

JICS Parent Survey

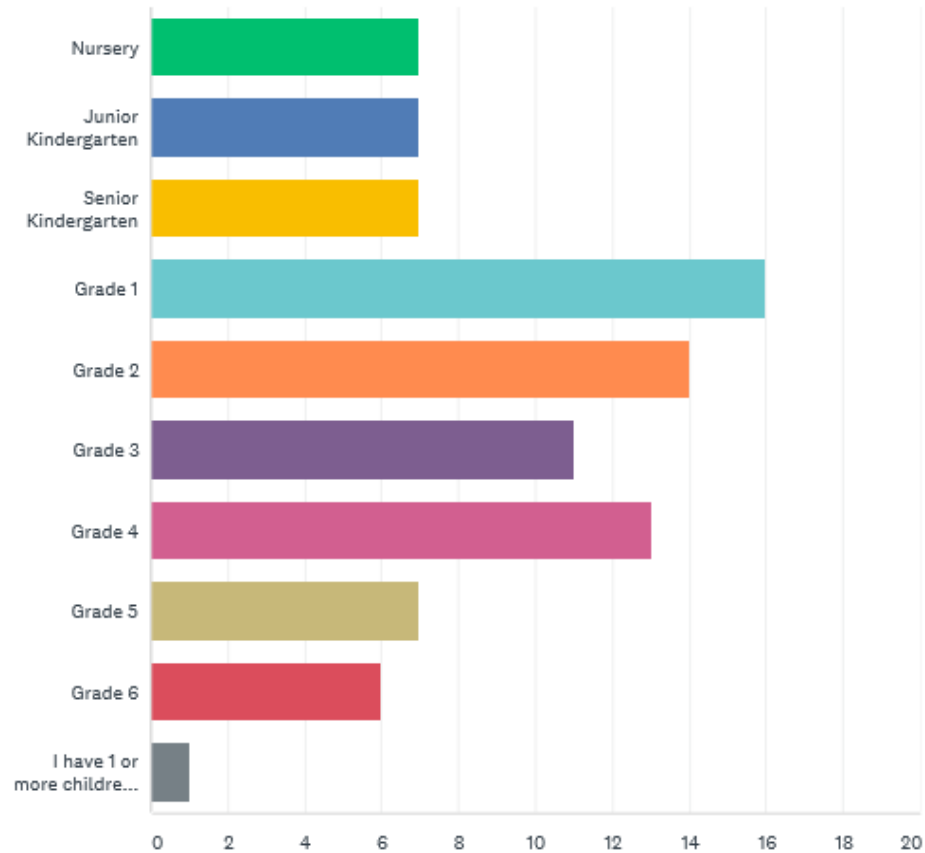
2017 Results

2017 Survey – Overall results

- Generally, everyone is happy with the PA and its activities, but would like the PA to have greater input into decisions made by the school
- Parent participation at events is largely driven by a few factors
 - Time constraints
 - Age of children / bed times
 - Distance from work/home
- Great importance placed on updates from principal, PA President and Committee leads
- Increased funding is welcome across all categories (wellness, sports, arts, etc.), but some parents are frustrated / concerned by annual increased tuition PLUS fundraising
- Question raised about the previous survey and what has been done to make improvements before sending out this new survey
 - Areas of Focus: Streamlined communications, transparency, and infrastructure

