

Julie Payette School Community Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 | Time: 6:30 pm
Virtual SCC meeting for Julie Payette P.S.

Attendance Admin & Teacher Rep.: Andrea Williams, Amy Magee/Atkinson, Carole Michele Hoogsteen

Attendance SCC Voting Members: Alexis Knight, Amy Rasmusson, Anthea Dalgetty, Shanad Palsetia, Heather Wahl, Dilveen Barzinjy, Clarissa Livingstone, Polina Osmerkina, Nadine Kirton, Cheryl Bevan, Megan Green, Angie Cheng,

Attendance, Public: Heather Wahl Cheryl Bevan

Absent: Kim Price, Tawnya Descarie, Daniel Hall-Ufford, Amber Clinkenboomer

Meeting Chair: Alexis Knight

Agenda Item	Minutes	Person(s) Responsible	Time Limit
Welcome / Introductions and Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Introductions Megan G. approves October 2021 minutes, Clarissa L. 2nds motion 	Alexis Knight/Amy Rasmusson	10 Minutes
Administrator's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates from School (A. Williams provided, copied below) No report from Mme. Atkinson/Magee 	Andrea Williams/Amy Atkinson	15 Minutes
Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Update C. Hoogsteen; no staff has approached her with requests 	Carole Michele Hoogsteen	5 minutes
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy R confirmed \$13,799, after allocations, have \$4,101.68 A. Williams. Look into Dilveen B inquiry re: tech. for recess. We have the pillar money(?), however those funds are for Collaboratory / Learning commons. We are also trying to get Chromebooks back that were loaned \$50 to be allocated to cover waste removal of old parade items sitting in Sarah's yard 	Tawnya Descarie (absent); Amy R provided	5 minutes
Fundraising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sold 59 cards Advertising suggestions for future fundraising efforts: Standalone email from A. Williams – no issue Ask staff to remind students/parents – A. Williams SCC to send through Facebook Create friendly links to have outside users purchase; do not limit to school cash online Fundraiser Sub-Committee Volunteers: Dilveen B., Anthea D., Katie H. (katiehines00@gmail.com), Shanad P., Angie C. 	Alexis Knight/Nadine Kirton	10 minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations for fundraising and vendor selection: • Health & Safety protocols. Fundraising efforts and volunteers are required to abide by COVID protocols; select from board-approved pre-screened vendors/services • Megan green works for public health and is happy to support answering any questions • Collection. Use of Cash On-Line or vendors who permit directly purchased through vendor site (ex: lunch box site), to avoid money handling from SCC • Vendor fees. Would like to use vendors with low/no fees • Students. 672 • Waste. Individual wrappers result in a great deal of recycling or waste • Vendor Mgmt. Nadine notes that we prefer to use a single vendor at a given time • (In-school) Parent Volunteers. A. Williams to confirm that volunteers are permitted in-school • Student Support. Student council Gr. 5-8 inquiring whether they can assist SCC with efforts • Fundraising Committee Meeting: <u>Wednesday December 1, 6:30</u> • Nadine K. to send invitation to Fundraising Committee volunteers for next Wednesday's meeting 		
<p>SCC Activity / Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 Grad Committee – Alexis K. • SCC offers support to JPPS in organizing Gr.8 grad • A. Williams – JPPS welcomes SCC support and will regroup with Gr.8 teachers first • Santa Claus Parade – Amy Rasmusson We have old props, some are good, Sarah said she can store them, but she can't pick them up, she can also dispose of the ones which are garbage, ask Allison to schedule a pick up w/town and not have to pick up; plywood is not cheap, it's been sitting outside, probl no good; was going to see if we can motion to allocate some SCC funds to get it out of Allison's way; I would like to motion that we put \$50 to cover a pick up and dispose of that, we ask Allison to schedule that, Amy R to pay for it; not sure when we're going to have Santa Claus parade in whitby again; Amy motions to have \$50 of SCC funds cover pick-up of old parade items sitting in her yard; there is an unlikelihood of reusing the parade items in the near future Nadine seconds this • Graduation Pictures – A.Williams to look into date for graduation photos, these are usually taken in February; SCC questioning, with COVID related lockdowns, whether the timing should be earlier 		<p>10 minutes</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Trips. - A.Williams shared that there's no indication from the board that there will be graduation field trips this year • School Re-Naming. Those involved in school naming committees are underway. • Announcements. SCC interest in ensuring announcements find their way home. • Next Meeting: Tuesday January 11, 6:30 • Fundraising Committee Meeting : Wednesday December 1, 6:30 • Nadine to set up invitation for it • Adjourn Meeting. Amy motions to adjourn, Shana 2nds 		
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**Principal's Report
School Council Meeting
November 23rd, 2021**

➤ **Welcome!**

➤ **Extracurriculars:** We are excited to be offering more opportunities for students through extra curriculars! We must be very mindful that although we are now able to offer these opportunities, we must still adhere to all of the safety guidelines which means clubs will be smaller than in previous years. We currently have the following submissions for clubs: Pokemon Club, History Club, Origami Club, and Comic Club. We also have the following clubs that are running or in the process of getting up and and running: The Black Students Alliance, The Kaleidoscope Club and Battle of the Books. We also have a group of students that are working on video announcements and another group that is creating a virtual magazine that is called "Good Vibes Only". Their first edition will feature "Meet the Artist" with submissions from students from JK-8. We are so proud of our students!

