


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

Motion to call meeting to order at 6:37pm by Lianne Weatherup

Second Kara Hukezalie

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 (Leeanne)

- Approval of January meeting minutes

- [PMJS School Council - Minutes - Tuesday January 9th](#)

Motion to approve January minutes by Amanda Gaudino

Second Naomi Gonzalez

Approved 

3. Financial Update (Dana)

- [2023-2024 Financial Update.xlsx](#)

- Scientist in the School update

- Sports equipment spending

Dana is away tonight so Amanda and Lianne will provide update

Scientists in the Schools are \$214 per class - you will notice that council has been purposefully fundraising to support this initiative

Toonie Thursday raised \$1470 raised over the past two events - we would like to use this money for Scientists in the School Council had allocated \$1000 for this initiative at the beginning of the year

Motion to use Toonie Thursday collection for Scientists in the Schools - Leeanne Fewkes

Second - Naomi Gonzalez

Approved 

Council had set aside \$2500 for sports equipment - school has asked to use this money for jerseys and outdoor equipment (basketballs, tennis balls, footballs, soccer balls)

Motion to approve expense of up to \$2500 on jerseys - Kara Hukezalie

Second - Julia Ilyina

Approved 

Forest of Reading - Books have been ordered, we are awaiting receipts

Council member suggestion - other school councils have been moving towards a model where council allocates a set amount of money to a class with an amount per student in the class to be used for trips, buses, or other activities rather

than allocating \$750 for bussing which doesn't cover 2 buses which makes it difficult to ensure council is supporting each classes equitably - can be discussed and/or voted on in coming meetings
Community Engagement - there are still some funds in this line and a few more events coming up

4. Teacher's Report (Shannon Kohlmeier, Daniela Cuddemi, Michelle Giesen)

Sports Jerseys - Shannon has been researching - has found dry fit, kelly green from Mr. Sport for approximately \$17 each, can order

Ball hockey - all genders - Thank you to Mr. Fisher for coaching

Girls volleyball - Thank you to Mr. Fisher for coaching

Boys Basketball - Thank you Mr. DeBello and Mrs. Laurin for coaching

Scientists in the School has started - thank you to the PMJS community for attending fundraisers to make that happen

Equity Council - Ms. Cuddemi and Ms. Scott have been working with the student committee to decorate and celebrate Lunar New Year and Losar

Inside Out Performance - there has been so much interest, many students have committed to doing backstage crew - performance won't be until June as there is still a lot of work to do

Parent Interviews - all families should be receiving emails from teachers if an interview is being requested. If you do not have one requested but would like one, reach out to the teacher

5. Principal's Report (Marlene)

Dance workshops - all students participated and loved it! Thank you Ms Giesen for arranging this fun day!

Dairy Farmers just came to PMJS to meet with each of the classes - great feedback by students and they were grateful for the prizes - there are cow erasers everywhere!!

The back of the school field had a blocked plug and there was a pond - was blocked off with caution tape for a period of time and workers have been in. It has been drained but there doesn't seem to be much that can be done other than wait for the weather to change - thank you to Riccardo for clearing the area, there was a lot of garbage (8 bags!)

Parking lot has been having pot holes patched - there is a request for a full cover but still waiting on a response for that

Painting will be happening soon - outdoor siding and indoors too

Ms. Haroun has submitted a list of work projects that are prioritised for this year - painting, blinds, classroom keys

Air conditioning in the gym - is listed as a cooling centre but the a/c system is not working - the work order has gone in and we are in the cue

Council member question - is there a partnership with the before and after program for door entry - PMJS is going to cost share for a buzzer system but currently in a cue with requests ahead of ours

Kinder area - there is caution tape around due to a large crack in the tree in front - workers have been out and plan is to take the tree down this week - they are going to save lumber to make stools

Kinder playground work has begun!! This has been many years in the works - slope will be changed for safety, slides will be removed, a track will be in the area for students

Term 1 report cards will be coming home February 14th with family interviews on the evening of the 15th and during the day on the 16th - Ms. Haroun has noticed that the teachers have done exceptional work on the reports, they are working hard to get to know all the students well enough to allow them to give individualised comments

Groundhog day was a big event at PMJS this year - lots of discussion and activities

100th day of school is coming up Feb 12th - Student council is planning activities to celebrate

Lunar New Year and Losar (Tibetan New Year) are coming up

African Heritage Month is being celebrated all month - displays at school

Library has been getting a refresh - new carpets, cozy reading areas, Indigenous reading area, furniture being rearranged to open up sight lines - thank you Ms. Scott for all your hard work!