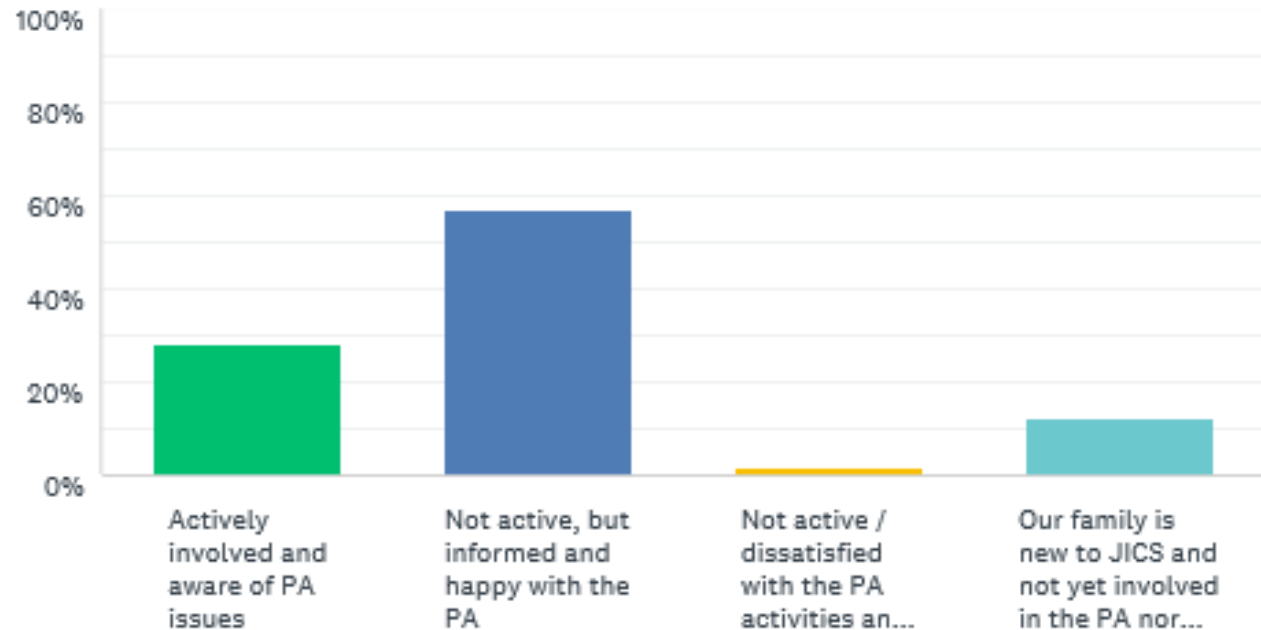
Q1 - What grade(s) will your child(ren) start in the fall of 2017?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



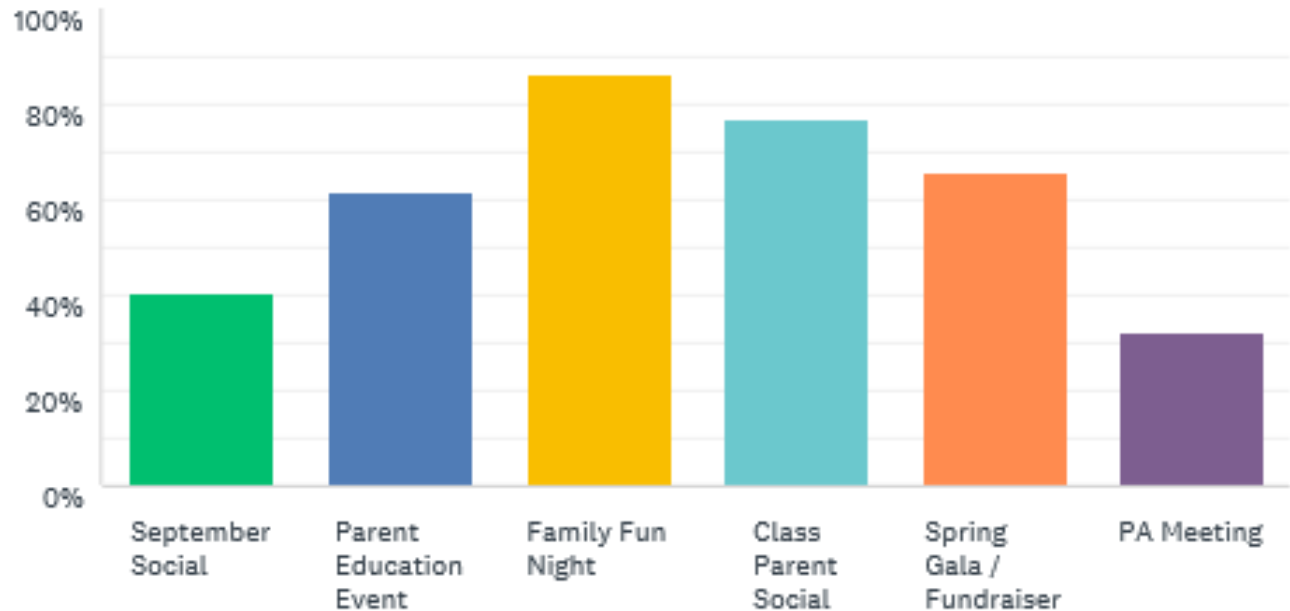
Q2 - How would you describe yourself?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 1