We currently have 122 junior and intermediate students registered to participate in our Battle of the Books competition against other schools! Battle is a reading competition for students in grades 4-8 and the team is responsible for reading all 30 books. There are 5 categories of fantastic books to choose from! At the competition in March, schools compete against one another to correctly answer various questions about these books! Some students have already read multiple books. Students are excited to start quizzing each other about the books!

➤ **Potential School Renaming:** An expression of interest was sent out in early of November for participation on this committee. We have had our first meeting last week. The meetings are being chaired by Superintendent Lazarus. The purpose of the committee is to engage in a transparent, equitable, accessible and respectful process to potentially rename Julie Payette PS to ensure the name supports a safe, welcoming, respectful school environment that does not infringe or offend the rights of Indigenous Peoples and supports the rights of all student and employees to an environment that is free of discrimination. The committee is comprised of Trustees, students, SCC members, community representatives, Indigenous Education Advisory Circle Member, P/VP and our Superintendent. The next step of the process is gather community feedback through the distribution of a

survey. The committee will then meet to review submissions, following which there will be a final consultation. The decision of the committee will then be shared with the Board of Trustees on January 17th, 2022.

- **Remembrance Day:** Once again this year we marked Remembrance Day in a different fashion than previous years. We held a virtual ceremony which highlighted contributions from each class. A HUGE thank you to all classes for their thoughtful submissions and to Mme Gibb for putting it all together. We remarked how, despite the fact that we could not all physically be together, we were able to come together virtually where all students were represented in the ceremony.
We also had the pleasure and honour of having Major Raphael Mackenzie speak at our ceremony and to our grade three students.
- **Kindergarten at JPPS:** This is a reminder that at the duly called April 2021 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees voted on and passed the following recommendation:
Phase out kindergarten in all single-track French Immersion (FI) schools. Given the capacity issues at FI schools, removing the English Kindergarten programs is designed to provide more flexibility within school to focus on FI classrooms.
In light of this recommendation, there will be no JK registration at Julie Payette PS for the next school year (2022-2023). As such, all incoming JK students for the 2022-2023 school year should register at their appropriate English elementary home school.
which there will be a final consultation.
- **INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY TRAVEL:** We know that some families may be considering travel this holiday season. Fully vaccinated children who have travelled outside of Canada and meet the requirements to be exempt from federal quarantine (which includes passing a pre-entry PCR Covid-19 test, more information from the [Government of Canada here](#)), are able to attend school.

If a student that is not fully vaccinated (2 doses + 14 days after second vaccination) has travelled outside of Canada, they are not to attend school or childcare for 14 days after their return, regardless of the vaccination status of their travel companion(s).

As per the [Durham Region Health Department](#) and [Government of Canada direction](#), upon their return to Canada, unvaccinated students should not:

- Attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g., long-term care facility), including with people who are immune compromised, regardless of that person's vaccination status or public health measures in place.
- Attend school, camp, or day care.
- Travel on crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking (e.g., crowded subway).
- Attend large, crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event.

If someone in a student's home has travelled, unvaccinated students are able to come to school as long as both the student and traveller do not have symptoms of Covid-19.

- **Equity Corner:** We are excited to have a team of staff working with Dr. Nicole West-Burns. Dr. Nicole West-Burns has been instrumental in guiding our team as we work to ensure that our classrooms are culturally responsive. We are very excited to launch a school wide inquiry where staff will be learning alongside students and other stakeholders to look at what students need to feel valued at JPPS and how we can ensure that they do. Students will explore the use of identity webs, consider what brings them joy, engage in age appropriate conversations about social justice and learn the importance of using their "voice".

- **Safety:** As mentioned in our communications home, we have had a few occurrences where we have seen a coyote on or near our property. We have put multiple calls into the Ministry of Natural Resources and Whitby Animal Services. We continually check the yard and students and staff are aware that should there be a sighting, they are not to approach and to come directly inside.
- **Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan:** Each year we review our School Climate Survey data alongside observational and anecdotal data to review our Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. Our Safe Schools team is made up of a parent representative, teaching staff, our Community Liaison Officer, students and P/VP. This team looks at the draft plan and recommends changes etc. to address needs. The team met last week to review our draft plan and we will be sharing the draft with both students and parents/guardians shortly.
- **Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week:** This week is Bullying Prevention and Awareness week. We have several students that are taking a lead in planning activities with their classes to talk about what it means to be an upstander and what we can do if we are a witness to bullying behaviour. We will also be holding two virtual assemblies this week which will also showcase student work and thinking.
- **Access to Progress Reports:** As communicated, there was an issue across all schools with respect to accessing progress reports. It was reported that it was fixed, however, some reports were still not able to be accessed. This should be rectified in the next couple of days. In the interim, parents can access the full report through the parent portal.
- **Teacher/Parent/Guardian Consultation Days:** We want to thank you for your participation in these meetings. We certainly miss not being able to have these in-person. Nonetheless, it is still an opportunity to meet with the staff (either virtually or by phone), to hear about your child(ren)'s progress this year. We always encourage parents to reach out to staff at any point in the year with any questions that they may have. We are here to help!
- **Thank you!!!**
Thank you for all that you do to support our school. You are such valued partners in your child(ren)'s educational journey!