

**JICS Parents' Association (PA) Meeting**  
**6 pm, Feb 5, 2018**  
**Jackman ICS, Toronto, Ontario**

1. Beth opened the meeting with congratulations to the school on the new building. Despite this, this upcoming year is the lowest increase in tuition ever for JICS.
2. Karin presented the slides on the current PA financials (slides sent to parents prior to the meeting). PA finances are in good standing. The parent fees and donations are higher than previous years especially with United Way. Most funds donated through UW have been allocated for athletic equipment. The option to direct funds is available to parents when they donate to the PA. Parents are encouraged to let Karin know ASAP if they have committed funds through the United Way so the PA can budget for the year. Several classroom grants have not been claimed due to teachers waiting until their class moved into their new space. Karin anticipates that more money will likely be needed for grade 6 graduation. Funds are also needed for the Patrick Harvie Fund and the Library fund (both of these funds are not directed by the PA but rather by specific committees).
3. Malik reviewed the parent education activities that have been planned for this school year. There have been 3 events this year so far - coffee morning with Richard, parenting workshop, and research night. There is an upcoming Inquiry Morning planned by the school. Dr. Ross Greene will also be speaking to the JICS community on April 26<sup>th</sup>. More details on Dr. Greene is available at [www.livesinthebalance.org](http://www.livesinthebalance.org)
4. Class representatives provided updates for each grade.

Nursery  
No report

JK  
Parent social happening at a local restaurant owned by a JK parent.  
The students are having a great time learning about inventions - currently collecting materials. The students are also excited about the lunar New Year lunch which is coming up.

SK  
Kids are having a great year. There has been weekly skating this winter and also outings to Sibelius Park on Monday afternoons. The students learned about senses last term and are now learning about planetary systems.

Grade 1  
Family fun night planning is underway. The kids are learning about the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

Grade 3  
The trip to Tawingo went well and the parents want to express their thanks to the school staff for all of their hard work. The students are enjoying their JK reading buddies

#### Grade 4

The kids had a great trip to Tawingo. In the classroom, the kids have moved into novel study, which are going well. Mad math is happening currently and the gears and pulley workshop will take place next month.

#### Grade 5

No report was provided.

#### Grade 6

Planning for graduation ceremony is under way and will likely be held in new gym. The reps invited support from the whole school community to make it a special celebration for the grads.

5. Amy and Awet thanked everyone who have volunteered this year so far. Please continue to use the website to volunteer. The new strategy to have different grades support specific events seems to be working well. The next event requiring volunteers will be Earth week. The PA and the school is planning a new annual event – Grandpals Day - which will take place in April. Children will have the opportunity to perform and also tour the school with their Grandpals (grandparents or other special adults).
6. Chriss provided an update on the Patrick Harvie Arts Committee. The school would like to invite a potter to be the artist in residence next year. \$15000 is needed for this endeavour. Fundraising for the arts programming will alternate years with tuition support. Jen Grant who is leading the Patrick Harvie Fund-raising effort this year suggested the school and parent community reconsider how we raise funds for the arts programming at the school. One suggestion is to have ongoing fundraising along with a 5-year plan for arts programming at JICS.

Book night will be on Wed March 7th, 6 pm to 730 pm with story-telling and other fun activities for the kids during the day. The book fair will take place throughout the day.

7. Richard provided his report to the parent community. He thanked the parent community and the PA exec for their support throughout the construction. He reminded the group of an additional event - the launch of the 2nd edition of Natural Curiosity. Richard gave a brief history of the book. The book will be on sale starting March 1st. Richard thanked the parent community for allowing the school to share their children's learnings in the book. Richard ended by discussing the tuition increases for this coming year. Next years tuition will now cover other expenses.
8. Guest speaker and current parent, Doug Anderson, discussed his work with the students this year.
9. The evening finished with Richard leading the Community Chat.

President – Beth Corcoran

Secretary at Meeting – Amy Cheung

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