



PMJS School Council - Minutes - Monday, October 20th

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

 Call to order at 6:00PM by Amanda



 Attendance  PMJS School Council Attendance - 2025/2026


 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”

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

 Approval of September 2025 minutes


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 Motion to approve by Lianne Weatherup

Second by Julia Ilyina

Approved 


3. **Financial Update** (Lianne)


 Current status of Finances


 Healthy budget to start \$9516 - goal will be to spend this plus what is fundraised and then leave next year's council with a float of \$3000 as per previous years


4. **Budget Planning for 2025-2026 school year** (Amanda and Kathy)

 Budget discussion and proposal - today's meeting is for planning budget goals for this upcoming school year

 Each year council plans to spend the money made this year on this year's students and families as much as possible


 Co chairs met with Mr. Tran to discuss the school's wish list for this year:


 One bus per class for an out of school field trip - Mr Tran is going to work with the educator team to ensure that every class gets an opportunity


 Indigenous programming for the entire school



- Tech - 40 Chromebooks (Primary classes for learning centres (not 1:1 devices) and standardized testing needs)
- Sound system
- STEM - classroom kits (Dot & Dash for grades 1-3) (Sphero RVR for grades 4-6) - one set for every 2 classrooms
- Welcome to Kindergarten package - bag of goodies which historically included book, playdoh, magnets etc. and table at the Kindergarten open house with treats and an opportunity for families to learn about council and/or sign up
- Grade 5 graduation


Plan would be for the school to purchase many of these items now and as council fundraises the money would be shared with Mr. Tran

-  Question from council - would you require Chromebook carts?

Response from Mr. Tran - he prefers to get creative with storage and charging, they have some carts but in classrooms shared with before and after program, it is not ideal to leave a cart of Chromebooks in there
-  Question from council - how is it determined which curriculum items are paid for by TDSB vs parent council and who support the IT needs of council purchased Chromebooks ?

Response from Mr. Tran - the board has regular conversations about the purchase of Chromebooks, the 1:1 device program was the TDSB option but after implementation it was realized this was too costly to maintain so the program has been terminated, IT support is covered by TDSB if council purchases the devices
-  Question from council - will we be fundraising for Scientist in the School again this year?

Response from council exec and Mr Tran - not this year as in previous years the cost seemed to outweigh the benefits of the program and teachers are able facilitate the same curriculum concepts and perhaps it would be better to purchase science activities that PMJS teachers could receive and keep
-  Question from council - if an area of interest of council this year is science - could we look at planetarium program
-  Question from council - do we need to budget any money for the installation of bike racks?

Response from Mr. Tran - Undetermined, if it can go through school improvement we will not have to provide financial support but if not then yes
-  Question from council - their child was told she could not access wifi with their own device

Response from Mr. Tran - each student is able to access the wifi by signing into their student Google account - if they continue to struggle, they can talk to classroom teacher or directly to Mr Tran

- 🦄 Plans for fundraising
Projected earnings from activities - pizza (\$7000), subway (\$2000), other lunches (\$1000), fun fair (\$10000)
- 🦄 Motion to approve expenditure of the proposed Spending Plan by Kristin McLachlan
Second Kara Hukezalie
Approved

5. Principal's Report (Principal Tran)

- 🦄 Thank you to council members and the larger PMJS community for your ongoing support of the school through participation in fundraising efforts
- 🦄 October is a very busy month here at PMJS
 - **Athletics:**

Cross country meet took place - 31 student qualified to move on - this Thursday
Grade 4/5 girls soccer - moving on to the next round - this Wednesday afternoon
Grade 4/5 boys soccer - played amazing and will not be moving on to the next tournament day
 - **Academics:**

CCAT begins for grade 3s this week - it is completed using Chromebooks - thank you to the junior classes for lending their Chromebooks to the grade 3 classes for this purpose
Educators are working on progress reports which will be sent home on November 11th - interviews will take place on the evening of the 13th and morning of 14th
These reports are to let parents know how the student is doing and what goals can be set to help students achieve their fullest potential
Question from council - will all students have access to headphones and their own mouse for the test? Mr Tran is not sure but will look into this as he has not had any requests from teachers for this equipment
Conversation about how to ensure all students have access to Chromebooks, headphones and a mouse for the testing and how to store Chromebooks to ensure that all students have access
 - **Field trips:**

Mr Tran has been talking with the kinder teachers about opportunities that can

be offered to the kindergarten students - there are several amazing opportunities for this age group and of course, teachers will be asking for parent volunteers

● **School Budget & Expenditures:**

\$54900 is the school budget for this year - council members looked at the budget worksheet

There are mandatory expenses as well as additional/optional expenses: Educators were asked to set priorities for the upcoming school year and technology was the highest priority with school improvement as the second priority (math resources, Nelson pre assessment tools etc.). Pre assessment tools are one page information gathering before starting a new math area to see what students know and areas of need), facility improvements were next (ie. painting lines on the playground) PMJS has ordered Chromebook + devices for the educators - their older devices will be filtered into the student needs

New boilers are up and running!! Heat is now available as of October 15th - some work is still taking place as they are connecting the device to operating system so that the caretaker or designate can control the settings

External lights - Mr Tran has followed up with facilities and they say they have repaired them



- 👉 PMJS spirit wear is back!! The offerings will be similar to those of John G Althouse to avoid parents wondering why John G has better options!! The goal is to have samples available to view and try on during interviews and for the online store to be open for 2 weeks following interviews with items being delivered by the winter break
- 👉 There will be a dance-a-thon this year but closer to the winter break this year - not on photo day thankfully!
- 👉 Basketball nets - looking to get them replaced - possibility of getting higher nets (would minimize risk of them being broken - Mr Tran is brainstorming with facilities about best next steps - Mr Tran will put in a request for a site funded repair to get an estimate on cost so we can let Main Event know as they agreed to pay for the damage they caused
Council member suggestion - nets with backboards and removable rims so they could be connected each morning
- 👉 Playscape - Mr Tran has been talking to educators and facilities about ways to update or replace it

6. Teacher's Report

- Ms. Dhari and Ms. Scott send their regrets for tonight's meeting - Mr. Tran's report includes the teacher's report information

7. Other (Amanda and Kathy)

- New lunch options - conversation about introducing another lunch day, could be Hero Burger, Bar Burrito
Council suggestion - provide gluten free options
Kathy will continue looking into food options - look for new options coming November
- Community Engagement and Events
 - Fun Fair planning committee - it may seem early but we need to make plans ASAP - we will have to book inflatables by end of October
 - Last year we spent \$5500 on inflatables
 - Feedback given after last year was that people would like more game options
 - TDSB requires an itemized list of orders
 - Tentative date is May 28, 2026
 - motion to approve \$6500 for fun fair rentals by Lianne Weatherup
Second by Kristin McLachlan
Approved
- Looking for volunteers to take the lead on organizing events
- Food options - pizza and samosas etc don't need to be planned now but if we want M&M meats we will need to book them now - thank you Kristin and Katie for volunteering to look into this
- Any suggestions for community events this year? Anyone want to be part of a community event sub committee - goal would be to have one event before winter break and one after - thank you Udari for volunteering to start the planning - anyone who would like to support this just reach out, all are welcome
- Council member questions:
 - can the orange fence be removed - Mr Tran will follow up
 - bathroom near door #3 and bathroom by door to back playground - soap dispensers are empty, locks on stall doors do not align - could student council members have a check in where they see if things are not maintained, they report to Ricardo

 Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40PM by Kristin McLachlan
Second Julia Ilyana
Approved 

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 at 6pm

