

PMJS School Council Attendance - 2023/2024

PMJS School Council - Agenda Tuesday, December 5th, 6:30 PM

1. **Welcome & Call to Order** - Amanda & Lianne

- TDSB Land Acknowledgement - Marlene
“We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples”

Motion to open meeting at 6:34 by Katie Sinclair

Second - Krystine Suvoda

Approved 

2. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting** Lianne & Leeanne

- Approval of November 2023 minutes
- [PMJS School Council - Minutes - Thursday, November 2nd - For PMJS Website](#)
- Apologies as November minutes are not yet on the PMJS website - Ms. Haroun will follow up

Motion to approve the minutes - Naomi Gonsalves

Second - Katie Sinclair

Approved 

3. **Financial Update** Amanda & Lianne

- [2023-2024 Financial Update.xlsx](#)
- Dance-a-thon spending update - projectors ordered and arrived, speakers ordered and arrived, kinder supplies have been ordered - the money has been spent! Yay! Amazing fundraising effort by the PMJS community and fantastic dancing by the students and teachers! Thank you everyone!!!
- Kinder orders include lego, dolls, basketballs, soccer balls, play food for kitchen center and sensory toys

Motion to approve the financial report - Krystine Suvoda



Second - Udari Basnayake

Approved 

4. **Council Events** Amanda & Lianne

- Family Movie Night (Dec 14) - update (Julia/Dani) 6:00 arrival, 6:30 movie start time
Penguins of Madagascar, Treats and pizza for sale
Watch out for an email with a Google Form to sign up for the night to let us know what interest there is

If you are interested in volunteering to sell snacks or other tasks, please let your council executive know - we love any help we can get!

- Skate Night (January) - update (Katie)
City of Toronto has been difficult to connect with but Katie will continue to work on this - looking at indoor (Centennial, Canlan, Ford Centre) and outdoor (West Deane, Westway) - thank you Katie!!
- Pizza lunch update
Online ordering has been going very well - goal is for 2024 to be paperless, all online
Watch your emails for the sign up form
Starting next year there will be an option for families to order an extra slice for others
- Fun Fair update - Thursday June 13th Rain Date Tuesday June 17th
 - ★ The Fun Fair Committee met and drafted the sponsorship letter
Council member comments - should we add logos to the sponsorship packages
Camp Bellaleo
Motion to approve letter - Lianne Fewkes
Second - Katie Sinclair
Approved 
Goal is to send out before the winter break
Companies who sponsor can request a tax receipt - Lianne will be providing the link to request this
 - ★ Main Event rental review
Fun Fair Committee has pre booked a wish list of activities from [Main Event Fun](#)
4 inflatable activities - obstacle course, bouncy castle,
 - One will be for the younger age groupCotton candy and snow cones - will be sold
5 games - Plinko, skeeball, frog toss, tic tac toe, penguin toss
They provide 2 staff to ensure the activities are up and running safely
Council Member suggestion - look into water filling station
Marlene will arrange the permit to allow for use of the gym silent auction and basket raffle
Motion to approve Main Event Rentals - Katie Sinclair
Second - Kristin McLachlan
Approved 
Food Vendors - Approved options include M&M (Six Points Plaza) and Fire it Up!
All will have halal and vegetarian options
Both require pre order numbers
Picnic options - bring your own food and blankets
Council comments - can we set up a way to have burger tickets set aside for families that need them
Council vote for vendor - M&M is the winner!!
Thank you Katie Sinclair for volunteering to organize food pre-orders

Thank you Fun Fair Committee

- Telus Internet Safety workshops
Council has been talking about hiring Paul Davis - he is expensive and hard to book
Telus has a program free for schools - they do a student talk in the day and then parents in an evening
- Option for a PA Day "Staying at home alone workshop"
Other schools have been arranging to have a workshop by SOS Kids
Thank you Lianne and Dana for looking into this

5. **Teacher's Report** (Daniela Cuddemi, Michelle Giesen)

- Special thank you to fun fair organizers
- Boys volleyball - boys did great! They are not moving on but everyone is so proud of them
- Girls basketball - tied for second so this week they are playing a quarter final
- New year will see boys basketball, girls volleyball and badminton
- Student council has been going great
- Student equity team is underway - current initiative is hat decoration making
- Choir is grades 3-5, inclusive activity
- Grades 1-2 : art club with a goal of putting on a display
- Singalong December 21st - celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas
- School play - auditions are happening right now, open to grades 4/5 and will open up a bit to younger grades for set design, costume, hair etc. High number of auditions so they may create 2 casts - goal is that if a student would like to be involved, they will have a role!! Performance will be in spring
- Power of Yet book has been out for kindness week - there are Yetis everywhere!
- Scientists in the School - Ms. Mennonite and Ms. Cuddemi would like to arrange this for grade 5s - there may be a \$5 fee for students - Council has \$1000 set aside to support this amazing initiative!
- Ms. Giesen is applying to an art grant which may provide \$1500 for artists in the school - thanks Ms. Campbell for finding this!

6. **Principal's Report** (Marlene)

- Since our last meeting, progress reports went home and teacher interviews
- Anti bullying assembly for week of kindness
- Remembrance Day ceremony
- Thank you to the family who purchased 10 books for students who would not be purchasing any books
- Clothing drive was a huge success - thank you so much to all families who made donations!! The receiving school was blown away. If you still have items that you wish to donate, TDSB is still accepting the donations and will make sure they get to the families.
- Food drive is currently happening -

- This Friday is a PA Day - it is Federation Day - teachers will be attending workshops on their areas of interest and some teachers are asked to lead talks on popular topics
- 12 more school days until the winter break
- It is the season of colds and flus - if your children are sick, please consider keeping them home to ensure we all stay healthy.
- Please remind your children the importance of hand washing, sneezing into your elbow
- Please do not park in front of the school at the beginning of the day - we have had several near misses especially when there was a bit of snow
- Please do not pick your child up with 10-15 minutes left in the school day - by that time children are in the hall getting dressed and packing up

7. **Other** (Amanda/Lianne)

- Committee for Fundraising and Fun Fair
- Teacher Appreciation for December-Update
Thank you for all your donations - we received \$320
Teachers will be receiving
- Any questions or comments from attendees?

Motion to close the meeting at 8:08PM by Kristin McLachlan

Second - Dana McGee

Approved 

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 9th, in-person 6:30-8:00 p.m. (or via Zoom)

