

## **PMJS School Council - Minutes - Wednesday, February 4th**

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

Call to order at 6:02pm

- Attendance

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UamiNYCqGxJ8iLx8uAk4UV3yrHIDmbsO7BP6Ylee9w/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

- TDSB Land Acknowledgement

“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 November 2025 minutes

- [https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/LinkClick.aspx?fleticket=a\\_-CVzZrz4Q%3d&portalid=163](https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/LinkClick.aspx?fleticket=a_-CVzZrz4Q%3d&portalid=163)

- Motion to approve - Lianne Weatherup

- Second Julia Ilya

- Approved 

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

- Current status of Finances

- We are doing well with fundraising

- Working at getting cheques for the account so we can start paying the school for the purchases we have agreed upon

- Bank account is currently showing just over \$15000

- School lunch financial update - going well

- Lianne has been running tests on how to accept money that come in for Fun Fair donations - system seems to be working well

- Kinder spending - council has not heard what the teachers would like to purchase

Mr Tran is looking into large bins with the hope of having the tricycles in them so they don't have to be dragged in and out all the time

- STEM - Mr. Tran will be putting in the order for the dot and dash and sphero

- Sound system order is going in - the ones available from the board seem to be very good - this should come quicker - estimated cost of \$3000

- Toonie Tuesday - conversation about if we need to adjust - fewer days, more days??

Snack Shack is every other week

Council feels as though we can continue to do them on the hot lunch days - maybe we can offer different snacks than available at Snack Shack

Council question - are the Snack Shack snacks from TDSB vendors - not at this time, for

fundraising school is permitted to use outside vendors - if families would like their child to not purchase snacks, they do not have to send money

#### 4. **Teacher's Report** (Ms. Dhari/Ms. Scott)

- Grant - Food Share Toronto - Ms. Scott will be working with Mr Murdoch on creating the multi purpose space - looking into an apple orchard and planting boxes - grade 5 students will be doing prep work in the coming months as the work is indoor - goal is to have food that have clearly delineated growth times so the students get to see what they have grown  
Food Share Toronto has come to PMJS to see the site, no concern about the coyotes as they are carnivores and the program instructs on how to build the planting boxes with screening or other ways to protect the growth from rabbits etc.
- Martingrove Collegiate has a program where they build wood projects - looking at partnering with them to build benches/community seating, we will need to provide the wood  
Parent comment - if you know how much wood you need, perhaps families could donate? Ms. Scott will update when she knows more
- Ms. Dhari - Tuesday Feb 10th Boys Basketball - Rockliffe  
All genders Ball Hockey Feb 11th - Sir Adam Beck  
Girls Volleyball - March 3rd - Sir Adam Beck  
Grade 3 Bracelet Club with Ms. Watson is happening  
Talent Show auditions continue  
Candygrams - Room 6, last recess, students can come to during period 6 to write the notes  
and purchase the candygrams - there is an announcement every morning  
Feb 25th - Pink Shirt Day  
Grad Hoodie samples are available for viewing/trying on

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

- Report Cards are coming up - next week - look for them in back packs Tuesday
- Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Thursday evening and Friday during the school day
- If teachers would like to talk to families/caregivers they will reach out to request the meeting - if parents would like a meeting, they can reach out to teachers - interviews are usually sought for students whose performance has dropped or who may require extra supports - there is an online portal to book the interview - if you are having trouble with the portal reach out to the teacher
- Last week inclement weather messaging went out - TDSB has strict policies for cold weather and recess - when temps reach -28 or lower - students will stay indoors, -20 to -28 the recesses will be shortened (ie. lunch will be 20 minutes max)
- Here at PMJS we implement cold weather policies so if students are outside before school and the temperature is -20 or below, students will be permitted to come inside from 8:05am on
- For outdoor play in extreme weather, educator team at PMJS makes the decision as to what activities can be engaged in - ie. if too muddy, can't use the field, too icy, can't go on the hills etc. All of these

decisions are made with student safety as the priority -if you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Mr. Tran. This information is shared with students everyday by the announcements

- 3 lunch room supervisors assigned to the large field during lunch recess
- Parent comments - could we arrange to have some shoveling/snow blowing to allow walking across the field and colis - previously the plowing company that does the parking lot took the truck and made a path but this recent storm, they did not do it - the TDSB policy is to have a pathway around the school, the bus path is concerning too, door 3 area needs to be more thoroughly cleared, especially since we encourage families to walk but it has become a safety concern, parent shared that they sometimes bring their child late so they can go in the front door safely

Mr. Tran will look into the comments about door 3 tonight after council and provide an update tomorrow

- Facilities - boilers are completely up and running, they are still under warranty so any blips we face, we are in touch with the vendor
- Washrooms - lockable doors - all boys bathrooms are lockable, girls bathrooms have 3 that are not lockable - Ricardo is getting the parts so that all doors will be lockable by Monday
- Paper towels are often an issue - looking at the possibility of hand dryers
- Mr. Tran is talking to students, in particular Juniors, asking them to let a grown up in the building know if the washrooms are missing soap, too messy etc. If we know right away, the problem can be fixed, when we hear from parents at night, that means they problem stayed a problem all day
- Goal is to have all of PMJS community working together to keep all parts of the school clean and working!
- Fence line to hydro field - there was an opening by the end of the parking lot and seems to be where the coyotes are coming in - Mr. Tran ordered a gate and it has been installed! Yay! The gate will be able to be locked to ensure it is closed to keep coyotes out.
- Basketball nets - the damaged one has not yet been fixed, two are starting to lean - Mr. Tran has put in a work order through D&C (Design & Construction) which takes some time
- Parent concern - please don't allow for all the basketball nets to be removed - took so long to get the kinder play area, like 5 years and student deserve as many rec opportunities as possible

## 6. **Other** (Kathy and Amanda)

- **FUN FAIR- May 28th, 2026**

Committee meeting a couple weeks ago - still looking for sponsorships - letter is ready

Everyone should be getting a flyer in their student's backpack with a Save the Date

There will also be messaging sent out by email

Event will be live on School Cash Online as of today

Families that donate \$100 or more will receive bracelets for Fun Fair and a tax receipt

- **Community Engagement and Events**

\* Bingo Night - Tentative Date is March 5th

\* Thank you Ash for taking this on

\* Ash has been talking to the school photo photographer and they can arrange to attend Bingo night if people are interested - more information will be provided in the coming weeks

- **Community Questions and concerns**

\*Getting volunteers to lead and help with council evening events has become very tricky


\*Please talk with everyone you know about how great these events can be - would be amazing to get more names who can be contacted to run these!!

\*Tru Earth laundry supplies has agreed to be a fundraising partner - if you order off their website a portion of spending goes to the school - thank you Ash for making flyers - the banking information has been provided so Lianne (Treasurer) will look out for deposits

\*heard a student had a tooth broken by a hockey stick - wondering if the school will do an investigation and how hockey sticks will be used moving forward - Mr. Tran encouraged any parent that has a concern about student safety reach out to him directly - all physical education teachers at PMJS ensure they follow all [Ophea](#) guidelines

Motion to close meeting at 7:21pm by Kara Hukezalie

Second - Lianne Weatherup

Approved 

**Next meeting:**

- **Fun Fair Planning Committee meeting**- MARCH, date TBD
- **School Council meeting**: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6pm (virtual link can be found in the “Weekly Happenings”)

