



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
2025-2026 School Year

Date Dec 1 2025

JD Library

CHAIR: Amanda Duncan / Erin Coates

RECORDER: Steph Yost

ATTENDEES: Ben Clements, Justin Skrypnyk, Mark Kuprowski, Janice Hall, Christine Link, Marc Peckham, James Palmer, Wendy Torres, Jenn Weir

	<i>Item/Topic</i>	<i>What decision needs to be made or information needs to be shared</i>
1.	Introductions	
2.	Principals Report	<p>*Please see full report on later pages*</p> <p>AIR CONDITIONING We are officially on the list – hoping for this Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o We will be retrofitted for individual units since we don't have Central Air <p>LITERACY TEAM We scored extremely well for SK-2 and the coach gave us strategies to group students base</p> <p>SAFE & INCLUSIVE SCHOOL PLAN – Universal Way of Addressing Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop It, Name It, Explain It, Ask for Change <p>EQAO Still waiting on results from last year but planning for this year</p>
3.	Hot Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marshalls Pasta isn't proving too appealing in the younger ages – dry noodles and coming home more than other itemso Might consider changing up the options through them
4.	Fundraising Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previously discussed electronic donation option was looked intoo Canada Helps is possible as School Cash Online doesn't appear to beo Carrie is working on getting our account back up and runningo Tax receipts, how the money is distributed (one time, monthly, etc.)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only downside is there's an administrative fee ○ It would likely go into the Principal's fund vs. School Council account ○ Will likely come into effect for the 2026-2027 school year ○ This would be unrelated to the playground upcoming and a capital ask will still be coming ● Grade 8 Silent Auction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50+ items for bidding on Wednesday night ○ Businesses that were approached said no this year, more than ever before
5.	Grant Applications	<p>ONTARIO STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● would ensure we have snacks available five days a week for anyone needing something more – fruit/veggie and a grain or protein <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would require a second stream of income to receive the grant so asking Council to put forth UP TO half the cost ○ Superstore could be approached as the second partner as they often support surrounding schools ○ A donated fridge could be accepted and run past Mr. Sculley and Facilities. <p>ACTION ITEM: MOTION – In Principle Decision – Erin motioned for School Council to support this initiative as the second stream to ensure we can have the grant approved. Motion was approved by council members present.</p> <p>PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PRO (Parents Reaching Out) & PIF (Parent Involvement Fund) – every School gets \$500 ● Both intended to support parent engagement coming into the school ● PRO has to be applied for (Amanda would do), PIF is given automatically and can be rolled over one year - \$500/school ● Proposal – a Wellness night (Curriculum one year, Wellness the next?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Part 1 – Yoga, mindfulness, singing bowls, Booster Juice station ○ Part 2 – a parent focused evening with Sara Westbrook from Upower ○ Suggested by Safe & Inclusive School Team ○ The students would also get a presentation day with Sara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The school would have to pay for the student experience as the grant money is only for Parent involvement - \$1,300 cost could be covered by the \$1,000 Experience money we already have and then \$300 from Council ▪ PIF grant could be used for child-minding if need be <p>ACTION ITEMS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MOTION – Erin motioned for Council to approve Amanda asking for the Sara Westbrook PARENT EXPERIENCE cost to be requested through the PRO Grant. Motion approved by all Council members present. 2. Allocating the STUDENT EXPERIENCE cost

