

A.J. Charbonneau Parent Council Minutes

- **Location:** Online Via Google Meet
- **Called to Order at 6 p.m.**
- **In Attendance:** April Nicholas, Michelle Boswell, Gillian Rajsic, Lisa Murphy, Bethany Staye, Vicky Toner, Terri Black Souliere, Marli Nicol, Liane Patterson
- **Approval of Minutes from Oct 1, 2020.** Motion: Michelle. Marli seconded.
- **Principal's Report** - Lisa Murphy
 - 1 COVID case in the school. 1 staff person. The school was notified today (November 26) and communication went out today. The contact tracing for who the person was in contact with at the school has already been completed and all parents/guardians have been notified.
 - The Gaga pit has been installed and is a huge hit. The only downside is it's on one side of the school yard and not accessible to all through the recess rotation. We are still waiting on the bill. A second pit may be of interest.
 - The first rollover date for switching from online to in-person learning has occurred. About 12 returned to in-person and 3 went to online. The window for that has closed and the next rollover will be in February.
 - Kindergarten yard: Funds have been received from TD grants and the funds were rolled over so the school can still take advantage of it to beautify the yard.
 - The McNabb and QEII public schools have invited AJ to participate in viewing a Virtual Concert by Craig Cardiff on December 15.
 - AJ is still determining what sort of event they can hold for the holidays.
- **Teacher's Report** - Vicky Toner
 - In January, Vicky will be giving her students a choice of 3 project options. They will need to develop a proposal, seek support from the community, find out the costs, etc. Basically they will learn to do what needs to be done to see a project through from initial idea to

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completion. The 3 options are: a Gaga pit; a Coding project; or Video Tutorials. The students may approach us for support (for any or all of the projects).

- An art contest was coordinated by ADHS on Winter Art for a display on the outside glass of the Nick Smith Centre. A number of submissions and winners were from AJ.

- **Fundraising & Events** - April

- DFS \$721.19 - very successful for a completely online campaign. Some regulars from previous years did not submit orders but we still did well.
- Other fundraising is still on hold until further notice per the RCDSB.

- **Treasurer's Report** - April on behalf of Melinda

- Initial balance: \$3331.01
- Current balance: \$3714.60
- Expenses (Total \$337.60)
 - Fall Giveaway to promote Facebook group - \$44.41
 - Classroom needs - 3 teachers have submitted receipts so far:
 - \$34.98
 - \$138.21
 - \$120.00
- Deposit (Total \$721.19)
 - DFS \$721.19
- Committed funds not spent yet:
 - \$1300 for remaining 5 classroom needs (ideally receipts will be submitted by January or February 2021, but as long as the spending benefits students in the 2020-21 school year, the deadline is not a hard one.)
 - \$1000+ for Gaga pit (costs went up since the initial quote from last year)

- **Social Media** - Bethany

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- It's been quiet for content. If teachers wish to provide any content just reach out.
- **Comments/Questions/Discussion**
 - Thank you to Lisa for the communication especially considering this year.
- **Next Meetings.**
 - Thursday, February 25, 2021. 6 p.m.
 - Thursday, April 29, 2021. 6 p.m.
- Additional meetings will be scheduled if needed depending on circumstances.
- **Adjournment at 6:36 pm**