

# J.J. Bowlen School Council Meeting Minutes



Monday February 08, 2021

In Attendance: Maureen M., Jennifer K., Erin S., Cassandra F., Lana G., Shelly B., Barbara W., Becky E., Sonia A., Theresa P., Sabina M., Mr. Pagnucco, Mr. McGoey

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Pagnucco.

3. Adoption of Agenda for February 08, 2021

- The motion to adopt the agenda was made by Maureen M.
- The motion was seconded by Jennifer K.

4. Adoption of Minutes from December 07, 2020

- The motion to adopt the minutes from December 7, 2020 was made by Jennifer K.
- The motion was seconded by Maureen M.

5. Principal's Report

Mr. McGoey presented the Principal's Report. See the full report below. Following the full report is a summary of the questions for Mr. McGoey and responses.

## JJ BOWLEN ADMIN REPORT

*Prepared for Feb 5, 2021 School Council Meeting  
(previous School Council Meeting was Dec 7, 2020)*

### Key Recent Events/Topics

➤ General:

- Three weeks of online teaching before the Christmas Break and one after
- We still have four at-school Homerooms and one at-home Homeroom per grade
- Picture Retake Day was Jan 14
- Semester One ended Jan 29; Semester Two began Feb 1
- Updated the Honours and Honours with Distinction Bulletin Board near office
- Non-Covid Immunizations for G7 and G9 took place onsite last week
- Virtual Open House was held on Feb 4 at 6:30 – was well received; 100+ logged in
  - ✓ Program – Welcome, Prayer, Division Video, PowerPoint Presentation, Q&A
  - ✓ Recording available on our School Website and on our YouTube Channel
  - ✓ Link to YouTube Channel on our Website and will be emailed to school community

- Covid-19 Update
  - No known cases at JJB among staff or students since the Jan 11 return
  - Province relaxed some restrictions today
  - Despite that, there will be no school sports for the foreseeable future

Other:

- ✓ Learn-a-Thon Date is scheduled for Thur Mar 11 – 40 MC Q /Grade level
- ✓ Fire Drills– have had three so far (will hold three more in Spring)
- ✓ Practice Lockdowns - have had two so far (will have one more in Feb)

**Key Upcoming Dates**

- ✓ Feb 11 Fr. Mike Mireau Day – Grade 8 Students
- ✓ Feb 11 Tues p.m. Schedule
- ✓ Feb 15 No School – Family Day
- ✓ Feb 16 Shrove Tuesday (nothing planned here)
- ✓ Feb 17 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
- ✓ Feb 17 Parent Intention Icon available on PowerSchool
- ✓ Feb 18 Wed a.m. Schedule
- ✓ Feb 25 & 26 No School - Teachers' Convention
- ✓ Mar 4 Wed p.m. Schedule
- ✓ Mar 11 Fri a.m. Schedule
- ✓ Mar 11 Learn-a-Thon Exam School Council Fundraiser G7, 8, & 9
- ✓ Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- ✓ Mar 18 No School – Division Wide Faith Development Day
- ✓ Mar 19 G9 Farewell Pictures
- ✓ Mar 25 Full Day – Friday Schedule
- ✓ Mar 26 Half Day - Fri p.m. Schedule
- ✓ Mar 27-Apr 5 Spring Break (coincides with Easter this year)
- ✓ April 6 Tuesday Return to school (after Easter Monday)
- ✓ April 8 Mon a.m. Schedule
- ✓ April 12 School/Parent Council Online Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ April 15 Mon p.m. Schedule
- ✓ April 22 Tues a.m. Schedule
- ✓ April 29 Tues p.m. Schedule
- ✓ May 6 Wed a.m. Schedule
- ✓ May 13 Wed p.m. Schedule
- ✓ May 20 Fri a.m. Schedule
- ✓ May 27 Fri p.m. Schedule
- ✓ June 3 Mon a.m. Schedule
- ✓ June 7 School/Parent Council Online Year-End Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ June 10 Mon p.m. Schedule
- ✓ June 11 Grade 9 Farewell
- ✓ June 17 Tues a.m. Schedule
- ✓ June 21 National Indigenous People's Day
- ✓ June 24 Full Day Friday Schedule
- ✓ June 25 Half Day Tues p.m. Schedule; Last Day of School

Question – Sonia A. asked if the school has been given any information about the new ETS routes. She is concerned because ETS hasn't provided any details yet. Mr. McGoey

says that he recently received some information from ETS and he will forward that to JJB parents, as well as to the Grade 6 parents at SJB.