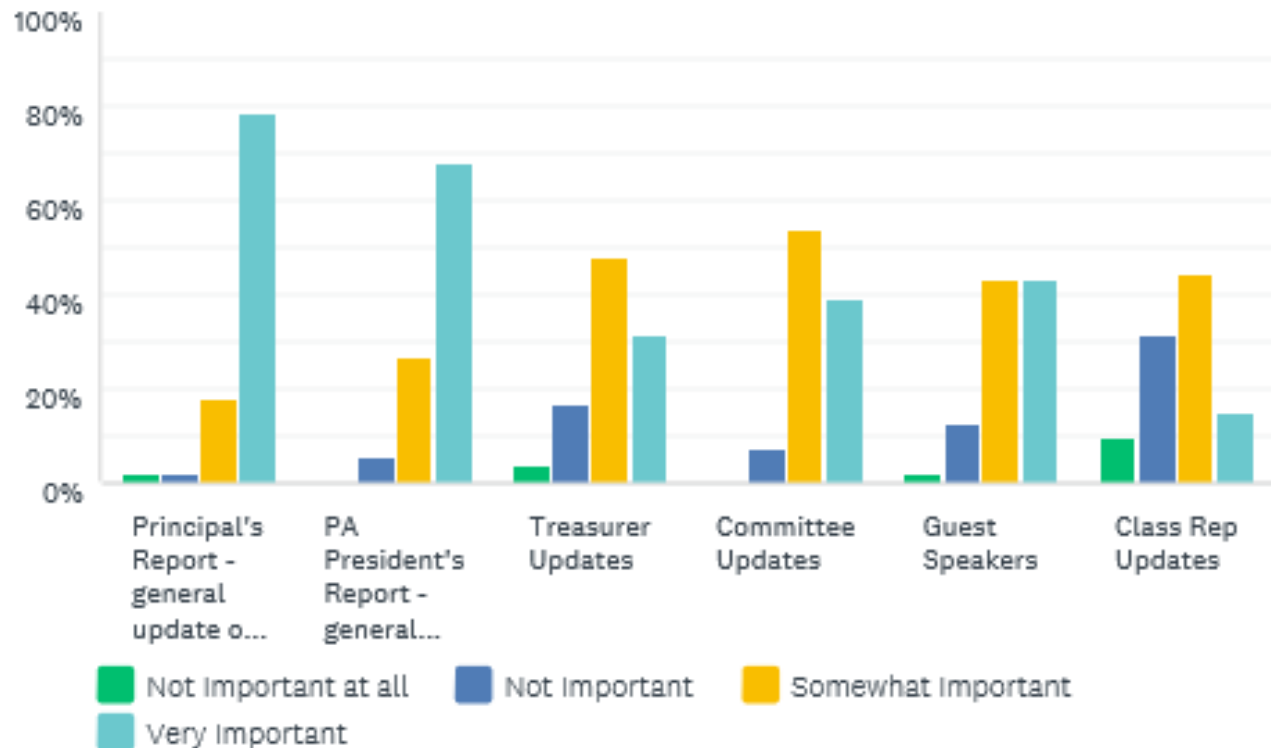
Q3 - Did you attend any of the following events during 2016-2017?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 5



