

PMJS School Council - Agenda - Tuesday, October 3rd 6:30 PM


1. Call to Order at 6:30

- Motion - Lianne Weatherup
- Second - Amanda Gaudino
- 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 Meeting Minutes - June 13th, 2023**
- Motion - Colleen Madden
- Second - Karin Hewitt
- Approved - ✓

3. Election of Executive & Voting Members

2022/2023 Executive team - Kara Hukezelie, Karin Hewitt, Katie Sinclair, Leeanne Fewkes

Thank you very much to the executive members that will be moving on from the team - they put so much time, effort and care into each of the council initiatives! We are so lucky that even though they won't be on the executive they will be staying on council with us for the coming school year. Huge thanks!!!

Voting Members for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year: 14

- Motion to approve two carers who were unable to attend tonight's meeting and submitted their self-nomination form for voting members - Kristin Mc Lellan
- Second - Amanda Gaudino
- Approved ✓

Today council elects a new executive:

Motion to approve a caregiver who has not been a voting member for over a year to fill the spot this coming school year as treasurer

- Motion - Karin Hewitt
- Second - Kara Hukezelie
- Approved - ✓

Motion to approve the new executive members - Kara Hukezelie

Second - Karin Hewitt

Approved ✓

Welcome to the 2023/2024 Executive:

CoChair - Lianne Weatherp

CoChair - Amanda Gaudino

Secretary - Leeanne Fewkes

Treasurer - Dana McGee

4. **Financial Update** (Katie Sinclair, Treasurer)

- [Status of Finances](#)
- Open Balance in Sept. 2022 was: \$5420.47
- Closing Balance as of Sept. 30, 2023 is: \$13,048.62
- TDSB switched over all banking on June 30, 2022. New bank is Alterna and has a \$15/month banking charge with the account
- It does look like EFT is possible to pay bills, but showing Kimberly Lee as the Contact for PMJS
- New Signing Authority is required for everyone
- A very successful year for our Council in terms of Fundraising; you can see in the bottom left how much profit we made over the course of the year with the different events
- Danceathon:
 - \$3645 was transferred to our Council account
 - The Cheques & Cash (\$3859.80) stayed in the PMJS account for Ms. Lee to purchase the UFLI resources
- Staff Appreciation Fund:
 - There is still \$138 in the fund
 - I will happily purchase some treats to bring into the school the week after Thanksgiving
- Budget to be set by 2023-2024 Executive and shared at next meeting

- Motion to approve budget - Naomi Gonzalez
- Second - Colleen Madden
- Approved - ✓

5. **Principal's Report** (Principal Harroun)

- Thank you so much for to all the teachers at PMJS - it is remarkable how much commitment and time the teachers are giving to the students and school community
- Thank you so much to each and every family in the PMJS community - everyone has been so welcoming and understanding
- We will continue to encourage the students to come forward with ideas of what they would like to see at PMJS - clubs, teams, property etc.
- Open House was a big success, was wonderful to see so many families

- September reorganization “reorg” - we were lucky enough to get a new Kindergarten class - we had 33 students in each class but now we have a more manageable 29, 27, 21 and 21
- So exciting to have new faces in the building
- School start up has been busy with safety procedures - next month there will be more discussion about each of the procedures - if you would like to learn more, please come to our next council meeting
- CCAT - grade 3 test is delayed this year due to some complications
- Photo Day - October 18th
- Weekly Newsletter “Knightly News” - will be sent out on Monday - read up on what’s going on at the school
- School Improvement Goals will remain the same as last year - Equity, Achievement, Wellbeing
- Tomorrow the school will be participating in an outdoor experience
- Clothing Drive - more information will be sent home about a request for footwear and winter clothing - it’s a great time to look through all your family’s clothes to see what you would like to clear out and bring it in for others to enjoy!!
- Labour Disruption - everything in our PMJS community is up and running, we are all working together to have a wonderful year together - if more information comes forward, you will be advised - try not to worry about what is being highlighted in the media
- You will be receiving a covid test on Friday - we had a large donation - it does not mean PMJS students have covid
- Budget - PMJS asks for council may include technology - laptops, projectors, speakers, chromebooks (estimated cost of \$30,000), toys - kinder supplies are showing their age
- Donation question from a parent - could the school accept a donated projector? To respect safety and liability this would not be approved
- Ms Haroun has a staff meeting tomorrow and they will discuss how they can share what needs they have for their student’s in their class

6. **Teacher’s Report** (Shannon Kohlmeier/Michelle Geisen)

- Athletics:
Cross Country - all genders - grades 2 to 5 - over 100 students tried out, 60-70 are going to run on Thursday October 5th - this year new technology is being introduced that will record who crosses the finish line and winners will be posted online after
Touch Football - grades 4/5 - girls team and boys team
Soccer - grades 4/5 - girls team (October 13th) and boys team (October 12th)
Choir - grades 3-5
Upcoming - dodgeball, volleyball and more
We are back to pre-pandemic activities - younger grades will be offered intramurals throughout the year
- Student Interest Clubs:
student council application process has begun, retro game club, class trips coming up (apple picking, Young People’s Theatre), reading buddies, library helpers, office helpers, folk dance, design club and so much more!

- Scholastic Book Fair will be coming up in November
- We have several new teachers this year - please feel free to say hi if you see them on the playground or around the school
- Terry Fox Run was a huge success - the amount of money raised will be released as soon as the counting ends - well done to everyone!
- Truth and Reconciliation week was amazing - all students made a heart for another student and they were posted on the wall, everyone participated in and Orange shirt day assembly with student presentations

7. **Other** (Karin/Kara/Principal Harroun)

Bylaws are available on the PMJS website - there is a section called meeting protocols - some we need to approve today:

1. Motion to **not** record council meetings - Kara Hukezelie
Second - Naomi Gonzalez
Approved ✓
2. Motion to have council accessible on Google Meet - Kara Hukezelie
Second - Lianne Weatherup
Approved ✓

Things to consider - meeting minutes translated into other languages, translation services available at council meetings

Dance-A-Thon - as we have done the past couple of years, we are planning to have Bounce Entertainment come in again for a DanceAThon fundraiser

Motion - Dana Mc Gee
Second - Kristen Mc Lellan
Approved ✓

Upcoming Fundraising - in previous years we have had community nights - bingo, movies (snack bar) - if you have any ideas for other activities please let us know

Safety Rep - Council requires a safety rep - thank you so much Dani Jackson for volunteering for this role - woohooo!!

Police Check - if you are thinking of volunteering for anything, please do the police check - information has been sent out in the Knightly News

Pizza Day - October 13th - forms have gone home, you can pay with schoolcashionline or cash with the form to teachers - this year there will be a gluten free option

Motion to close meeting at Karin Hewitt
Second: Krystine Suvoda
Approved ✓

Minutes are available on PMJS website

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 14th, in-person 6:30-8:00 p.m.

