

PMJS School Council - Minutes - Tuesday, January 9, 2024

1. Welcome & Call to Order (Amanda/Lianne)

Motion to call the meeting to order at 6:32 by Lianne Weatherup

Second - Amanda Gaudino

Approved 

- **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”

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

- [PMJS School Council - Minutes - Tuesday, December 5, 2023](#)

Motion to approve December minutes by Katie Sinclair

Second - Karin Hewitt

Approved 

3. Financial Update (Dana)

- [2023-2024 Financial Update.xlsx](#)
- Notice the columns that show what money has been set aside for activities
- Grade 5 Celebration- our role is simply providing some funding - there will be a teacher team that will create the celebration
- Forest of Reading - upcoming - Ms. Harroun will follow up with school librarian to gather more information
- Field Trips and Budgets - So far PMJS has utilized buses for cross country, there were 2 buses - cost is \$600 each - Council has allotted \$750 for buses - Cross Country was for grades 3/4/5
- Staff Requests - Ms. Harroun has been gathering receipts from teachers - so far there has been a STEM activity that went well
- Student Wellbeing - still looking at class presentations for this
- Music and Arts/Sports Equipment/Miscellaneous - Dana will follow up with the office to ensure the money is paid out as needed
- Scientist in the School - Kinder group has booked (4 classes), there is a cost of \$350 per class, Grade 5s are looking into booking - families will be asked for \$5/child, council will offer funds and PMJS will cover the rest as needed
- Sports Equipment - plans have not been made for these expenditures at this time - Ms. Kolheimer will begin

looking into this - highlighted the importance of the sense of school community and pride when attending off property events and safety as well as students being more recognizable

- Fun Fair - Bouncy Castles have been paid for - the front cost is higher than what is listed but once the fundraising comes in the line will adjust itself
- Council member questions/comments:
 - *recommend that if we are not purchasing sports equipment we reallocate the monies to other initiatives such as Scientist in the Schools
 - *will the option to sponsor another student be available on School Cash Online anytime soon - Ms. Harroun will find out the answer to this and update council as she knows that Kajal has looked into this and she returns next week
- Budget is going smoothly - no concerns that need to be discussed today

Motion to approve budget - Kara Hukezelie

Second - Kristin McLachlan

Approved 

4. Council Events (Amanda/Lianne)

- Family Movie Night report (Julia and Dani)
 - *movie night was a big success - a small hiccup with the technology but it all got sorted out - PMJS has a larger speaker set up so next time we will locate that tech
 - *pizza was a big success - pepperoni was popular and families were able to purchase full pizzas at a discount on the way out
- Skate Night (January) - update (Katie)
 - *Monday to Friday from 4-5pm is the only possibilities at this time
 - *Cost is \$210 per hour + cost of insurance (don't know the exact price at this time)
 - *other option is to look up individual times on Efun
 - *there are skate lending libraries at City of Toronto rinks - we can look into this
 - *council conversation about the timing - thoughts are that we have evening events so they balance out the fact that this is after school - some families that cannot do evening events, this timing may be better for them
 - *we will look at the skates and helmet that are at PMJS to see how many we have to offer for students that need them
 - *SAVE THE DATE - Friday Feb 23(back up date of March 1st) - Centennial Park arena - 4:00-5:00 pm - more information to follow
- Parents social event (Lianne and Julia)
 - *London Gate Pub vs High Park Brewery
 - *This would be a get to know you for families - not subsidized by council, not a

