

George P. Mackie Junior Public School

School Council Minutes

Date: January 15, 2019

In Attendance:

- Jenny Gloria, Chair
- Anne Turner, Co-Chair
- Michael John, Treasurer
- Allison Crehore, Secretary
- Shirley Ponka, Principal
- Hassan Moutadayne, Staff Representative
- Heidi Chrzan, Office Administrator
- Petia Booyesen
- Priti Atodaria

Called to Order: 6:05 pm

Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Proceedings:

1. Welcome to Parent Council

2. Administration:

- Time keeper – Allison Crehore
- Minutes of November 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed
 - Jenny Gloria moved to approve the minutes. Priti Atodaria seconded.Unanimous approval.

3. Updates:

- Art grants submitted:
 - S’Cool Life Fund – not successful
 - Gainey Foundation – waiting to hear
 - Mural project to cover storage shed not a priority at this time
 - Jenny Gloria will let Artist Taya know we did not get the grant
- Jenny Gloria presented a motion to proceed with School Council funding of Artist Taya for 2018/19.
 - Michael John seconded the motion, and with no objections the motion passed.
 - Teachers to plan class projects
 - Ms. Ponka will speak with Artist Taya re: projects
 - Parents appreciate when art comes home

- No response received from pricing enquiry with the Clay Emporium
- Consider for 2019/20
 - Ontario Arts Council Grants <http://www.arts.on.ca/grants>
 - TDSB Creates <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/high-school/get-involved/tdsbcreates>
 - Ms. Ponka suggested survey parents to see what projects council should proceed with for next year
- Pizza Lunch – Anne Turner
 - \$430.12 funds raised (November 30)
 - Potential that granola bars are not halal, some kids do not take them, suggest alternative such as an apple noting additional cost will impact fund raising
 - Heidi Charzan will provide information on the apple delivery program through Food Share <https://foodshare.net/>
 - Members had a discussion around tipping the driver. Anne Turner presented a motion to tip the driver \$5.00. Unanimous approval.
 - To be written as “includes \$5.00 tip to driver” on cheque memo line
- Lunch Lady – Anne Turner
 - Currently averaging 12 orders per week
 - Set-up for Mondays until March Break
- Found Mackie Tattoos, no need to place the order for the end of year gift to students

4. Principal Report – Shirley Ponka

- Thank you for gift of a holiday treat for our staff, it was enjoyed!
- Students and staff happy to be back to routine- attention to attendance, punctuality and warm layers
 - There is a need for back-up garments: Snow pants, socks, mittens – donations welcome
- All adjusting to cold weather, thanks to council for contributions of shovels and snow moulds
- Welcoming an influx of new students to our school
- School Improvement Team (SIP) focussed on our three goals:
 - Achievement
 - Well-being
 - Equity

- Math Focus-teams developing: Consistency in deriving learning goals and success criteria for daily math lessons and incorporating this information for daily student assessment/feedback –team planning of daily lessons
- Assessing success of Individual Education Plans, new session of Empower Reading (specialized literacy support)
- Summative Assessments - Preparing Term 1 Progress Reports, to be sent home February 12
- Ongoing extra-curricular opportunities: house league (lunch), Mackie in Motion (am recess) Girls’Triple Ball,2 Robotics Clubs (Grade 4 /5 and Grade 6), Forest of Reading, Learning Commons Team (LCT), Eco Club, Me to We, Drawing Club
- Eco Club-Bag2 School Campaign -January 14 to February 1-bring donations of used clothing.
- Facility - thank you for calls from the community - recent improvements to: vandalism and broken glass issue at night/weekends
- Health - upcoming Lice Check, Vision and Hearing Clinic
- Responses to Council Requests for “Munsch” alternative:
 - Students to attend the Cedar Drive Performance of “Madagascar”
 - Walking excursion
 - Partnership with production company-Film Shoot at Mackie –spring 2019
 - Currently working on permits and licensing
 - Teachers interested in Jr. students participation
- Technology replenish requests:
 - Laptops slow in library (x5)
 - Plan to take 5 laptops from grade 1 classroom to replace library laptops
 - Request to purchase 5 chrome books to replace laptops in grade 1 classroom
 - Cost \$285.45 each = \$1427.25
 - Jenny Gloria moved to approve the use of council funds to purchase 5 chrome books. Unanimous approval
- Learning Opportunities Index (LOI): GP Mackie ranks #247 (out of 471)
 - The LOI ranks each school based on measures of external challenges affecting student success. The school with the greatest level of external challenges is ranked number one and is described as highest on the index. It is important to

acknowledge that students in all schools have some external challenges, even those schools that are ranked very low on the LOI. The LOI measures relative need and compares all schools on exactly the same set of data collected in a consistent, reliable, and objective manner.

- Read the full 2017 LOI report:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/research/docs/reports/LOI2017.pdf>
- Changes to Remind:
 - As of January 28 the free texting platform will no longer be supported by Bell or Rogers wireless service providers
 - Suggest parents download the free Remind App
- Adults signing out students: Reminder to please use sign in and sign out system
- Donations for Mackie Snackie coming again soon
- PIAC-Parent Involvement Advisory Committee next meeting February 19.
 - More information: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Community-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee>

5. Financial update – Michael John:

- Opening balance for 2018/19 school year \$2,653.38; current balance \$6,009.86
- December transactions:
 - Photo night
 - Pizza lunch
 - NSF cheque payment
 - \$1,460.00 tax receipts
- Estimated Chrome Books purchase \$1,427.25 (see Technology replenish requests above)
- Projected 2018/19 closing balance \$622.61
- Financial plan to be updated based upon discussions tonight

6. Fundraising - Jenny Gloria

- Movie Night will be held on Thursday, February 7 from 3:15 to 4:45pm
- Movie Night sub-committee to coordinate details via email

7. Outdoor classroom - Jenny Gloria

- Jenny Gloria summarized the exploration and current status of this project
- Even with three (successful) grants council still would not have enough funding

- Council will not be proceeding with the construction of an outdoor classroom
- Are there other ways council can support outdoor learning?
 - Suggestion of gross motor equipment such as tricycles and shovels

8. Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants – Jenny Gloria

- Council received notification our PRO grant submission was successful!
- \$1000.00 to use before the end of June
- Health and Wellness Night to be held on the evening of Thursday, April 11
- Four activities to possibly include: Toronto Public Health Nutritionist & Nurse
- Health and Wellness Night sub-committee to be established, coordinate details and report back

9. New Business – Jenny Gloria

- Council Constitution – Anne working on draft to be discussed/finalized in February.

Important Dates

- **Thursday, January 17** – Vision & Hearing Clinic
- **Friday, January 18** – PA day
- **Monday, January 21** – School lice check
- **Friday, January 25** – Pizza lunch
- **February 14-15** – Kindergarten Registration
- **Friday, February 15** – PA day
- **Monday, February 18** – Family day
- **February 20-21** – School Dental check
- **Friday, February 22** – Pizza lunch
- **Tuesday, February 26** – School Council Meeting
- **March 6–8** – Grade 6's SOES trip
- **March 11–15** – March Break
- **Friday, March 29** – Pizza Lunch
- **Tuesday, April 2** – School Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, April 10** – Ontario Science Centre Mackie Field Trip
- **Thursday, April 11** – Health & Wellness Night
- **Friday, April 19** – Easter Good Friday
- **Monday, April 22** – Easter Monday