

**École John Wilson Elementary School Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2022**

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**Attendees:** Melissa Dudley (Chair), Andrea Meding (Vice-Chair), Angela Warke (Principal), Georgie Perigny (Vice-Principal), Holly Bilton (Trustee), Tania Morrison (Secretary), Lorraine Dingman

**1. Call to Order**

- 6:05 p.m. by Chair (Melissa)

**2. Adoption January Minutes**

- Motion to Approve: Andrea, Seconded: Lorraine

**3. Additions/Approval of Agenda**

- Motion to Approve: Tania, Seconded: Andrea

**4. Administrative Report/ Account Balances**

Account	Balance	Account	Balance
Fall Fundraiser	\$15,072.98	Pre-K	\$0
Hot Lunch	\$14,138.30	Kindergarten	\$0
Toast	\$8,355.85	Grade 1	-\$625.00
Art	\$9.15	Grade 2	\$0
Music	\$1.62	Grade 3	\$0
Read-A-Thon	\$16,584.51	Grade 4	\$0
Family-School Wellness (FSW)		-	
Playground Fundraising		\$2,413.67	

- \$500 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant received. Must be used by end of school year or funds must be returned. Associated guidelines specify eligible expenses; Angela will send to group.
- Playground: Proposed design agreed upon (can be constructed piece-meal over time - \$320k). Have applied for a Town of Innisfail grant (\$10k) and will be applying for CO-OP grant (\$130k), as well. Fundraising continues. Looking into including a dollar amount in fundraising goal for ongoing maintenance of completed structure.
- French Immersion: Enrolment numbers have been in decline. Conversations with Division office ongoing. Middle school immersion program was discontinued, has impacted elementary enrolment. Hope is to grandfather current kindergarten students through to end of Grade 4. Soliciting commitments from French immersion parents, collecting data. No decisions have been made at this point.
- Funding request: Field trips are once again permitted. Primary goal for School Council is playground. Teachers are exploring options available; costs have increased. In previous years, field trips would have been planned by this point and associated costs understood.

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- Alien Inline going ahead, deposit already paid.

- Hot lunches: Prices raised on Tim Hortons lunch to increase margin. Discussion of hot lunch ideas for next year: pizza, Coffee Cottage (Angela will reach out), etc.

#### **5. Holly's Update**

- Holly attended rural school symposium; an uplifting experience. School's leadership has been challenged to share ideas of positive & innovative ways our school has made the last two years better.
- Field trips are back!

#### **6. Playground Raffle Update**

- Working with Raffle Box to host; Winner 50%, School gets 40%, Raffle Box 10%.
- Accepting purchases between end of March through Easter.
- We have to buy licenses every time it sells out. Up to \$20k.
- Cannot sell out of province.
- Not tax deductible as it is a lottery.
- High School, Middle School, & St. Marguerite's will all be helping to promote the raffle to fundraise for new playground.
- Donations will also be solicited from local businesses, signage will thank donors. Tax deductible as it is a donation, not a lottery.
- Do we want to promote at Innisfail Trade Fair? St. Margs's has a table there and will promote it. Unfortunately, we do not have anyone available to volunteer that weekend.

#### **7. Open Questions and Comments**

- EJWES Clothing Order: We done this in the past through Entiopy. Logos are already uploaded. Not a lot of previous interest. Small amount goes to school. Free shipping on orders of \$75 or higher. Non returnable unless damaged or defective. Tania will look into availability of items on site and will follow-up.
- Slip grips for orange/blue play structure: Angela will look into pricing for next meeting; work could be done over the summer.

#### **8. Adjournment**

- 7:10 p.m.
- Next Meeting: May 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

#### **Spending Motions:**

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