**JO PAC Meeting – April 19, 2017**

***Present:*** Anne Montgomery (PAC Chair), Jo-Ann Gordon (Secretary), Tracey Santos (Treasurer), Ramandeep Kaurminhas (Co-DPAC Rep), Pedro de Silva (Principal), Sangeeta Kauldher (Teacher), Farrell Segall (Past PAC Chair) and 12 parents

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes from Feb. 15 meeting by Majinder Deol and seconded by Jo-Ann Gordon.

***1. Principal's Report*** (Pedro)

• course selection - sent home with students, for parents to see as well

• Indoor Track Meet - March 31 - was a great success and a lot of fun

• incoming Gr. 7's - JO Principal and VP meet with Elementary school teachers at their schools, to better know the students (academically, socially, financially) who will be coming to JO in the fall - helping them transition to high school

• Aboriginal night was held at Templeton - JO participated

• Mini School on field trip this week

• After school - Mon. & Wed. Mentor Club - all students welcome - help with homework; Fri. ELL Club; Tues. & Thurs. Math & Science tutors [older students and teachers are on hand to help]

• additional staffing of teachers will happen for the fall

• Code of Conduct review - common expectations in classroom and in school - feedback from some parents is welcome [JOKERS is the old code of conduct]

• May 10 - **Dry Grad** for all Gr. 12's

• May 11 - **School Dance** for all grades

• June 6 - **School Leaving ceremony** at the Chan Centre

• June 16 - Gr. 12 **Prom Night**

***2. Treasurer's Report*** (Tracey)

Account has a total of $8,351.48, some of which will be carried over to next year. The balance needs to be given out. Teachers have until May 3 to email Anne Montgomery with requests, otherwise funds will go to Music and Athletics.

Direct Drive - Chimp program to be set up for the fall (easier to read and donate; receive a thank you and tax receipt right away).

In the September student mail out, will add form to sign up to be included in PAC emails and the Direct Drive letter.

***3. Farrell Segall*** (Past PAC Chair)

Will match donations to the *Robotics program*. Pedro to send out information to parents/students about how to donate.

**Vancouver Maker Faire** - Sunday June 11 - PNE Forum 2pm.

All students get in free. Farrell is offering $250, $150 and $100 cash prizes for innovative ideas. Deadline is June 4th. Website is www.makerfaire.ca and for information/submit entries: nifty2017@toptekkies.com

***4. Chair's Report*** (Anne)

**SACY** - support for parents. Will be holding May and June workshops. Check website www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy for more information.

**Committee of the Whole** - Suzanne and Anne attended. More money needs to be put into education as programs and positions are still being cut. A letter will be circulated to JO parents to sign and send to their MLA's and Premier.

**DPAC** - MLA candidates will meet Tues. Apr. 25 (6:30-8:30 pm) at the VSB Main office on Broadway.

**Gordon Neufeld Workshop** - Fri. Apr. 28 and Sat. Apr. 29 "Raising Resilient Children". For information check out www.neufeldinstitute.org

**Mini School Fundraising** - magazine subscriptions to be sent out by Lara in the next week or so.

Talked about Poinsettias and Purdy's as suggestions for whole school fundraisers for next year.

**PAC Scholarships** - six $500 scholarships (1T. Harpiniuk, 2 Mini School, 3 Regular). Criteria is listed on JO website. Pursuing further post-secondary education to be added to criteria for the Regular ones. Teachers and Principal make the decisions.

***5. Graduating Class of 2017***

Parent Volunteers (preferably non-Gr. 12 parents) are needed for **Dry Grad** night Wed. May 10 (5-9 pm) in 2hr shifts. Please contact Miss Kauldher skauldher@johnoliver.ca if you can help.

***6. Teacher's Appreciation Lunch***

Wed. May 24. Please consider volunteering to help PAC with set up and clean up on that day (11-1 pm). As well food and donations are gratefully accepted. A number of prizes are given to teachers randomly (gift certificates, etc.). Please contact Anne annemontgomery@yahoo.com or Tracey tsknit@gmail.com if you can help with prizes, contacting restaurants, setting up, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. **Final PAC meeting will be Wed. May 17** (7-8 pm). Discussions for PAC positions, and final disbursing of funds will be on the agenda.

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You can also check in on the **John Oliver PAC blog** (<http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac>).