Pink shirt day is coming up

Gardening club has started - they are currently working on an indoor herb garden

Grade 5 grad photos today - the students all looked grown up and fabulous!

PMJS values itself as a lifelong learning environment so we have several learners in the building:

Nursing students

ECE students

Teacher candidates

Martingrove co-op students will be coming

Scientists in the School - families will be asked for a \$5 donation, keep an eye out for an email

PMJS is currently over 100% capacity - currently at 415 students - projection was 360 - we have 105 kindergarten students

PMJS is currently closed to optional attendance - we recognize this is upsetting to many families who want to attend

Staffing - there will be staff returning in the coming months

Ms Bos and Ms. Zampiro are schedule to return - no dates set

With enrollment so high, we should be able to maintain all teachers in their placements

Goal is to have grade 5 students build relationships with students of St. George's and Rosethorn - they will all be heading to John G Althouse in September together

There will be a Orientation day for grade 5s to visit John G as well

School photography - plan is to consider another organisation - Edge Images rather than Clear Images

6. Lunches/Fundraising (Amanda/Lianne)

- Pizza lunch/Toonie Thursday - update (Amanda)

We have moved to online purchasing - there were a few hiccups that we will continue to work through - there were 50 orders brought in the day of ordering and after the deadline - please read the emails and flyers and submit orders before the deadline to ensure that your child gets pizza

We would like to kindly ask everyone - when talking with Kajal or Amanda - BE KIND! We fully understand that it is difficult to switch to online orders and that with life being so busy its difficult to organise but pizza day is a fundraiser for the students of PMJS put on by volunteers who are doing their best to make it happen

Thank you PMJS community for donating to other families - there were 58 families that purchased pizza for other students

This coming Thursday (8th) is the next Toonie Thursday

- Additional hot lunch options discussion (Kathy)

[Kidssentials](#) - option of 75 entrees with snacks and sides - require 1/week with 35 sales - can do any day but Thursday if we sign up

[LunchBox](#) - free module within SchoolCashOnline - school doesn't deal with the vendor at all - they access different food companies (Subway, Lunch Lady etc.) request 1/week

Minimum orders of 20 for Subway, 25 for Harveys - council would set the price to charge

Kathy will see if it is possible to do a trial run and to get confirmation that the weekly guaranteed order is flexible

Thank you Kathy for all your hard work looking into this!!

- Fun Fair update - Thursday June 13th (Rain Date Tuesday June 18th)
- Fundraising Committee updates

M&M Meats has been confirmed

Main Event has been booked - next step is for them to attend for a site inspection

There will be another meeting - no date set yet but will be once there are tasks to be assigned

- Early Bird Sponsors include:

Humbertown Orthodontics

Ritchie Smyth Lawyers

Humber Valley Hockey Association - silent auction item, basket and hosting an event

Sharks

Dr. Andrew Wong

The Mortgage Group - Dana McGee

Rock Bottom

We are still looking for silent auction and basket items - if you have connections feel free to let us know!

7. **Council Events** (Amanda/Lianne)

- Skate Night - update (Katie)
- February 23, 4 to 5pm at Centennial Arena
- Bingo Night (April 11) (Lianne)
- Telus Internet Safety workshop update- Tuesday April 9 (Amanda)

Kids would be during the day and parents in the evening

Offer would be for grades 3/4/5

Amanda will be in touch to confirm numbers and plans

- PA Day "Staying at home alone workshop" (PA Day- April 8th) (Dana)

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

- If there are families that would benefit from childcare we have the option to provide childcare at Council meetings

Motion to close the meeting at 8:15pm by Lianne Weatherup

Second Krystine Suvoda

Approved ✓

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 in-person 6:30-8:00 p.m. (or via Zoom)