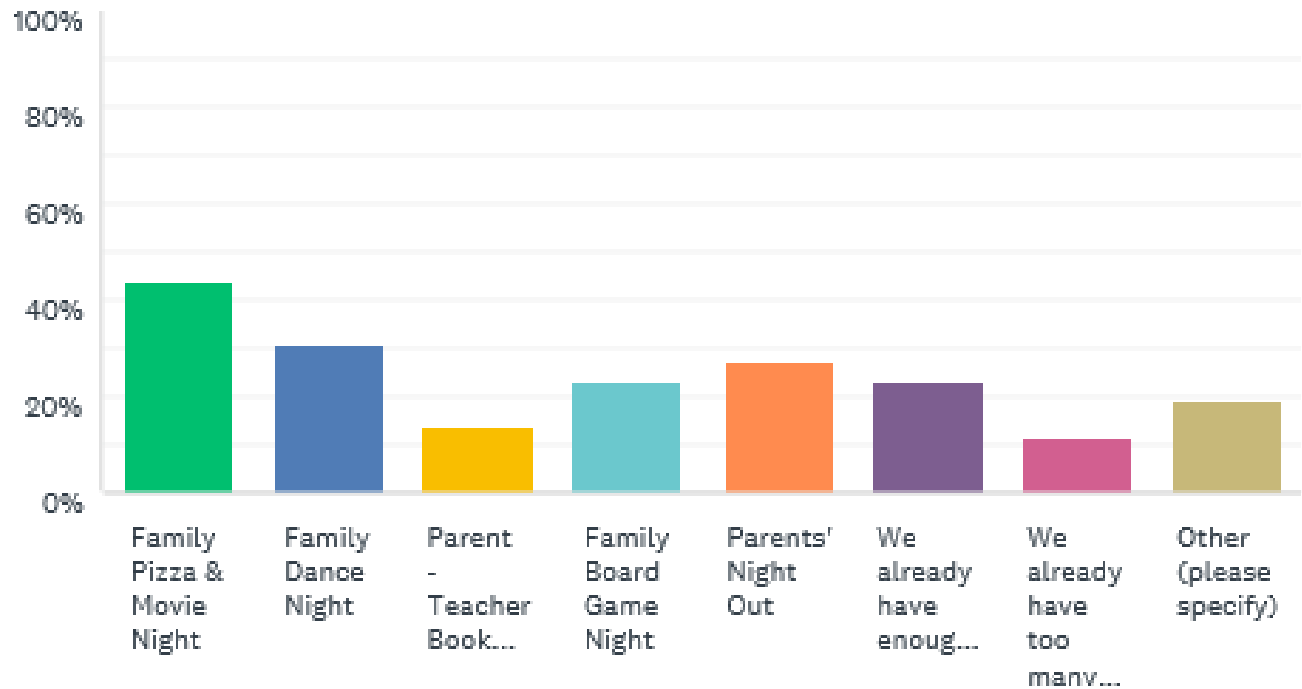
Q4 - How important is it to you to have these topics addressed at PA meetings?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 1



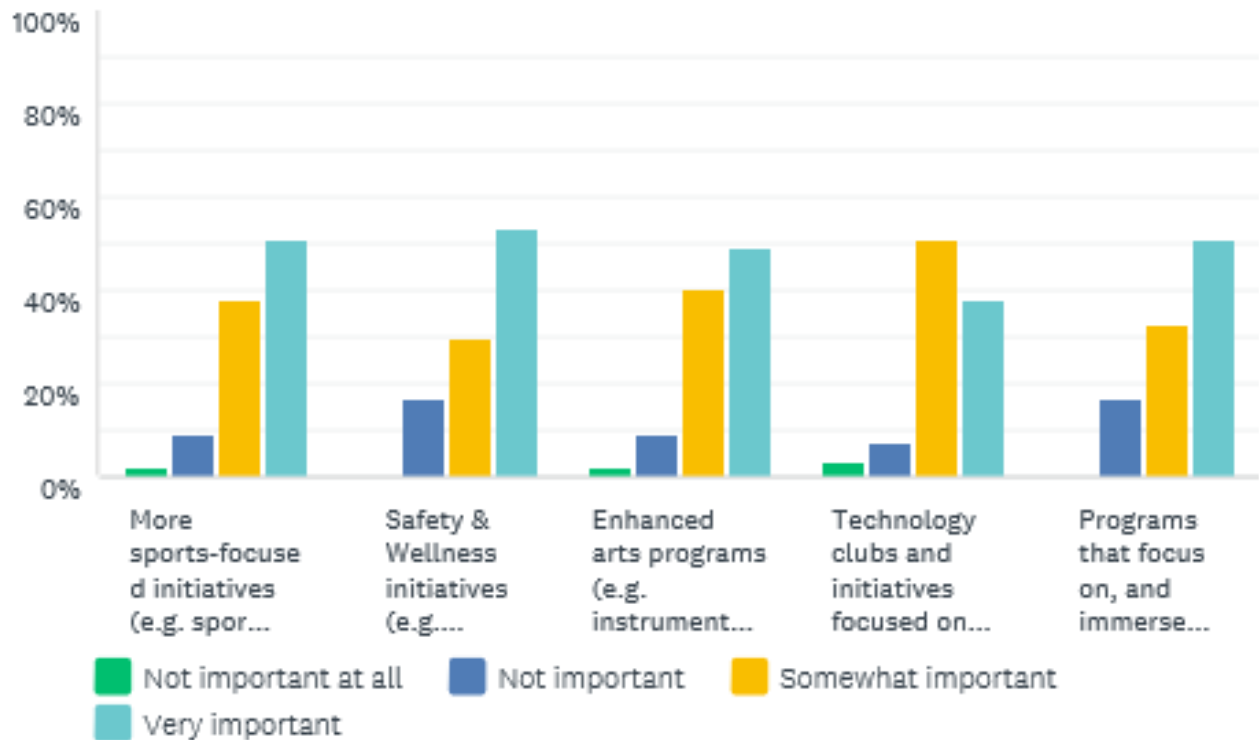
Q5 - Do you have any suggestions for ADDITIONAL parent / family events?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 5



