



## J. W. WALKER SCHOOL

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### **J.W. Walker School Council Minutes** **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 - 6:30 pm**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Call to order – 6:30pm
- Welcome and introductions
  - **In Attendance:** Megan Pistilli, Rebecca Barker, Kendra Bodnar, Nicole Renberg, Helena Guertin, Sonja Bodnarchuk, Lynne Avis
  - **Regrets:** LaDawn Schmidt

#### **2. Review and Approval of Agenda**

- Rebecca moved that they be accepted
- Megan/Kendra seconded the motion
- Carried

#### **3. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Megan moved that they be accepted
- Kendra seconded the motion

#### **4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (n/a)**

#### **5. Role of School Council and By-Laws**

- Can't have less than 3 and no more than 11 people attending
- Positions and Elections
  - Chair: Megan Pistilli
  - Co-Chair: Open
  - Secretary: Rotating (Lynne)
- Meetings – minimum 4 times per year, as follows:
  - Tuesday, November 9, 2021
  - Tuesday, February 8, 2022
  - Tuesday, April 12, 2022
  - Tuesday, June 7, 2022
- PIC representative for this school year
  - Helena Guertin

#### **6. Old Business/updates**

- End of Year Report shared with School Council

## 7. News and Reports

- Newsletters, Facebook, Seesaw and Google Classroom, PowerSchool
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month – Newsletter sent home
  - J. W. Walker Facebook – Work in progress
  - SeeSaw – Still being used to communicate
  - Google Classrooms – all teachers have created
  - PowerSchool – New program (replaced Trillium) new IEP program, new report card program
- Teacher Updates
  - Cristol Bailey – gone to Board Office
  - Maddie Hagar – Grade 1(1<sup>st</sup> block) and Spec. Ed (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> block)
  - Libby Wilson - Grade 1 (0.6)
  - Keira Chown – Spec Ed (0.5)
  - Brandy Hyatt – Autism Support Worker
  - Marsha McMahon – EA
  - Jessica Monahan – EA (returned from mat leave)
  - Leona Grandbois – New EA
    - Lost a classroom – this year we have 11 classrooms (last year – 12) however, class sizes are still reasonable – 24 is the highest, 13 is the lowest
- COVID updates and new procedures
  - Students do not need to wear masks outside. Students are doing very well keeping track of their masks – many continue to wear them or put them in their pockets.
  - Outside cohorts have remained the same – a lot less issues on the playground
    - Grade 5 students were given the choice to join the 4/5 class or the 5/6 class outside – choice remains for the whole year
- School Climate Survey results
- Overall, the results were good.

## 8. Teacher/Principal's Report

- Virtual Open House - Video
- Terry Fox – Sept. 29
- Orange Shirt Day – Sept. 30 (will hand out t-shirts on this day)
- Cross Country – Virtual (Oct. 12-14) Each school is going to hold their own Cross Country. Results will be sent to CRS. Jody Easton and Keira Chown are doing J. W. Walker's on October 14
- Fall Harvest – all grade 5 students will attend (we have two split classes - 4/5 and 5/6 - both classes will attend)
- NOW program (Nutrition on Weekends)– signed up for 8 students, looking for 3 more
- Breakfast Program – has started. Order from Webb's (fruit, granola bars, raisins, NutriGrain bars, cheese strings, fruit cups) Left in atrium – teachers collect what they need and bring to their classrooms.
- Hot Lunch – will start on Monday, September 27.
- Student screening was conducted for 10 days. It is now the responsibility of the parent to complete the screen prior to coming to school.

## **9. New Business**

- **Goals & Ideas for the 2021/22 school year**

- Volleyball Net
- Take & Make – Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Breakfast (include note “from School Council” & next meeting date)
- Involving Parents - virtual Bingo Night
- Inventory of Outdoor Toys

- **Fundraising Plan**

- If wanting to fundraise, Sonja has to put plan forward to the Board
- Current Funds will support the students with buying mitts & hats
- PIC committee usually sponsors the STEM nights etc.

- **10 Food Days:** Halloween, gingerbread houses, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, 100’s Day, Winter Carnival, Easter, Education Week, end of year celebrations (2 days).

## **10. Questions & Answers - none**

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

- Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Google Meets

## **12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Other agenda items to be submitted to the Chair two weeks prior to the next meeting

## **13. Adjournment**

- Megan
- Rebecca