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPTION 1 – <u>Rocks & Rings</u> - \$285 + HST for a day of instruction (8 classes) & \$350 + HST for 4 days of equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We have 12 classes so would require 2 days of instruction ◦ Coralia has Curling experience and offered to be present for the 4 day equipment rental in order to teach the students ◦ Might tie in nicely with the Olympics in February ◦ Total cost \$1, 040 for 6 days (2 days instruction / 4 days equipment) • OPTION 2 – <u>Sara Westbrook</u> for the students - \$1,300 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Would likely be all in one day – students during the day in two sections – JK-3, Gr 4-8 – followed by Parent night that evening ◦ Lower cost if bundle student and parent experience (parent portion still covered by PRO grant hopefully) ◦ Total cost \$1,300 (after tax?) • VOTE – We will take an online vote once we know exact costs from Rocks & Rings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Council would really like to consider both options and could potentially treat Rocks & Rings similar to a Field Trip with a \$5 cost/student
6.	TVDSB Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board requires all schools to have School Council information on the website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Nobody present objects to their name and Council position being posted
7.	Primary Playground Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process will be initiated to start contacting vendors for quotes • Replacement is not of the entire playground but certain large structures are needed
8.	Pancake Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday January 28
9.	We Will Write – Write With Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. McKay was hoping to use this digital program for some STEM activities • Unfortunately, E-purchasing at the Board does not have this on their list of approved but it might be added in January and programs shouldn't be used if not on the list
10.	Next Meeting	Monday February 2 @6:00

Principal's Report – Dec 1

Thank you!

Thank you to those who donated time and Halloween decorations, Ben for glowsticks and yard balls, Coralia for blow ups. The dance was a great success and the students had lots of fun.

Facilities/Outdoor Improvements

Pipe leak was completed and was able to be done without disturbing the new tarmac.

Enrollment/Staffing Updates

Mr. Dallier is on a medical leave and Mr. Yost is in for him until his return. Mrs. Torres has returned to the classroom, Mrs. Rotsma is still on leave.

Book Fair – Very successful, made \$1035.50 to buy library books and materials.

Marble Slab – JD raised \$550 for United Way donations.

Holiday Concert Updates

Preparation is well underway for our Holiday Concerts. The Holiday concert is on December 3rd (setup Dec 2nd), there are two show times – 12:00pm (Dress Rehearsal) and 6:30pm.

The Kindergarten Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 4th at 2:40pm in the gym.

Holiday PJ and Food Drive

This year JD was approached by two different TVDSB schools for support. From December 1-12, we will be running a PJ drive in the hopes of collecting enough to give each child a new pair of pajamas.

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for another school in need. We are having a Pizza Party contest for each of these drives, the top classroom collectors for each will win a pizza party.

OSNP (Ontario Student Nutrition Program) Grant

There is an identified need at JD to have some healthy snack options available in the office. I applied for an OSNP grant and was approved (I do not have a dollar amount yet). The OSNP Grant requires us to have two food groups available everyday for all students to access without any barriers (ie. cheese strings, apples, etc.). These snacks would be available to all student who may require additional help with enough food, those who have forgotten their lunch, or those who are growing and are just super hungry that day. This grant requires us to have an additional funding stream, is this something that School Council would be interested in supporting?

PIF/PRO Grant Money

In speaking with our SISP team we would like to have Sara Westbrook do two Up Power Presentations for our students, buy some of the posters to go with her messages, and then run a parent seminar night

Extra Curriculars

Boys and Girls Volleyball clinics have started

Basketball just finished

7/8 band

Primary and Junior Choir

Senior Dance Club

Hot Lunches – Hot lunches are in full swing with rotating options on Tuesdays and Fridays pizza/pasta

Upcoming Events

Holiday Concert Dec 3

Kindergarten Holiday Concert Dec 4

Dental Screening (Grades, K, 2, 7) - December 8th

Golden Gryphons @ JD – December 10th

Red and Green Day – December 15th

PJ and Food Drive – December 1-12

Christmas Holidays Dec 22-Jan 2

School Improvement and Equity Plan

We have had our first Literacy Team Meeting to go over data and look at required resources etc. SK-2 Acadience is complete which gives us the data in reading to inform our instruction (small groups, etc.) Staff met with the Literacy coaches and myself to go over data and plan next steps. Using diagnostic data collected over the Fall the divisions have created their Literacy and Numeracy Goals which are posted around the school.

Safe and Inclusive School Plan is complete and posted on the website and at the school. This year we are using the Universal Way of Addressing Concerns for common language – posters in each classroom, library etc. Teachers have gone over the language and we are encouraging families to use this language at home as well.

EQAO

Met with the EQAO team on the October 10 PD Day to start planning for this year. Waiting for results from last year to be released.