


PMJS School Council - Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 PM

1. Welcome & Call to Order at 6:35 pm (Lianne and Amanda)

Attendance



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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 the February 2024 minutes

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Motion to approve minutes Kristin McLellan

Second Kathy Macaluso

Approved 

3. Financial Update (Katie Sinclair)

Current status of Finances (Katie)

 Discussion of the reallocation of funds remaining/not yet spent

 2 Items have gone through since last meeting:


★ \$1100 phys ed upgrade


★ \$200 balance for grade 4, 5 and Ms. Cuddemi class

Outstanding:


★ \$100 per class (K-3) spent by April's end


★ \$300 left for 4/5s and Ms. Cuddemi

 Indigenous Dance Presentation is not moving forward with original Presenter - money can be reallocated or can look into another Dancer

 Lunches continue to raise more money than originally budgeted for

 Suggestion by council member - recess baskets for each class

 Thank you Katie for purchasing and delivering baskets to classes!!

 **Motion** to reallocate leftover funds from Phys Ed spend and fundraising to recess baskets for each class up to \$3400 - Katie Sinclair


Second - Leeanne Fewkes


Approved 


 **Motion** to approve outdoor recreation fund up to \$2000 - Kathy Macaluso

Second - Kristin McLellan

Approved 


 Council question - can families donate items - absolutely!! If you have outdoor activities that are in great shape but are not being used anymore, just reach out to Ms. Harroun or teacher.

 **Motion** to approve \$2500 worth of expenses from the PMJS Budget Request Form - Kristin McLellan
Second Julia Ilyina
Approved

 Conversation about ideas for school wide presentations and classroom requests:

- Indigenous Dancers
- Phys Ed equipment
- Tech
- Classroom library items - typically purchased through library funds - just received some

4. **Fundraising update** (Amanda/Lianne)


 Changes for September

- There is a vote put forth at the trustee level that would change Council Fundraising efforts starting next September - fundraising money would be pooled in a general account so that schools that do not have robust fundraising would be able to access and increase TDSB Council Equity

5. **Teacher's Report** (Ms. Dhari/Ms. Cuddemi)


 PMJS Sports

- Badminton date was originally scheduled Monday, may need to change due to construction at the hosting school - Semi Finals will be the 15th
- Coed Volleyball is Tuesday
- Semi Finals scheduled for Wednesday
- Trying to secure a track for April 15th to host track and field day


 PMJS Clubs and Presentations






- Ms. Bos is planning a show with songs and dances for grades 1-3
- Eco Team is putting together events for the end of the month
- Student Council is planning a presentation to each of the classes on neurodiversity
- Jump Rope for Heart is back!! Scheduled for May 27th
- Swim to Survive begins tomorrow - Mr. Kooy's class is first
- Save the Date for Grade 5 grad is June 24th - Ms. Harroun has sent out a save the date to families - check your inboxes!

6. **Principal's Report** (Ms. Harroun)



 A lot of things have happened at PMJS since our last council meeting - some great, some less great!

- Talent Show was a wonderful success
- School bus safety presentation
- Early literacy screening
- Evacuations and school closures due to sewer back up

 As a result of the recent evacuations, the funding for a new PA system and classroom phones has been approved as well as an auto scrubber to clean the gym floor after all the dust and debris from the repairs

-  Thank you to all the students and families for their cooperation, patience and understanding - it is not typical to have so many things happen in such a short time but together, we made it through! We followed the protocol and prioritized safety of everyone. The Board has committed to replacing the boilers at PMJS this summer.
-  Tweet Tweet Treat Week is coming up - grade 5s are holding a fundraiser for graduation costs - get ready!
-  Allocations for 2025-2026 school year
 - Elementary Teaching Allocation - 21.5 teachers
 - Projected to have 3 full kindergarten classes, each class will be a full class with ECE
 - Grade 1-3: 8 classes, with one exemption, one less than this year
 - Grade 4-5: 4 classes, same as this year
 - Biggest change for us is that last year they only allocated PMJS a 0.5 for ESL, this year we are able to plan for having 1.0
 - Currently have 386 students
 - Planning department studies movement, attrition etc. and project numbers for each school
 - Ms. Harroun believes that PMJS will not have to surplus any staff
 - The next step is for approval of the plan followed by teacher's completing their preference form and then teacher allocations
 - Teacher allocations are not shared with the PMJS community as it is always subject to change
-  Class feedback forms will be sent out again this year - please share all of your thoughts about the needs of the student in your home - learning style, approaches that work, unique needs etc.
-  Thank you so very much to all the educators and staff in the school - despite the evacuations and other difficult situations, there has been so much joy exuded by the school community

7. **Other** (Lianne and Amanda)

-  **Pizza/Subway/Toonie Thursday**
 - Confirmation of remaining dates for Pizza/Toonie Thursday's:
 - ★ Subway final 3 dates: April 23, May 21 and June 11
 - School Cash Online has all these dates for sale - will be closing mid April so book now!
 - There will only be one more block of dates for pizza
 - ★ June: Freezies? Ice Cream Day?
-  **Community Engagement and Events**
 - BINGO night- April 3rd, 6pm to 7:30pm (Kristin)
 - ★ \$1 on School Cash Online, Snacks for sale
 - ★ Volunteers needed during the event - there is a sign up list for 3 time slots
 - ★ Volunteer activities will include handing out cards, selling treats, setting up tables and clean up
 - ★ An email will be sent out with the link to the volunteer sign up sheet
 - ★ It's going to be a great night, hopefully everyone comes out!!

FUN FAIR- May 29th, 2025

- Sponsorship update (Lianne)
 - ★ Thank you to some early bird sponsors: Lakeview Dentistry, Delta G Aluminum, Code Ninjas, Tegan Monaco Photography, Ritchie Smyth Lawyers,
 - ★ All costs have been covered by our fabulous sponsors, we will of course still welcome sponsors

- Looking for basket raffle donations
 - ★ Classroom basket raffle - themes will be assigned by grade and students can bring in items
 - ★ There will be an early bird draw for a few items: Toronto FC tickets, Bubble Passes and other fun items to build up the excitement for the event
 - ★ Baskets will need to be created by mid May
 - ★ Watch your inbox for an email kicking off the event!
 - ★ This year there will be a wristband system for the bouncy castles - pre sales will be on School Cash Online

- The silent auction will be online this year - we would love to have a volunteer to run this - there are online apps to facilitate it - there will be a lead up to the auction where people can view items
Thank you Kristin and Brian for volunteering to take the lead on this project!!
- Need ideas for entertainment-games, etc.
- We are still looking for volunteers - watch out for the email about Fun Fair - there will be a sign up sheet
- Food - school cash online will open May 1st and run through 12th to order food
 - ★ Pre orders will include M&M Meats and Pizza Pizza (full pizza)
 - ★ On site food purchases will include samosas, treat tables

- Suggestion from Council Member - can grade 5 students sell items to fundraise for grade 5 grad
Ms. Harroun response - the school would like to arrange for the students to fundraise at other events
- Keep your eyes open for the Fun Fair Email with so much more information and opportunities to join in the planning process and tasks during the fair! The more the merrier!!

Motion to close meeting at 8:14pm by Katie Sinclair

Second - Leeanne Fewkes

Approved

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 6th, in-person and online via 'Google Meet' 6:30-8:00 p.m.

