

PMJS School Council Thursday, November 2nd 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order at 6:33

- Motion - Lianne Weatherup
- Second - Julia Ilyina
- Approved - ✓

TDSB Land Acknowledgement

"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"

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (Leeanne)

- **PMJS School Council - Minutes - Tuesday, October 3rd - For PMJS Website**
- Motion - Kara Hukezalie
- Second - Dana McGee
- Approved - ✓

3. Financial Update (Dana, Treasurer)

- **2023-2024 Financial Update.xlsx**
- We are looking at the budget that we had from last year - no dollars from projected fundraising in the financials yet
- Community Engagement Section - is set aside for family events - skate night, bingo night etc.
- Student Health and Wellbeing - considering a speaker or activity addressing student wellness, mental health or online safety
- Question from council - how do we add or take away budget lines - can be amended as needed by Treasurer with approval from council
- Question from council - as a council we purchased Flyleaf books, where is PMJS at with these?
*Ms. Haroun shared that they have been distributed to primary classes and are being used in morning reading - PMJS is going to purchase more teacher guides as there has been positive feedback
- Motion to approve budget - Katie Sinclair
- Second - Julia Ilyina
- Approved - ✓

5. Principal's Report (Principal Harroun)

- Grade 5 graduation tentative date June 27th
- Final day of school June 28th

- Remembrance Day Assembly November 10th AM - focus will be on hope and peace - will be open to families and caregivers to attend
- Seven Sacred Teachings have been highlighted with student activities and a nature exhibit outside
- School is going to be working very hard to work be fully School Cash Online Council Question - is there an option for families to sponsor another child for school trips or paid lunches - yes, more information will be coming out about this
- Scholastic Book Fair coming up November 13-17th - there will be teacher wish lists if you would like to purchase for your little one's classroom
- Clothing and Footwear drive - more information will be coming out - collection will be held until teacher interview date
- School Budget Priorities for 2023/2024 - technology, interactive educational games and toys, early literacy resources (kidney tables for small group instruction, guided reading books, science of reading resources), flexible seating for classroom and library
- Our school numbers are creeping up to 400
- November 21st will be a Professional Development Day and all teachers will be learning about data collection (EQAO etc.) so we can all assess how our school community is doing
- Ufli and Uniteforliteracy are two websites that families and caregivers can access to support practice reading with students
- Dance-a-thon raised \$7341.00 - money was raised for technology - school priorities are 5 projectors (\$2140.00), Kinder Interactive Educational Games and Toys (\$2938.00) and 10 speakers (\$2263.00)
Motion to approve these purchases - LEEANNE FEWKES
Second - DANA MCGEE
Approved ✓
- Council member question - will there be any clubs or groups for the grade 1s/2s
There are always conversations about this, school is responding to student led requests and recognizes the importance of the younger students having free social play - practicing their unstructured social interactions being unscheduled

6. **Teacher's Report** (Ms. Cuddemi)

- Dance-a-thon was amazing!! Kids loved it!! Teachers loved it!! Teachers were up on the stage dancing!! Thank you so much to council and the PMJS community
- Pizza lunches are going terrific!! Teachers are very grateful of how smoothly this has been going
- Boys Volleyball happening now
- Girls Basketball coming up
- Teaching team is looking into speakers/presenters for this school year - storytelling about holidays - cost is approx. \$900, recommended by the equity team

7. **Other**

Volunteer request form went out - thank you so much to all of you who responded - we are going to resend in the hopes of getting some more helpers. Would be great to have people coming out to the family nights and helping with set up, tear down, running a cookie selling booth etc.

Staff appreciation - we will be sending out a request for funds to plan staff goodies for this coming year. The remainder of last year's funds were spent at the beginning of the year with coffee and treats.

Update on pizza lunches - there have been a few changes to streamline the process and to get more pizza lunches in place - goal is to have all orders on school cash online by January

- Council comment - thank you for accommodating the gluten free option - a student will be participating in their first pizza day!!
- Council comment - one downside is those times when you have a day where you will miss one

Social Nights:

1. Bingo Night - prizes would be vouchers - tentatively the last week of Feb/first week of March
Volunteer tasks - Flyer, set up, clean up, bingo callers, card sellers, treat table
Volunteers - Lianne, Udari
2. Family Fun Night - takes a lot of work - June 13th with Rain date of June 20th
Volunteer tasks - need more people than the other events
Committee - Lianne, Amanda, LeeAnne, Dana, Anna, Tracey, Dana, Udari
Ideas - staff experiences (make cake pops with a teacher, penalty kick), don't want to have highest bidder as winner all the time
3. Outdoor Family Skate Night - Jan/Feb (tentatively 18th, night before PD Day) - booking dates are released mid November
Volunteer tasks - make a flyer, sharpen skates, collect helmets, sign up sheet - Katie
4. Parent/Caregiver Social Night - ideas such as High Park Brewery (St. Claire and Keele), with games, food, drinks
Volunteers - Julia
5. Movie Night - school has a license - December 14th 5:30-7:30
Volunteer tasks - make a flyer, what movie, capacity sign up, set up, snacks to sell, preorder pizza - you won't be alone - Julia and Dani - Dana is happy to produce flyers using Canva
6. Multicultural Food Fair - council will look into this and bring back to next month's meeting

If anyone has any ideas or connections to organizations that would like us to host events, please let us know - we welcome everyone's thoughts!

Motion to approve skate night in Jan/Feb with possible allocation of funds to ensure all interested families will have equipment - Kara Hukezalie
Second - Dana McGee

Approved ✓

Motion to approve Bingo Night - Julia Ilyina

Second - Tracey McGovern

Approved ✓

Motion to approve Movie Night - Kara Hukezalie

Second - Leeanne Fewkes

Approved ✓

Motion to approve Family Fun Night with possible allocation of funds for up front costs - Lianne

Second - Amanda Gaudino

Approved ✓

Motion to close meeting at Kara Hukezalie

Second: Julia Ilyina

Approved ✓

Minutes will be available on PMJS website

Thank you very much to those that were able to attend the meeting virtually or in person. We love seeing and hearing from each of you!

Motion to close the meeting at 8:27 - Leeanne Fewkes

Second - Tracey McGovern

Approved ✓

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 5th, in-person 6:30-8:00 p.m.