- fundraiser, just an option to come meet PMJS
- Bingo Night (Lianne)
 - *initial thoughts were for the 29th of February - since skate night is the 23rd, Bingo night will move to March or April
- Pizza lunch update (Amanda)
 - *Amanda continues to do fabulous work on this
 - *the next message coming out will be for the 4 upcoming pizza lunches
 - *the plan is to continue with the online sign up and payment on school cash online
 - *option will be present for families to purchase pizza for other families
 - *thank you to all the volunteers who show up - things are running smoothly and it such an exciting day at school
 - *information will be coming out next week about the next 4 pizza days
- Additional hot lunch options?
 - *Community providers need to be on a board approved lenders list - this is updated and sent to schools each year - Ms. Harroun will share the active list
 - *Council member Katherine has volunteered to research some options as many families would like us to return to having more lunch options than pizza
- Fun Fair update - Thursday June 13th Rain Date Tuesday June 18th
 - * Email with Save the Date and Sponsorship Letter is coming soon
 - * School Cash Online now has the option to request a tax receipt for donations over \$20
 - *there is going to be a second fun fair planning committee meeting in a couple of weeks - if you are interested in joining
- Telus Internet Safety workshops (Amanda)
 - *grade 2 and up
 - *we need to look at dates soon as Telus requires about a month notice
- Option for a PA Day “Staying at home alone workshop” (Dana)
 - *April and June dates are available - tentatively looking at April 19th
 - *available for 22 students
 - *There is no request for parent attendance or staff involvement, they provide the supervision but they are open to having 2 or so parent volunteers to help with sign in/sign out and lunch supervision
 - *Ms. Harroun can look into permits for the day - if it is a parent council event there is no cost for the permit

5. **Teacher’s Report** (Daniela Cuddemi, Michelle Giesen, Shannon Kohlmeier)

- So many events coming up in February
 - *Heritage Months including Black History, Tamil Heritage

*Lunar New Year

*Equity Month

*National Pink Shirt Day - Anti Bullying

*Kindness Day

- The Equity Committee is working on Heritage Month events and displays - the displays are well under way
- Extracurriculars are up and running for the new year:
 - *Athletics include Girls Volleyball, Co-ed Ball Hockey and Boys Basketball
 - *Arts include a PMJS Performance of Inside Out - performers are grades 4s and 5s and crew will include grades 3s as well - there has been a lot of excitement for this - script has been written and will be sent home with performers in the next couple of weeks - performance will likely be close to the end of the year as it is a big endeavour!
- Choir is continuing - families have asked if they will be singing anywhere in the community - there are no plans for this at this time but if anyone has a connection or would like to look into this, please let us know!
- Student initiatives for activities that will be open to the younger grades
 - *Art Club for grade 1s and 2s
 - *Basketball and Volleyball skill building for grade 1s and 2s
 - *Spring may see another friendship bracelet making club - will be when the weather turns nice so it can be held outdoors
 - *Important to remember that students also need outside unstructured time to burn energy to get prepared for the afternoon of indoor learning
- Student Council Initiatives
 - *random acts of kindness
 - *pokemon day
 - *pink shirt day activities
- Spirit Week was a success - so many fun activities, staff and students had a blast!
- Spirit wear was ordered and delivered - thank you to Ms. Scott for making this happen!
- Winter Dance happened before the break, everyone had a great time
- January 18th students will participate in a Groove Dance Workshop
- Dairy Farmers presentation for the whole school is coming up at the end of January

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

- Welcome back and thank you so much from the PMJS staff to the entire PMJS community - we recognize how important it is to have a partnership between school and home to keep the children at the forefront of everyone's mind. Thank you for all the very kind emails, cards and gifts before the winter break. Thank you so much but truly the real gift is being allowed to get to know the students!!
- It's the time of year that teachers are very busy in their minds and physically - it is report card writing time and

there is an upcoming PD Day focused on writing assessments - teacher's have to have the reports written and submitted next week even though they aren't sent home until mid February!

- Next Friday is a PA Day - parent interviews will be held the evening of the Thursday and all day Friday
- Staff meeting tomorrow and they will be talking about assessments, standardisation etc. An email comes out to all homes letting you know the topic of the learning day for the PMJS staff
- Grade 5 grad photos will be happening in February - the 5th, mark your calendars!!
- Ms. Harroun went into all the classes over the first two days back and the overwhelming majority of students and staff expressed being excited to be back at school!!

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

- Families have been wondering if Council could have a Social Media page
*if this is something council is interested in, we would need to review the bylaws as council chose not to pursue this last year - may need to amend bylaws and follow the guidelines
*this can complicate things if posted incorrectly, families may reach out to staff at PMJS which could become overwhelming in an already busy environment
*thank you Julia for offering to look into this
- Thank you to Lianne and Amanda for help with the minutes this month - much appreciated!!

Motion to close the meeting at 8:01pm by Dana McGee

Second by Katie Sinclair

Approved 

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