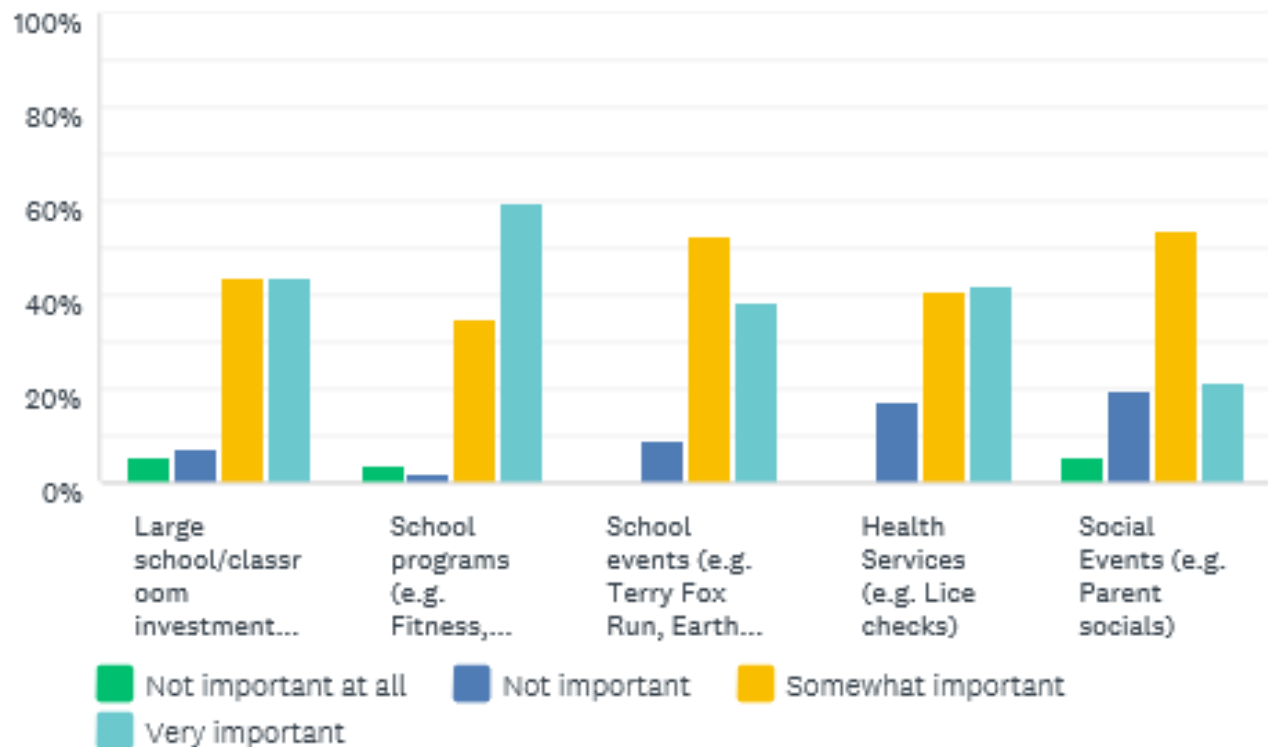
Q6 - Fund-raising by the PA is directed at enriching the children’s experiences at the school, e.g. purchasing technology, learning materials etc. above and beyond the Lab school curriculum. If the PA raised more funds to increase its annual budget, **how would you prioritize the following potential uses of funds?**