Question – Lana G. asked if JJ Bowlen administration is advocating to keep online schooling for next fall. If parents want to choose online schooling for the fall, they will have to choose the ECSD Online Academy instead of JJ Bowlen. How can parents advocate for a continued online program at their community school? Mr. McGoey says that he was not asked for input on this. Lana G. says that online schooling has been a positive experience for her child.

Question – Jennifer K. asks if the school will be looking at doing some mental health initiatives over the next few months. Speaking about the grade 9 students, she says that this is not a great year for them, with added stresses of the coming year. Mr. McGoey and Mr. Pagnucco will talk to the teachers and see if they can come up with some ideas.

Question – Shelly B. says that her daughter is also doing online school and is hoping that she can go back to the school in the fall. Shelly asked if the school has any plan for a transition back to school in the fall, particularly for those students who have been doing online schooling for the past year and have not had as much chance to get to know other students. Mr. McGoey says that there are some online students who still come into the school occasionally to access some of the mental health supports that are in the school. When asked about the idea of an online student being able to spend some time in the school before the end of the year so that they can get to know classmates, Mr. Pagnucco says that there may be some way for the school to arrange something. Mr. McGoey and Mr. Pagnucco will give this some thought.

Question – Cassandra F. agrees that some students are feeling some anxiety. Most students have only met the students in their own homeroom. She believes that the school could address more of the fears/anxiety of these students. Mr. McGoey says that they will look for more opportunities. There are some student-led initiatives coming that may help address these concerns.

## 6. Treasurer's Report – General Account Balance/Activity

Treasurer Ann Marie W. was not at the meeting. Sabina M. provided an overview of the Book and Bank Balances.

- a. Amendment to December 07, 2020 financial report, should read as follows – November 2020 Book balance of \$271.99. Bank balance of \$270.04. Expenditures \$1.95 for bank charges.
  - i. The motion to accept this amendment was made by Jennifer K.
  - ii. The motion was seconded by Shelly B.
- b. December 2020 Book balance of \$268.09. Bank balance of \$268.09. Expenditures \$1.95 for bank charges. See numbers in table below. Sabina M. asked someone to make a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Cassandra F. and seconded by Jennifer K.

Month	Book Balance	Bank Balance	Remarks
Dec 2020	\$268.09	<b>\$268.09</b>	• EXP-Bank charges - \$1.95

Question – can we clarify which account the checks for the fundraiser should be made out to? Is it *JJ Bowlen JH Association* or *JJ Bowlen School Council*? Mr. McGoey checked the bank statements that have arrived at the school and confirmed that the account is JJ Bowlen JH Association.

Theresa mentioned that Ann Marie W. is also looking for someone to start to shadow the Treasurer’s position as this is her last year at the school.

7. New Business

No new business at this time.

8. Old Business

- a. Learn-A-Thon fundraiser discussion (review of attachment for March 11 launch). Mr. McGoey asked what parents thought about plans to collect the money. Sabina M. says that since we can’t do direct deposit, the easiest way would be for students to bring the money into the school and we will organize a way for parents to collect that money. Mr. McGoey asked if the pledge form could be an Excel or Word document. Maureen M. says that the school can do it however works the best.

Maureen M. thinks that the prize schedule should be decided so that students know what they are working for. We would also need a motion to purchase prizes. Mr. McGoey says that for the school clothes/prizes, perhaps the school could contribute some and the council could purchase some. Some discussion about JJB wear and the idea that Grade 9s might want gift certificates instead of JJ wear, but hoodies/sweats would be for grade 7 and 8 students.

Clarification – the prizes would be for the most money raised, not highest marks. Some prizes for top earners and some that are just random draw.

Question – is there anything different for the online students? Mr. McGoey says that the teachers have that figured out.

Suggestions – 9 prizes (3 per grade). Perhaps a few random draws with 1 entry for every \$10 raised.

Jennifer K. made a motion to spend a maximum of \$150 on prizes. Becky E. seconded the motion.

Maureen M. suggested that we make a smaller committee to figure out the logistics of the prizes and counting the money. A small group will meet after the meeting and make some further plans.

#### 9. Questions

No additional questions from meeting attendees.

#### 10. Next Meeting Dates

- April 12
- June 7

#### 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.