



# J. W. WALKER SCHOOL

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## J.W. Walker School Council Committee Agenda Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - Call to order – 6:41pm
  - In Attendance: Sonja Bodnarchuk, Lynne Avis, Helena Guertin, Kendra Bodnar, Rebecca Barker, Megan Pistilli, Nicole Renberg.
2. Review and Approval of Agenda
  - Kendra Bodnar moved that the agenda be accepted
  - Helena Guertin seconded the motion
  - Carried
3. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes
  - Revised – Helena Guertin donated shovels, not sleds  
Helena Guertin moved that they be accepted
  - Kendra Bodnar seconded the motion
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (if applicable)
  - N/A
5. Old Business/updates
  - Bike rack will be ordered out of school funds in the Spring
  - Volleyball posts will be put in this summer. Volleyball nets will be on the grass
6. News and Reports
  - N/A
7. Principal's Report
  - Education Week, pancake breakfast
  - Restrictions lifted – no masks, no cohorts (schedules have been changed – all students go outside first and then eat in the classrooms), screening still needs to be completed.
  - New Staff – Emily Kowbluck (Mitaanjigamiing EA)
    - Sandra Dixon has left, Michelle Brunetta is the new secretary.
    - Brandy Hyatt has left, Nina Bird has accepted the Autism Support position until the end of the year.
    - Interviewing tomorrow for Nina's EA position.
  - Clubs have started again – Basketball (gr.6), Me Club (Grades 4-6 with Mrs. Spooner), Reading Buddies
  - Mental Health Initiative – Nicole Evan's has planned activities for April (ex. Mello Monday, Talking Tuesday, Fitness Friday etc.) April 20<sup>th</sup> is Walking Wednesday – whole school will walk the playground.
  - Field Trips – French class will be hosting their French Play one evening following Festival (April 25/26), June 8 – Manitou Mounds
  - Connected North Sessions – A positive impact on learning. Material is cross-curricular and integrated into learning. Students meeting and exposed to many different people and topics.
  - EQAO – grade 3 and 6 testing
    - This year, everything will be online and done on chromebooks.
    - Teachers are receiving training currently.
    - The sessions are shorter, now is a 3.5-hour test rather than a 6-hour test.

#### Teacher's Report – Connected North Sessions

- Grade 6 students have been participating in a variety of sessions including different museums on flight (planes, history of flight in Canada) as well as a session on Space. Through NASA, learned about an astronaut – learning went far beyond any research that could be done. Very interactive and material needed was sent in advance.

#### 8. New Business

- School BBQ – In June – outside with families (Date TBD)
- School Census
- Education Week – May 2-6
  - Jump Rope for Heart – Wednesday afternoon (Rain date – Thurs.) Donations are to be made online. Prizes available for highest donation and for participating that day.
  - Pancake Breakfast – Date TBD. Students will receive pancakes in class.

#### 9. Next Meeting Date

- June 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. - Virtually

#### 10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

#### 11. Adjournment

- 7:13pm
- 1st – Helena Guertin
- 2nd – Rebecca Barker