Answered: 55 Skipped: 2



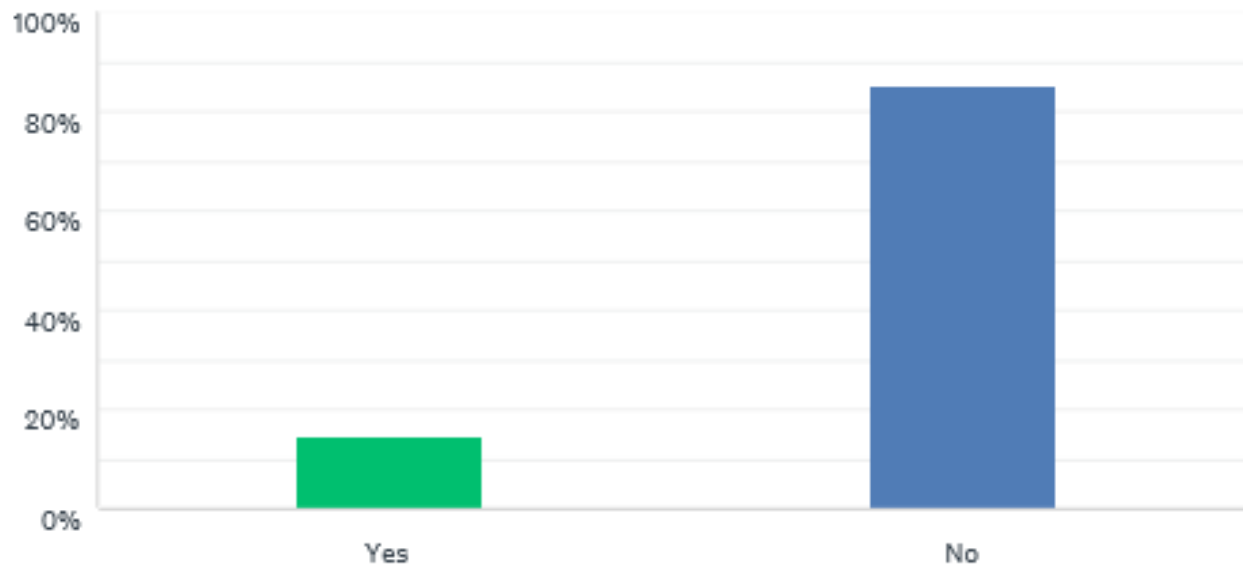
Q7 - Please rate the importance of the following PA Activities:

