

PMJS School Council - Agenda - Monday, September 29th 6:02 PM

1. **Welcome & Call to Order** (Lianne and Amanda)

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”

Attendance - form sent around the room to create new attendance spreadsheet for this school year

Introductions of current executive members and attendees

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

Approval of June 2025 minutes

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Motion to approve - Dani Jackson

Second - Kara Hukezalie

Approved 

3. **Financial Update** (Amanda and Lianne)

Status of Finances to begin 2025-2026 school year

-  End of year was very profitable, approximately \$14000 profit from the fun fair
-  Some of this money was not spent due to backlog on orders - art carts were purchased but the other items were deferred to this year
-  School mats were too costly and would only be able to purchase 4 which would not have a big impact and would be hanging on the wall beside ones in rough shape
-  Possible upcoming goal could be gymnasium revitalization - likely need \$20000
-  Ended the year with approximately \$8500 - above the goal of \$3000
-  Fundraising was very successful over the year - even the events that were meant to build community and connections made money with sales of candy etc.
-  Thank you to the entire PMJS community for such incredible buy in and support for the activities and fundraisers, you each make such a huge impact in the school and in

the lives of all the students and educators in PMJS!

🐉 Mr. Tran will let council know which of the preapproved spends he would like to prioritize and at the next meeting he will be more certain of this year's requests (likely tech & coding as high priority)

🐉 Budget to be set by 2025-2026 Executive and shared at the next meeting for voting

4. Election of Executive & Voting Members (Principal Tran)

🐉 Introductions of people around the table

🐉 Outline of council roles provided by Mr. Tran

- 15 voting members

- 4 executive members - Chair, Vice (or 2 co-chairs), Secretary and Treasurer

🐉 This year we have received interest by 17 people to be voting members - council requires 15 voting members for the year

- Bylaws indicate that if all 17 members are present tonight there will be a vote, if not all 17 are present than the 15 will be set by acclamation

- 14 members are present and acclaimed

🐉 Executive Selection:

- Treasurer - Lianne Weatherup - acclaimed

- Secretary - Leeanne Fewkes - acclaimed

- Principal Tran to initiate the voting process

- Ballots provided to all council members - three names will be listed on the ballot - Ms. Dhari randomly selected the order of the names on the ballot

- 🏠 3 Nominees provided information about themselves and their interest in the role

- Amanda Gaudino

- Kathy Macaluso

- Dahashree Chapman "Ash"

🐉 2025/2026 PMJS Council

1st Chair - Amanda Gaudino

2nd Chair - Kathy Macaluso

🐉 Thank you to everyone that expressed interest in joining the council executive - there has not had to be a vote in a very long time - so exciting!!!

- ✿ New voting members to vote on Get To Know You event spends
 - Today was Terry Fox Run and Get to Know You events - cheese pizza was provided to all students (all dietary needs were provided for as well)
- Motion to spend \$110.27 (treat station) and \$994.24 (pizza) - Danni Jackson
- 2nd - Kristin McLachlan
- Approved

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

- ✿ First Principal's report of the school year and first report for Mr. Tran at PMJS!!
- ✿ Hard to believe it is almost a full month that we have been back to school
- ✿ First day of school seems to have gone smoother than last year - thank you to all parents for their understanding, patience and recommendations
- ✿ Next year teachers will be spread out more and will be more easily recognized (ie. wearing a safety vest)
- ✿ Classes will be more clearly identified for next year
- ✿ Lots of extra curricular activities have been starting up - thank you to all the teachers who are making these happen - as a PMJS community we are so lucky how invested PMJS teachers are in the kids!! Thank you! Thank you!
- ✿ Cross Country - this Friday - good luck to all the runners!!
- ✿ Girls 4/5 Soccer - just around the corner
- ✿ PMJS will support extra curricular activities as much as the budget will allow, costs include transportation and teacher coverage - council support this initiative, fundraising will take place too and we appreciate as much support as possible - please check emails and backpacks when students make teams as correspondence will come home asking for volunteer drivers
- ✿ Martingrove Collegiate Coop students will be coming into PMJS - they will primarily be helping out in the Kinder classes - these are students who are interested in going into teaching
- ✿ University Teacher Candidates will be in PMJS classrooms this year again - we are always so fortunate to have them in the building
- ✿ Reorg took place this week - we know that this is always a very difficult time for many students - thank you to families for your patience
 - New grade 4/5 class - this is because classes were sitting at 31 students and this is not permitted
 - No new primary class but several students were moved to ensure all classes were meeting the cap (20 students)

- Today was the first day for students in new classes - gradual integration as today was full of activities

- 🐉 Thank you to all the parent volunteers that came today to help with the Terry Fox Run - so great to be able to have the larger school yard for the children to run which allowed for the inner field to be for the kinders - we could not do this without parents!!!

