**JO PAC Meeting – November 28, 2018**

***Present:*** Sheril Gelmon (PAC Co-Chair) Lara Spence (Communications/Social Media), Jo-Ann Gordon, Wendy Sinclair (Co-Secretaries), Sheri Wiwchar, Jennifer West (Co-Fundraising Coordinator), Suzanne Smythe (DPAC Rep.), Damian Wilmann (Principal), Doris Sandri (Vice-Principal), Shareen Siddeeq, Ailin Wong, John Silver, and 20 parents.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with approval of minutes from Oct. 24 meeting by Nirpal Minhas and seconded by Wendy Sinclair.

***1. Principal's Report*** - Damian Wilmann

SchoolUpdate **-**

- new school indigenous logo with trickster raven has joined the Joker character on Athletics jerseys

- school growth plan (4 pillars - Social & Emotional Well-Being; Building Curiosity & Imagination; Accessible Learning; District-wide Aboriginal Goal) is being worked on

- partnership with Microsoft Teals program - coding training with Ms. Ink

- Janet Fraser is the new School Trustee for JO

- **Dec. 11** School Winter Concert (Jason de Couto) 7:00 pm in the auditorium - $5.00 admission

- **Dec. 21** last day of classes before winter break

- **Jan. 7** first day back to school

- Artona school photos are in the office for students to pick up

Doris Sandri, VP

- posting of report cards on the My Education Student/Family Portal on **Thurs. Nov. 29** - able to print pdf of report cards at home; post-sec institutions will receive Gr. 12 report cards electronically

- if parents cannot access site then the office can print the report cards

- on the site able to have students and parents emails, with separate passwords (under set preferences)

- on same site some teachers will post messages about student's ongoing progress; assignments will be made public; attendance, etc.

- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held **Thurs. Dec. 6** (3-5 pm) and (6-8 pm)

- parents can sign up for 4 meetings with student's teachers on **Fri. Nov. 30**

***2. Treasurer's Report*** - Tracey Santos

Gaming funds have been disbursed to the various groups and clubs, totalling $22,115.00.

***3. Fundraising*** - Sheri Wiwchar, Lara Spence, Jennifer West

*Purdy's Chocolates* - Nov. 28 deadline, with pickup at the school Dec. 11 or 12. About $1,000 have been purchased with PAC receiving 25% of every order, or about $250.

*Gift card shopping* Fundscrip - Funds raised go to PAC for distribution (Mini also using Fundscrip). See PAC website for details: <http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac/fundscrip/>

*Student Club Funding Request* - revision of process and form handed out - to be implemented next year.

***4. Liaison Teacher*** - Shareen Siddeeq/John Silver

- union contract for the teachers expires June 30, 2019 (6 year contract), so bargaining will begin in the New Year (local and provincial bargaining)

- hoping to come back in September 2019 with a new contract

***5. DPAC*** - Suzanne Smythe

- School Trustees have been allocated to schools and new committees have been formed

- seismic upgrading - what schools are on the list - where is JO? - how are decisions made for which schools receive upgrades?

- *Facilities Committee* will meet in Jan. 2019 (Alan Wong is Chair) and can possibly answer these questions - Suzanne will be going and would like other parents to join her - please email her if interested at suzannesmythe41@gmail.com

- invite Janet Fraser (JO School Trustee) and Alan Wong (Fac. Committee Chair) to Feb. 2019 PAC meeting

- new curriculum - Planning 10 and Grad Transitions is being replaced by Career & Life Education (CLE) and Capstone project in Gr. 11 and 12

***6. Shop, STEM and Apprentice Programs*** - Ailin Wong and John Silver

- **Shops** are one of the largest and finest in Vancouver, with industrial machines

- *Automotive* (full service shop) with students working on teachers and parents vehicles

- *Woodworking* (joinery, carpentry, etc.)

- *Metal Work/Jewelry* (anything you can think of)

- *Graphic/Drafting*

- *Robotics Electronics* course and clubs (open at lunch and after school)

- *Skills Exploration* - sampler course (taste of industry training) - JO is one of the few high schools offering this - funded by Industry Training Authority (introduces plumbing, electrical) (building a 16'x24' modular cabin

- *Community Involvement* - robotics workshops at elementary schools, JO students officiating at provincial robotics games

- *Skills Competition* - 6 or 7 JO students represent Vancouver to compete in automotive service, cardboard boat, spaghetti bridge, workplace safety, job interview, etc.

- *Youth Train in Trades (ACE IT)* - through VSB Career Programs - tuition is paid for by career program and is equivalent to 1st year university (must be under 19 yrs. old) - apply through counsellors at JO - no waitlist so saves time and money

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/careerprograms/programs/youthtrainintrades/Pages/default.aspx>

- **STEM** (Science Technology Engineering Math)

- 4th year at JO - 24 students in Gr. 9, 24 in Gr. 10 and 24 in Gr. 11/12

- requirements to join program do not include tests

- program happens on Day 1 and so field trips can be coordinated (to UBC, BCIT, etc.)

- independent directed studies as well as course load

- new partnerships with Douglas College Engineering (2 yr diploma program then transfer to UBC/SFU), Vision Critical and Microsoft Teals

***7. Dry Grad - May 2019*** - Shareen Siddeeq

- Mystery buses, SACY presentations, games in the gym, etc.

- all 220 grads can participate as PAC has given funds to support it, bringing cost to nominal for students

- parent volunteers are needed to help on the day (a couple hours), preferably not Gr. 12 parents

- sign up list coming in the New Year

***8. Bingo Night - Feb. 2019***

- open to students and parents, neighbours and friends (community event)

- bring food to share

- donations of prizes

***9. Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Thurs. May 16 2019***

- parent volunteers are needed to donate food, set up the lunch in the staff room, and clean up

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, with the next PAC meeting to be held **Wednesday January 23, 2019** at 7pm in the Library. Have a good winter break!

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