

James Strath School Council
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday February 20, 2019

Present: Karen Smith, [Lisa McGowan](#); [Melody Taylor](#); Tiffany Rose; [Colin Curlew](#); [Heather Davidson](#);

Guests: Trisha Pearce; Wade Cook (community Member), [Valerie Gagnon](#)

School Staff: [Glen Payne](#); Amy Palmer (teacher rep)

Regrets: [Trish Filipowicz](#); Jennifer Edgerton (parent and staff); [Matthew](#) Coleen Eagle; **Matt Jennings**;

Absent: [Angie Fuchs](#); [Tina Shedden](#); Jennifer Sikma; [Sarah Dunlop](#); [Faiza Aleem](#); [Jesica Ryzynski \(Butler\)](#);

Item	Discussion	Action	Contact
1.0	Call to Order and Welcome 6:30pm		
2.0	Review and Approval of Agenda and Minutes		
2.1	Agenda for February 20, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Agenda – Motion: Lisa McGowan, second: Colin Curlew, Carried 		
2.2	Minutes of January 9, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of May 30 minutes – Motion: Colin Curlew, Second: Melody Taylor; Carried 		
3.0	Reports		
3.1	School Report – Principal/Vice-principal/Teacher representative reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report cards went home today Lions club did vision screening with kindergarten students Ski program happening Lice Check happened New Soccer Field – Good problem as it is well used Positive feedback on jersey’s Pink Shirt coming – Feb 27, 2019 March 5, 2019 – Kid Frankenstein – going to invite Cavan and Kawartha Heights families to attend (families whose kids are coming next year) Lots of ice/snow days – Teachers get through curriculum as they can 		
	Jennifer for Amy (teacher rep) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trent Student teachers in for next 6 weeks 		
3.2	Treasurer’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opt in program - \$750 has been transferred out to support another school Uniforms, picnic tables and goal posts have come out of budget Playground updates to continue in spring <p>Fundraising ideas – guided reading resources might be a need in school</p>		

4.0	Business arising		
4.1	Special Events update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science in the classroom happened 		
4.1.1	Book Fair Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going to do a book fair • April 30/May 1 are dates • Jk/Sk Gr. 1's - going in with older class buddies was helpful at last sale 		
4.2	Graduation Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHOWPLACE can fit us in – booked – June 25, 2019 • Time? 		
4.3	School Cash Online Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subway lunch – cashless order: How did it go? • Numbers decreased initially • Much faster, easier for planners 		
4.4	Fundraising Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain barrels – possible link to Earth Day • Anchor and Co – not really a need at this point <p>Teachers to be polled to see if there is anything they want funding for Angie? More funding</p> <p>Biodegradable/reusable options for the snack program</p> <p>Butterfly garden, upgrade, trees, big rocks to sit on</p> <p>Kindergarten looking at garden</p>		
5.0	New Business		
5.1	Regional Council Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health – talking about cannabis, e-cigarettes, vaping – General message it is bad unless you are trying to quit smoking large amounts • Not illegal for people to have vapes, but against board policy to vape on property • If vape oil has no nicotine, it's not illegal • Being advertised vs. cigarettes that can't be advertised – encouraging everyone to express concern around that to local government • Cannabis treated similar to alcohol on property • Board looking into how to best deal with the legalization, but they have not seen an increase in issues since it became legal • General “wellness” theme – biggest impacts can happen when kids are introduced to school ahead of time to dispel myths, welcome them and has large impact on reducing stress/anxiety • Safe schools focusing on anxiety – around transitions, promoting mindfulness etc. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent involvement committee – talking to kids and youth about drugs/vaping etc. • STRATH – whole school walks to build community and decrease anxiety (once weather is nicer) • Planning to enhance the visit day when feeder school kids come in to visit 		
6.0	<p>Adjournment Motion to adjourn: Faiza Second: Lisa All in favour-adjourned Next School Council Meeting Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Library</p>		