


## **PMJS School Council - MInutes - Tuesday March 5th**



### **1. Welcome & Call to Order at 6:34 PM (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”
- Thank you to Trustee Dan MacLean for attending tonight’s council meeting

### **2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (Leeanne/Katie)**

- [PMJS School Council - Minutes Monday February 5, 2024](#)  
Motion to approve minutes - Katie Sinclair  
Second - Julia Ilyina  
Approved 

### **3. Financial Update (Dana)**

- [2023-2024 Financial Update.xlsx](#)
- Forest of Reading - students have been fully engaged in the Forest of Reading Program - some classes have volunteered to read all the books and submit votes - some may be able to attend the Forest of Reading event like they did last year. The cost is higher than originally predicted - request for an increase to the previously approved council funds of \$500  
Motion to approve total spend of \$865 - Dana McGee  
Second - Katie Sinclair  
Approved 
- PMJS Budget Request Form - Earlier in the year PMJS educators submitted requests to council for financial support - thanks to all the hard work of everyone in the PMJS community, almost all of the requests have been fulfilled. Two outstanding requests include:
  1. PMJS Shade Tents  
Motion to approve expenditure of \$3000 - Leeanne Fewkes  
Second - Amanda Gaudino  
Approved 
  2. Classroom Experiences with Bussing - council had set aside \$750 for this budget item at the beginning of the school year, large scale initiative coming up and could benefit from additional funds to ensure all students are able to participate

Motion to approve up to an additional \$2000 - Dana McGee

Second - Lianne Weatherup

Approved 

#### 4. **Council Events** (Amanda/Lianne)

- Toonie Thursday - next one is this Thursday March 7th - students have been very excited about these days and we continue to raise money for school initiatives, thank you to the volunteers who shop, organise and sell the yummy treats!!
- Skate Night - update (Katie)  
Thank you so much to Katie for your dedication to making this event happen  
There was an incredible turn out of families!! Thank you to everyone who was out skating or cheering from the bleachers!!  
Conversation about whether or not to host a second skate night this school year or to plan for two events next school year - now that we know the process and costs, planning future events will be easy
- Bingo Night (Lianne)  
Next family engagement event is Bingo night scheduled for April 18th - families will have an opportunity to purchase pizza and treats - watch your email for forms the beginning of April - there will be students helping to run the event and prizes will be awarded for the winners!
- Pizza lunch update (Amanda)  
Pizza lunches are continuing to go well - the next order session will include the remainder of the school year - thank you to all the volunteers that help to make these pizza days happen!!
- Fun Fair update - Thursday June 13th Rain Date Tuesday June 18th  
There will be another Fun Fair committee meeting scheduled before the next council meeting
- Telus Internet Safety workshops (Amanda)  
Looking at May 7th for this event - will be a day presentation to students and an evening presentation to parents
- Option for a PA Day “Staying at home alone workshop” (Dana)  
For grade 4s/5s - with the change in the PA day for the solar eclipse the program was not available for the new April date - plan is to book for the June PA Day

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

- Team Sports  
\*all genders ball hockey team are city champions!! Congratulations to students, coaches and families - everyone worked so hard and left so proud!!

\*boys basketball and girls volleyball teams both advanced in their pools to compete in the conference semifinals - congratulations and thank you to athletes, families and coaches!!

\*upcoming team sports:

co-ed volleyball with Mr. Fisher and Ms. Giesen coaching

Badminton with Ms. Shaik and Ms. Watson coaching

- Clubs

\*Art Club will include grades 1, 2 and 3

\*Chess Club will include grades 1 & 2

\*Play rehearsal and backstage crew continue - everyone is giving it their all and so eager to be part of the production!

\*Forest of Reading with Ms. Scott

- Movie Day - all PMJS students will be going to see Kung Fu Panda 4 at Queensway Cineplex - watch your email for more information about this - the cost is \$20-25/student which will cover the bus ride, movie admission, and nut free snack pack - staffing ratio will be 1:12 which will be on the bus as well as at the theatre - if you would like to join the movie day as a parent, you are welcome - you will need to buy a ticket for admission but would be lovely to have you there to join in the fun - students don't know about this amazing initiative yet - there may be a request submitted to council for financial support, this is an initiative that Ms. Haroun lead while she was principal at John G Althouse and she said it began small and as the years went on an incredible number of families joined - she is excited to see how it will go at PMJS!
- Forest of Reading has begun - students are reading Blue Spruce and Silver Birch books - if you would like to have a look at this fabulous program here is the link <https://forestofreading.com/>
- Uniforms - 100 jerseys have been ordered - they are a simple design of kelly green, PMJS with number 0-80 and the final 20 are a slightly different green for days that 2 age groups are at the same event - this purchase was possible because of the fabulous support of the PMJS community for events like pizza days, toonie thursdays and purchases at movie nights - Thank you!!
- Class trips are coming up - grade 4s are going to the Science Centre and Grade 3 have planned a trip to High Park

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

- Thank you to everyone that was able to attend today - in person and online
- Special thanks to Dan MacLean
- PMJS has been quite busy the past several weeks - there have been teacher candidates, nursing students, ECE students and high school co-op students, some of whom are PMJS graduates - we are all so proud of the PMJS school community, value how much we have to offer learners so we are happy to show off how fabulous we are!!

- Scientists in the school has been going very well - teachers have been very appreciative of the program - students and parent volunteers have talked about how great it has been!
- Just had pink shirt day - it was a huge success - all classes had conversations and activities to talk about the reason behind wearing pink shirts, it was so incredible to see everyone in their pink! If you would like to learn more about this initiative, have a look <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>
- Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day is March 21st - we encourage everyone to wear their funnest, loudest, mismatched, outrageous socks for the day to raise public awareness!! If you would like to learn more about this, have a peak <https://dsat.ca/wdsd/>
- World Autism Day is April 2nd, this is the 17th annual World Autism Day - students will be learning and participating in activities around the school.
- Dental Screening will be at PMJS April 11/12/15
- Dr. Robert Phillips - TDSB Elder Representative will be coming to PMJS to speak to the students about his experience as an Indigenous student in the school board. To learn more about Dr. Bob have a look here <http://drbobphillips.com/>
- Thank you to the council for the fabulous family skate night!! It was so great to see so many families out on the ice having fun or on the benches watching and cheering skaters on!
- Library supplies will be coming in, Ms. Scott has ordered some beautiful reading rugs, one crafted by Indigenous artists
- The Butterfly program will be coming to PMJS for all grade 2 classes and there will be a set up in the office to ensure all students have a chance to view these amazing creatures and their metamorphosis!
- This year you will be receiving class placement feedback forms. This will be an opportunity to share information about students that will help them in the following year - learning style, teaching styles that fit best, social dynamics including close friendships. Please know, this will be one piece of the puzzle when developing classes and it is not for choosing specific teachers as this cannot be accommodated.
- PMJS currently has 412 students - the projected number for next year is 408 - we continue to be closed to optional attendance, much to the dismay of families in nearby neighbourhoods.

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

- Timing of the next council meeting discussed to ensure it does not conflict with holidays, school events or John G council night

Motion to close the meeting at 7:37 PM - Lianne Weatherup

Second - Naomi Gonzalez

Approved 

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 23rd , in-person 6:30-8:00 pm (or via Zoom - link will be emailed out)

