and ride which is great.
- Playground Concerns: Messages have been sent without response both following up on 5+ requirement and potential required repairs
- Staffing
  - i. Fluctuations in staffing. 2 new positions hired. 1 French. 1 English.
  - ii. Looking for lunchroom supervisor positions. Please contact if interested
  - iii. Looking to replace some early childhood educators. Please contact if interested
- School business
  - i. IP (Individual Lesson Plans). Return copies as soon as possible.
  - ii. November 7<sup>th</sup> online booking tool for parent interviews go live
  - iii. CSAS (Caring, Safety, Acceptance Teams) formed. Looking for additional parents interested in attending.

## Teacher Update | Tamara Easton Anne Piper

- Many clubs and groups starting back up again
- Thank you to parents who have reached out and started OPAL
- Question to council: will there be funding for individual teachers again this year?

## Communications Committee Report | Nathalie Di Francesco

- Continuously evolving communication strategy across e-mail, twitter, website
- Updates every Friday and we will start providing more surveys and information to activities

## Events Committee Report | Graeme Dymond

- Many events that will be run throughout the year. Primary goal is fundraising.
- Please reach out to Graeme for parents that would like to volunteer!
- Upcoming event: Halloween Trivia Night. High yield fundraiser
- Interest from community members to run other fundraising style events. Please reach out to Graeme for those that would like to run an event

## OPAL Committee Report | Alana Dickie

- Outdoor play for younger kids. Loose parts. Basic committee formed
- Please reach out to SAC e-mail to contact Alana if interested in joining



## Bi-Laws Committee Report | Michael Kinsey

- Asked by TDSB to put together bi-laws with a template to follow. Committee yet to meet
- Will come back with suggestions

## USchool program | David Fudge

- Ukulele program to teach grade 6 ukulele. In last stages of being confirmed by TDSB
- Program ideally running in November. Will run for 15 weeks

## Treasurer Report | Katy Hung

- Review of different SAC sources where funding sits
- 3 specific areas.
  - i. Sac Account
  - ii. Dedicated John English SAC budget. Still waiting to find amount.
  - iii. School Grants from TDSB for specific use cases
- Expenses. Largest is Ukulele. Second is teacher classroom support. Still plan to have an amount dedicated but waiting for clarification from TDSB on spend plan

## Closing Remarks | David Fudge

- Suggestion to move next meeting to November 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Deadline for Pizza day registration is today
- This weekend is a hybrid conference
- On October 24<sup>th</sup> are municipal Elections
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Halloween Trivia Night
- October 28<sup>th</sup> is Pizza day and vaccination forms due
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Nov 25<sup>th</sup> are applications for early French Immersion
- November 8<sup>th</sup> is vaccination clinic
- November 9<sup>th</sup> is picture retake day
- November 17<sup>th</sup> is parent teacher night & November 18<sup>th</sup> is a PD day

David Fudge motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Michael Kinsley. No objections.  
The meeting was called to close at 8:34pm



## Key Meeting Questions & Discussion Summary

**Question: What is the school doing about the Coyote?**

Summary Answer: e-mails have gone out to parents. City has been notified. School cannot do more than continue to inform the city. Recommendation for parents to contact city as well.

**Question: Where can we find information on activities & Sports?**

Summary Answer: Weekly principal e-mail has links to a live file that shows activities

**Question: What is the status/plan on Teacher supply spend?**

Summary Answer: TDSB requires all council spend to be used by approved TDSB vendors due to safety, accounting, auditory and procedural requirements

**Question: Arts & Music Programs. Is there for SAC to support/school status?**

Summary Answer: School budget is covered for upcoming musical. Itinerate Music Teachers come to school twice a week to provide programming. School invested in musical programs for instruments.

**Question/Suggestion: Parents will start digital lost and found and question about coming in to check lost and found.**

Summary Answer: Great to start digital lost and found. Recommendation for parents to please label everything.

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