

Parents Association October 22

PA Pres. Gill called the meeting to order at just after 7:00, and she proceeded to introduce the members of the PA Executive. She noted that this year the PA will meet once each term (= 3x over the course of the school year), and each meeting will be coordinated with a PA event.

Hina reported on the state of finances (her spreadsheet is or should soon be available on this website). She noted that 95% of fees have been collected, excellent thus far. Her report with all the details of moneys set aside to purchase classroom and specialty teacher requests was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Speaking on behalf of the volunteer coordinators, Grant presented a long list of committees and the volunteer chairs:

Patrick Harvey Arts Cmt: Carol Stephenson

Parents Education: Aviva Z-S

Clothing Drive: ditto

Games Day: Mike Martins

Book Night: Chriss Bogert

Hot Dog Night: Grade One parents

Pizza lunch: Ben/Julia/Sarah

Graduation: ditto

Terry Fox Run: Sarah

As chair of the Library Cmt., Chriss Bogert noted that there were two fundraising events each year for the library: Read-a-thon and Book Night (now scheduled for Wed., Nov. 28). There will also be a December book drive with many new or lightly used books to be donated. There will also be several visitors, authors of children's books, who will speak to the students.

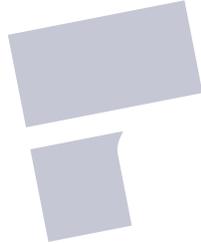
Parents Education will have several events this year. After this meeting, its first event will be the diversity panel and discussion; Nov. 14 event with author Paul Tough; January 2013 event (research night); and a spring event TBA.

Elizabeth made her report on behalf of the school. She expressed the excitement of snaring Paul Tough and that many will want to come to his talk; best to sign up sooner rather than later. The fundraising focus of this school year is the Patrick Harvey Arts Cmt. which will hold some sort of event (stay tuned) in the spring and raises money for artists in residence, artists visiting the school, and art supplies. This year the focus will be on photography. The Dean's Advisory Board boasts Aviva A-S and Michael Salamon as JICS representatives; its focus for the year will be equity and access. Building plans are moving along though at a slower than desirable pace; the plans for JICS renovations are on the UofT governing council's agenda for the winter term meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Fogel

P.S. I realize that this set of minutes was less than knee-slappingly funny, so as compensation let me suggestion you watch this video of Jerry Seinfeld interviewing Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4czusJ8YLCg>

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Parents Association
JICS, January 21, 2013

Gill Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that this evening would hi-lite reports from class representative. Isn't "hi-lite" and oxymoron? Should be "highlight."

First, Hina Ansari reports on finances: good. All the classroom wish list items had been purchased. Tax receipts would soon be issued, delayed slightly by the need for a new bookkeeper.

Second, Gill announced that new people would be needed for the Parents Assn. Executive next year, in particular the secretary (by far the most onerous position) and vice-president.

Class reps: long story short, everything is copacetic. A few hi-lites:

- a. Nursery: Aaron the teddy bear is now being shared at various children's homes and is very happy.
- b. JK: going well, learning graphing
- c. SK: soon will be learning about space
- d. 1: learning about nature
- e. 2: getting new carpet, going to see "Twelfth Night", learning about birds
- f. 3: working on backdrops, writing, just back from Tawingo
- g. 4: also went to Tawingo, friends with grade 1, lots of math
- h. 5/6: ancient civilizations, geometry, and the transition meetings in full swing

Schools news:

- a. Capital campaign over as April 2012
- b. Architects soon to come
- c. Slate of teachers for next year almost set in stone
- d. Three cmts: tuition support cmt. hard at work and need feedback and communication; Patrick Harvie Arts Cmt. stress on photography this year with artist-in-resident a photographer, center of fund-raising this year which will take place April 22; Parent Education Cmt. very active, Jan 31 morning meeting on literacy program—walk through of JICS classrooms to see how reading taught.
- e. Diversity Cmt.—parent surveys analyzed and will; help in development of programs

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Parents Association Meeting
May 6, 2013

President Gillian Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There was a noticeable gender imbalance among those present (more women than men) which many attributed to the once-in-a-lifetime events of the Leafs in the playoffs.

Hina Ansari (treasurer) summed up the year in finance as “wonderful.” Roughly 90% of fees have been collected, and all the class needs have been met.

The Patrick Harvie Cmt. did not send a representative to the meeting and thus no dollar numbers are as yet forthcoming, but Gill noted that it was a whole lot of fun; she used the word “beautiful” to describe both the evening and Doug and Ginger’s extraordinary home.

Hot Dog night, one of favorites of the year for parents and children alike, will be held this May 29 (Wed.) which the following day (Thurs., May 30—difficult calculation) as a rain day. Tickets will go on sale roughly a week before, just after the long May weekend. Volunteers needed. Diane suggested that some alumni who will be attending might be asked to volunteer on the evening of the event.

Gill then turned to the slate of candidates for the parents’ association executive for the coming year; it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously quickly, very quickly.

Class reps will be needed in the new academic year and the volunteer coordinators will soon start hunting them down.

Gill, who is passing the baton to Tracy as incoming president of the Parents’ Association Executive, offered thanks to several departing members of the board (Masha, Josh, and especially Diane for her 6-plus years of service).

The Dean’s Advisory Cmt. will next be meeting in June 2013. Anyone with business should contact Aviva Zukerman-Schure.

Principal’s report, Elizabeth Morley:

1. Thanks offered to departing Executive members; thanks to all the volunteering parents, “more than ever before”; thanks to the Patrick Harvey Cmt. members whose work brings in the money that pays for the artist-in-residence program
2. Staffing recruitment for two slots in 2013-2014 has been completed, offers made, verbal acceptances received, and as soon as the contracts are officially signed, the announcement will be made
3. Building: planning work on the 56 and 58 Spadina buildings has jumped through all the appropriate hoops; architectural proposals have been reviewed, and an announcement of the selected firm will soon be made; shovels will hit the earth in Spring 2014 (with fingers crossed); and there will be a celebration May 22 (4:00-5:30) to thank all the donors

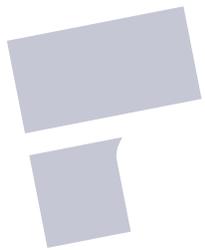
4. This Thursday-Friday (May 9-10), JICS will host a conference for educators in the field of science and mathematics; at least 150 teachers from across the province will be coming as well as some international guests
5. Advance thanks to the Grade One parents for Hot Dog night planning and hosting

Reports from the class representatives were spotty, but in sum everyone was very happy: from the nursery children learning about seeds to the grade sixes planning a station on Mars, from the JKs watching their chicks hatch to sex ed. in the grade 5-6 classes.

Diane reported that graduation planning is underway. The ceremony will be held in Walmer Baptist Church, site also for the traditional graduation play; it will be followed by a courtyard reception for grade sixes, their parents, and the staff; and then a wild and woolly after-party—all planned for June 13.

This being my last set of minutes, let me tell you what a joy it has been to work with you all on the executive. Our mandate was small, but what we did have to do we always did in a spirit of wonderful (there's that word again) friendship and collegiality, something the colleagues at my day job should study. You're all in good hands for next year. Tracy: Good luck!

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