

JSB School Council Special Meeting: School Council Financial Report
Monday, February 2, 2026
6 - 7 pm

•It should be noted that this meeting is being held online and in-person

Meeting started at 6:04 pm by Ashley and Julianne.

In attendance: Kamylla Amancio, Tammy Buchanan, Emma Cookson, Jessica Cowling, Kelsey Sim Foster, Cassandra Gill, Julianne Kloss, Cooper Lachance, Brittany Lappala, Scott McLachlan, Janice Melo, Kim Morell, Crystal Narine, Liz Parkington, Ginnie Parsons, Meghan Pender, Kayla Powell-Smith, Wendy See, Kayla Slegers, Ashley Thyssen, Katie Vergilio, Kristi Waun, Nicole Wilcox.

Regrets: Lyndsey Dryburgh.

Chair Financial Report – (Ashley & Julianne)

- Please see the attached financial report.

Discussion Items

Miscellaneous

- Chairs thanked everyone for attending and for continued support.
- Noted that we can carry balances from year to year as long as the funds are designated for a specific fundraising purpose.
- These 3 aren't already allocated: Lunchbox, Mabel's labels and the HST rebate. We may want to allocate those in future. Lunchbox could go to "Classroom equipment/supplies."
- We could allocate a set amount of funds to "Reserve" so that we have a buffer to cover unexpected requests.
- Unexpected requests come up often, so it may be advisable to keep some flexibility with our fund allocation.

Fundraisers/Grant

- Concern about fundraiser fatigue for families. Noted that fundraisers that run in the background don't cause as much fatigue as one-time events (in which kiddos might feel left out if they don't participate). Several members stated that the amount of fundraising does not seem to be an issue.
- Discussed perhaps reducing our popcorn sales since it doesn't make that much and does take time. Maybe once every other month.
- London Knights Hockey fundraiser idea: We buy tickets for \$21.50 and sell them for \$28.75 (or perhaps \$30? Liz will check on this possibility). It would be for a playoff game at the end of March (date TBD). Discussed possibility of getting a bus for families to travel to the game together. Motion to move forward with purchasing 150 tickets and to directing profits toward field trip bus costs: Emma, seconded by Meghan.

- Cake walk and Swiss Chalet / Harvey's night are the only fundraisers currently booked for the rest of the year. Cake Walk funds the fun fair. Ashley will look into possible date in April for the Swiss Chalet / Harvey's night.
- Mentioned a possible Easter baskets fundraiser.
- Pro Grant: Julianne attempted to apply for funding for a literacy night. No news yet on if the application was successful. Or we could do a literacy night with our own funds.

Teacher Support

- One of our goals is to help with chronic school underfunding. We want to prevent teachers from having to pay for supplies out of their own pockets as much as possible. The school budget gives each teacher an allotment each September that they can use at their discretion. So we as a council could just give an allotment to each teacher for various things they need to purchase for their classrooms. Noted that most teachers contribute quite a bit of their own funds toward making sure their classrooms function.
- Noted that the school board has strict purchasing rules; many items must be purchased through the board at a higher cost. If the board doesn't offer a particular item, teachers can buy it elsewhere. We are not permitted to give teachers gift cards on behalf of School Council (e.g., for Staples).
- Noted that teachers tend to request items from School Council that benefit the entire school. So usually it's for the library, p.e. or outdoor equipment. Currently only Mme Lapierre has some requests for us.
- Possibility of asking teachers to bring us their requests at a certain time (e.g., January or February), so we can plan.
- Ask teachers to let parents know when they use the School Council funds toward the field trip buses.

Record-Keeping/Reports

- Going forward, a financial update will be included when the agenda and minutes are sent out by email each month. We won't post the financial update on the website along with the agenda and minutes for privacy reasons.
- Idea of creating excel spreadsheet to track fundraisers.
- Possible annual financial review meeting at the end of the year.

Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 7:1 p.m. by Cassandra, seconded by Liz.

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m.

Please RSVP for the next meeting via our School Council Whatsapp Group Chat.