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0

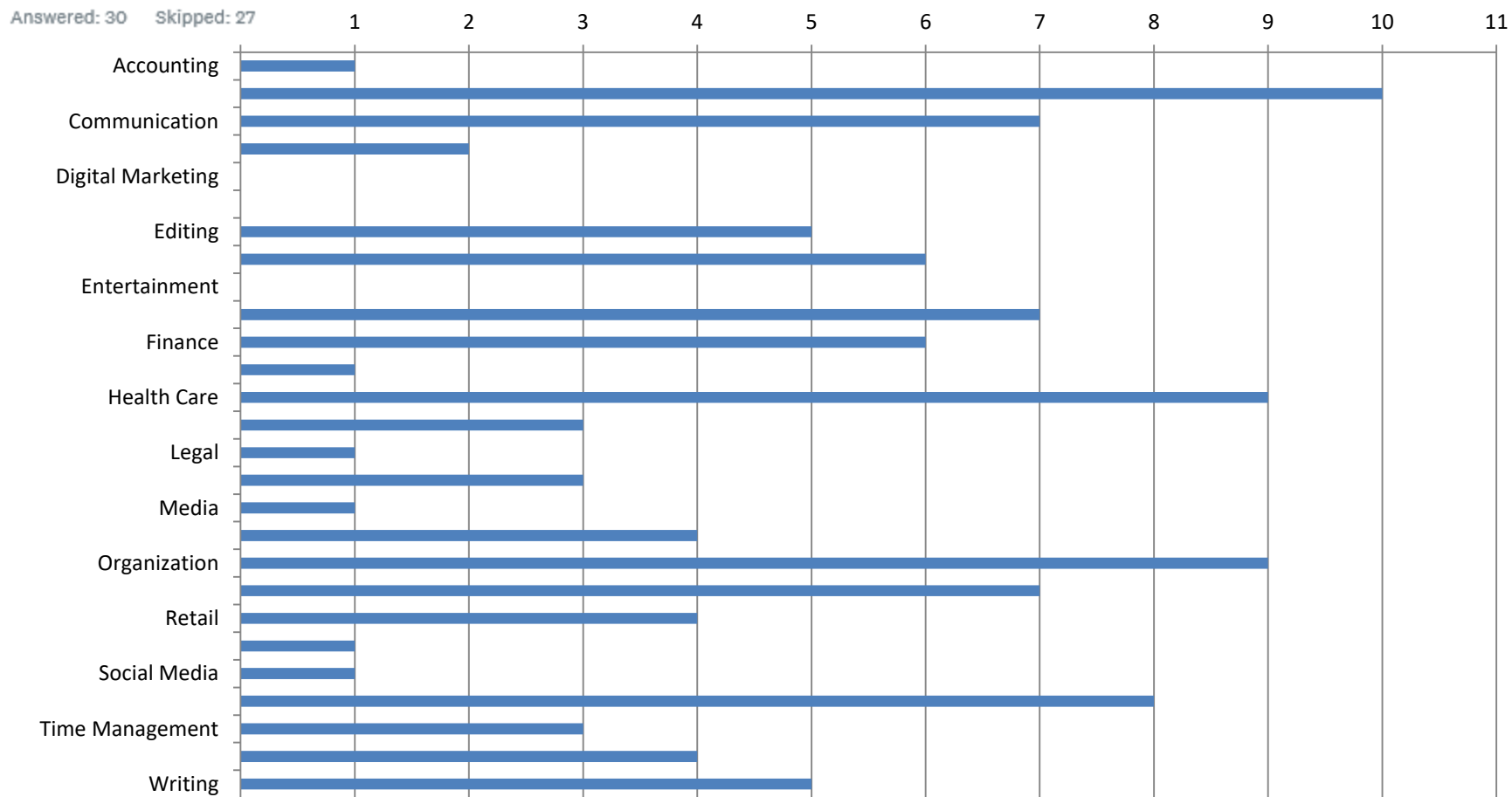


Q 8 - Have you or would you be interested in being on the PA Executive?
(Roles include president, vice president, treasurer, communications director, volunteer coordinator)

Answered: 54 Skipped: 3



Q9 - We know that many parents are busy, but are open to contributing on either a short-term or consultative basis. **What skills do you have that might be helpful to one of our committees, the PA Executive or the school at large?**



Q10 - In your opinion, what does the PA do well? What does the PA do poorly? We welcome constructive feedback!

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| 1 | As a new family, the welcome emails and phone calls were a great start to this school year. Thanks! |
| 2 | Last survey was done approx. 2 years ago and no final update given on what had been done to address the results of that survey. What will be different with this one? |
| 3 | I think the PA could and should do a better job of expressing parental concerns and issues to school administration and advocating on the parents behalf in these areas. |
| 4 | Thanks for all the work you do!! |
| 5 | Interesting speakers, events and initiatives. Informative communication with parents. Appreciate all the PA's does to enrich JICS! |
| 6 | The PA is a great group of engaged and engaging parents. It could improve by communicating to the wider body of parents what purpose it serves. |
| 7 | Considering it's a volunteer run organization, it's a job well done! |
| 8 | I'll let you know once we've had more exposure to the PA! :) Sooo excited to be joining the ICS family! |
| 9 | We're new - looking forward to getting to know the PA and its work over the coming year! |
| 10 | The website and better communication is excellent!! Well done. Love the PA board |
| 11 | PA works very hard. They should be commended for their efforts. Keep the Principal accountable for his hiring practices and choices he makes that influence the school. |
| 12 | PA is doing great work. It would be ideal to see this group be more involved in 'big ticket' items. |
| 13 | I think the PA is very active and innovative - there has been continuous improvement and innovation in the time we have been at JICS. Thank you! |

2017 Parent Survey

SURVEY QUESTIONS

JICS Parent Survey 2017

JICS Parent Survey 2017

Welcome to the Jackman ICS Parents' Association (JICS PA) Parent Survey 2017. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break.

As a reminder, the purpose of the JICS Parents' Association, as outlined in its constitution is:

1. To advance the education of the students attending JICS by providing materials, equipment and other educational resources and programs;
2. To undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the aforementioned charitable purpose.

