

PMJS School Council - Minutes - Wednesday, September 30th 6:00 PM

1. Welcome & Call to Order (Amanda and Kathy)

- Call to order at 6:02pm
- Land Acknowledgement

TDSB Land Acknowledgement (Mr. Tran)

“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”

- Introductions of Attendees/Current Exec/Staff
-  2026-2027 School Council Attendance - paper attendance form sent around the table to begin this year's spreadsheet

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (Leeanne)

- Approval of [June 2026 minutes](#)
- Motion to approve - Tracey McGovern
- Second - Lianne Weatherup
- Approved 

3. Election of Executive & Voting Members (Ben Tran, Principal)

- Election of voting members and executive positions
- 9 voting members self nominated - all can be acclaimed
- One member asked if they could submit their name for voting member - bylaws do not allow for nominations on voting day - at the next meeting, the voting members can vote to approve a new voting member
- Executive Officers
- Kathy Macaluso and Amanda MacLean - no other nominees - acclaimed
- Treasurer - no nominations - can be filled by voting members at next meeting
- Secretary - no nominations - can be filled by voting members at next meeting
- If you would like to self nominate for Treasurer or Secretary positions, fill out the Google Nomination form and a vote can take place at the next meeting, it's not too late!!

4. Financial Update (Lianne)

- Current status of Finances
Printed spreadsheet provided to attendees
Bank balance at the end of the school year (parent council account) - \$9277

Opening balance for council expenditures - \$5000-\$6000 (final total depends on the final cost of sound system approved at the end of last year)

Sound system - Mr Tran working on this purchase

- Funds needed for 'Pumpkin Patch' supplies
- Proposal for expenditures:

Motion to approve \$500 council folding tables - current ones fall down, tip over etc. - Tracey McGovern

Second - Tegan Monaco

Approved 

Motion to approve pumpkin patch fundraiser event - \$500 - Amanda MacLean

Second - Tracey McGovern

Approved 

- Outstanding money to be paid
Pizza for the Get to Know You/Terry Fox Event

5. Principal's Report (Principal Ben Tran)

Welcome, excited for another year - staff here are amazing and are so good at volunteering their time to ensure students have many extra curricular activities to participate in

Ms. Ramatar has started up the math club and has recruited a few other teachers to support!

Hopefully there will not be a labour disruption and we can continue to offer lots of activities

We currently have high school students doing their coops - there are approximately 7 Martingrove students working in the Kinder to grade 2 classes

Reorg - has been completed - it has been a difficult task, all consuming of Mr Tran's time - we are very close to the numbers we provided back in spring, however, there are pockets of grades where the numbers are lower so changes had to happen

- JK - reorged and created a class of 15 which means we lost an ECE position
- Primary (gr 1-3) numbers were higher than predicted so class sizes were over ministry standard so classes were changed - grade 3 became a 2/3 and grade 4 became 3/4 with numbers - thank you to families that have been through this difficult process, we understand how difficult this can be for you and the students, never hesitate to reach out to talk about how it's going

Septmeber 28th was an exciting day at PMJS:

Terry Fox Event - thank you to all the parents for volunteering to create a perimeter for the walk!!

Thank you also to the kinders who did a smaller circular walk

Getting to Know You Event - Kinder to grade 5s spent the day participating in activities to build the whole school community - thank you to the grade 5s for supporting the younger students, it was amazing to see!

Thank you to council for providing pizza and frozen treats for the event

Student Nutrition Program - our application was approved to continue the program - all students will be provided free snacks - participation is higher than last year to start, our hope is to get as close to 100% as possible

6. Teacher's Report (Ms. Dhari and Ms. Scott)

As always PMJS is very busy!

Cross Country - next Friday October 9

Girls Soccer - 15th

Boys Soccer - 16th

Girls & Boys Football - we are still awaiting dates - it has been difficult to get coaches and fields

Student Council has been selected - will be doing a mental health awareness day - Bell Let's Talk day activities - bracelets, class presentations

Ms Scott is no longer in the library, excited to be back in the classroom, wants to continue the library evolving mural - this year will commemorate each of the Heritage months, students will be invited to participate

7. Other: (Amanda and Kathy)

- Events/engagement
 - Pumpkin Patch event is coming soon!! **October 15th 4pm-6pm**
2 PMJS families made a suggestion to council about a fundraising idea, they will provide pumpkins and there will be pumpkin decorating, face painting, photo booth, cider and hot chocolate will be for sale
Pumpkins can be purchased from school cash online - \$3.50 if purchased ahead, \$5 on the day of - maximum of 3 per family
If it is a horrible weather day - the activity will be moved to the gym - cross your fingers for good weather
Watch your email inbox for more information!
 - Fun Fair - by next meeting, there needs to be a rough draft of the plan
Who wants to volunteer? Who is seeking donations? When will the date be, what will the rain date be? Just as a heads up, it costs about \$15000, takes about 80 volunteers and rental company will need dates by November at the latest - many dates will already be being arranged by some schools
Start talking amongst yourselves about who wants to be involved in this amazing yearly event!
- Volunteers Needed! Planning evening events (Bingo/Game Night, Fun Fair etc.)
Council always wants to hear ideas from the school community for events, fundraisers etc.
Please please please talk to fellow parents - come out to meetings,
A Google Form will be sent out asking if you are interested in joining in on the fun!!!

In person volunteers will require a level 2 Police Record Check - Mr Tran can provide the letter and code needed for the process - it is free!! We will try to make everything as easy as possible for you to get this done in order to join us!!

- Questions from Council Members

*Love the school cash online option to pay for another student - how is this worked out to ensure students are getting it that need it?

Answer from council - pizza volunteers know the families and ensure their student gets pizza - no one is denied pizza - pizza is purchased for all students, any student that wants pizza, gets pizza

*Could we look into having Fun Fair on a Saturday to allow for it to be longer?

Answer from council - gets tricky with permits, high school student volunteers, kids sports, cost of rentals on weekend dates

*Is there a calendar of events that the school puts on each year

Answer from council - we don't have a repeating schedule - typical events have been bingo nights, movie night, Indigenous dance presentation and play and supplies have included tables, sports equipment, library supplies (books, stuffies etc.), each year's council decides what they wish to prioritize

*Have we ever looked at bringing Jungle Gym to PMJS?

Answer from council - not familiar with it so hasn't been researched before

*2 Fundraisers that have worked in other schools

- 1) art cards - each student gets a card and they decorate it, they get collected and printed
- 2) holiday tree - each teacher puts a list on the tree so community can purchase the items

Motion to close meeting at 7:00pm - Lianne Weatherup

Second - Tegan Monaco

Approved 

Next meeting: October 21, 2026 at 6pm (in-person and online- link will be provided in 'Weekly Happenings')