- 🐉 Get to Know You Day - goal is for students to get to know each other and for students and teachers to get to know one another - teachers were running stations so all students could see them!!

- Thank you to the grade 4s and 5s who were super helpful with the younger students, especially kinders - so amazing to see these young leaders in action!

- Thank you to council for providing pizza lunch and treat table!

- 🐉 Nutrition Program Update - last year Ms. Harroun applied for a grant to support the program - approved and fridge and freezer have been delivered to PMJS - delivery of food will begin next week. Program will be up and running after the October long weekend. Program will provide breakfast supplements of grain, dairy and fruit - for the 1st year, food is provided free of charge as part of the grant. Bins of food will be provided to each classroom prior to first nutrition break - philosophy is that students can access snacks during learning

- We will take student and family feedback about how it is going, what foods are a hit or miss - this program is granted through Toronto Foundation for Student Success

- A form will be coming home for families and caregivers to allow their child to participate and an opportunity to donate to the program

- We will reapply next year and could be allocated \$16000 in coming years

6. **Teacher's Report** Ms. Dhari

- 🐉 Tomorrow - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day

- 🐉 Sporting events will be in the weekly happenings email that is sent out by Mr. Tran

- 🐉 Student Council - student group has been divided into Student Council and Student Equity Committee - tomorrow is their first big event!!

7. **Other**

- 🐉 PMJS Lunch update

- 🐉 Pizza Days are coming up!! First one may be October 17th

- Families and Caregivers - please please please get your pizza orders in on time - it can be very difficult to ensure all students have pizza when orders don't come in until the day of

pizza day - look out for the emails

- Subway orders are due Wednesday - subway days will be twice a month on Tuesdays
- School is introducing Snack Shack Wednesdays so it may mean that the council's Toonie Tuesdays are not necessary or could be less frequent?
- Could there be a popcorn day - kernels is gluten free which is a nice treat?
- Does council want to have more lunch ordering options?

Volunteers Needed!!

- Police checks can be done online - Mr Tran will send the Toronto Police link in the next weekly happenings email and will look into who is currently active at PMJS
- Committees, subcommittees can be built around new or existing ideas

PPM 144 Caring & Safe Schools Committee

- all schools required to have one and include students, community, families etc. and let the Ministry know the names of the members
- Safety Rep - Any parent/guardian can volunteer for this role, they do not need to be on council; Speak to Principal Tran if you are interested in this position
- This year's volunteer - Danni Jackson - Thank you Danni!!

Questions or comments from attendees:

- Boiler work - brand new boiler and pump in the basement - required a new cement base underneath and increased venting - it was the lack of venting that was activating the carbon monoxide alarms - delay was caused by the wait for the pump, it is here - completion date is projected to be mid October
- Fenced off area by door 3 - new soil has been placed, sod will be next then removal of the fence - the soil was found to NOT be contaminated
- Washroom cleanliness - last year there were concerns about running out of soap, backed up urinals, running out of toilet paper etc. Mr. Tran is working closely with Ricardo, the head caretaker. If anyone hears concerns that the washrooms are not hygienic, please tell classroom teacher or Mr. Tran - if repairs are required, they have to be done through work order but Mr. Tran is committed to ensuring these are completed. If there are deeper cleaning needs let Mr. Tran know
- Childcare Availability for council meetings - conversation about providing this
- Locking bathroom doors - Mr. Tran will look into these - perhaps an idea for the safety committee

🦄 Council dates discussed - impossible to pick a consistent day of the week where everyone can attend - voting members outlined their availability for each day by show of hands
Monday - 18 - next meeting will be scheduled on a Monday - new executive can continue the conversation with Mr. Tran and voting members on best way forward for dates
Tuesday - 12
Wednesday - 11
Thursday - 10

🦄 Meeting called to a close at 7:41 by Kathy Macaluso
Second - Caroline Novak
Approved

Next meeting: Monday October 20th, 2025 at 6:00pm (in-person in the Staff Room or via Google Meet)