The JICS Parents' Association is a volunteer, not for profit organization managed by the PA's Executive in accordance with its Constitution. The PA has charitable status that allows it to issue charitable receipts. The PA's Executive is comprised of parents elected by the "members" of the Parents' Association along with the Principal and Vice Principal.

Your PA Executive is starting to get ready for the 2017-18 school year and we'd like your feedback to better inform some of the decisions we're making. Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey in order to improve upon the activities which we support at JICS (approx. 5 minutes).

1. What grade(s) will your child(ren) start in the fall of 2017?

Nursery

Grade 2

Grade 6

Junior Kindergarten

Grade 3

I have 1 or more children who have already graduated from JICS

Senior Kindergarten

Grade 4

Grade 1

Grade 5

2. How would you describe yourself?

Actively involved and aware of PA issues

Not active, but informed and happy with the PA

Not active / dissatisfied with the PA activities and the information provided

Our family is new to JICS and not yet involved in the PA nor its activities

If not satisfied, please state what might influence you to become more active with the PA or your ideas to get more parents engaged.

3. Did you attend any of the following events during 2016-2017?

September Social

Family Fun Night

Spring Gala / Fundraiser

Parent Education Event

Class Parent Social

PA Meeting

If you haven't attended a PA Meeting, please indicate the reason(s) why

4. How important is it to you to have these topics addressed at PA meetings:

| | Not Important at all | Not Important | Somewhat Important | Very Important |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Principal's Report - general update on school issues | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| PA President's Report - general update on PA issues | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Treasurer Updates | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Committee Updates | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Guest Speakers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Class Rep Updates | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

5. Do you have any suggestions for **ADDITIONAL** parent / family events?

Family Pizza & Movie Night

Family Board Game Night

We already have too many events

Family Dance Night

Parents' Night Out

Parent - Teacher Book Club

We already have enough family events
- we don't need any more

Other (please specify)

6. Fund-raising by the PA is directed at enriching the children’s experiences at the school, e.g. purchasing technology, learning materials etc. above and beyond the Lab school curriculum. If the PA raised more funds to increase its annual budget, how would you prioritize the following potential uses of funds?

| | Not important at all | Not important | Somewhat important | Very important |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| More sports-focused initiatives (e.g. sports teams, clubs, better gym equipment) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Safety & Wellness initiatives (e.g. in-school counselling, school psychologist, anti-bullying, cyber-safety, 'tricky people' training) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Enhanced arts programs (e.g. instrumental music program; piano or violin lessons at JICS, music and movement, visual arts club) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Technology clubs and initiatives focused on STEM-based projects such as coding or robotics | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Programs that focus on, and immerse students in nature, create opportunities to learn about the environment | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

7. Please rate the importance of the following PA Activities:

| | Not important at all | Not important | Somewhat important | Very important |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Large school/classroom investments (e.g. Tablets, classroom supplies, playground equipment) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| School programs (e.g. Fitness, sports teams, extra-curricular programs) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| School events (e.g. Terry Fox Run, Earth Day) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Health Services (e.g. Lice checks) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Social Events (e.g. Parent socials) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

8. Have you or would you be interested in being on the PA Executive? (Roles include president, vice president, treasurer, communications director, volunteer coordinator)

- Yes
- No

If you responded "yes", please provide your name; If you responded "no", what would help pique your interest?

9. We know that many parents are busy, but are open to contributing on either a short-term or consultative basis. What skills do you have that might be helpful to one of our committees, the PA Executive or the school at large?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business (general) | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Time Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing |

Please enter your name / your partner's name

10. In your opinion, what does the PA do well? What does the PA do poorly? We welcome constructive feedback!

2016 Survey Update

SURVEY RESPONSES

2016 Survey Summary

Executive Summary (full survey results to follow):

- Generally speaking, parents are pleased with the work of the PA
- Many parents would prefer fewer emails, with concise and clear information
- More should be done to help new parents/families integrate in the JICS community
- Lots of ideas regarding what activities should be added
- Lots of ideas regarding where additional funds should be directed
- Indigo/Book night was disjointed/distracting with competing environments (toys and books)
- People are generally satisfied with PA executive's transparency regarding spending
- More information should be provided regarding infrastructure and school expansion