

PMJS School Council Meeting - Tuesday, November 9th 6: 30 PM

1. Welcome & Call to Order (Karin)

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

2. Brief Introductions (Karin & Exec)

- Quick hello from the executive
- Welcome to all parents
- [PMJS Parent Council Meeting Attendance List 2021/2022](#)

3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (Leeanne)

- Approval of June 2021 minutes
Motion - Karin Hewitt
Second - Colleen Madden
Abstain - Mandy Frake Mistak
Approved ✓
- Approval of minutes from October meeting
Motion - Katie Sinclair
Second - Amanda
Approved ✓

4. Financial Update (Katie Sinclair, Treasurer)

- Starting budget \$
- Finance spreadsheets shared
- If not permitted to fundraise plan is to use half of funds and keep other half for next year
- If permitted, further discussion will take place
- Priority expenses - grade 5 grad
- Paul Davis - who would know if we made a deposit for his presentation, who is our contact?

5. Parent Contribution Letter (Katie)

- Last year - parent donations were approximately \$4000 - this was the only fundraising last year due to covid
- This letter replaces several fundraising activities that used to occur - cookie sales, wrapping paper sales etc. Parent council felt it was better to do a one time ask rather than several initiatives
- When does the letter need to go out?
Current plan is to send this out after the holiday season
- What will contributions be used for this year?
Would be great for families to know what the fundraising is going toward
Previous years funded scientists in the schools, staff wish lists etc

6. A brief overview of council & elections (Karin & Kara)

- Amend minimum number of meetings this school year

Current bylaws indicate a minimum of 6 meetings per year

Proposal - during covid/virtual amend to a minimum of 4 per year - to return to 6 once in person meetings can occur again

Motion - Kara

Second - April

Approved ✓

- Voting Member Information/Clarification

Current bylaws have voting membership at 15 people, quorum is 8

Consideration - can amend to have fewer voting members to ensure quorum met - given that there are 17 voting members, we will defer this

- Confirmation of voting members - Exec, Krystine, Lisa (?), Colleen, Aliza (regrets today), Andy, Kristal, Lisa, Amanda, Naomi, Gary, Nicole, Mandy, Ms. Giesen

7. **Principal's Report** (Principal Lee)

- Welcome and thank you for attending
- Huge thank you for donations to Hallowe'en - amazing amount for all the students, everyone got a goodie bag
- Remembrance Day this week - virtual link has been sent out, if you know anyone not receiving these please let Ms. Lee know
- 4 new families have joined the PMJS community - donations are coming in - still in need of toiletries, clothes, furniture, baby supplies are needed
- Trustee Dan McLean requested the drive and excess donations will be forwarded to him for distribution to other new families
- Fundraising can begin - Purdy's chocolates, Gift basket raffle can all begin - Mrs. Lee open to help with this
- Photo day - Clear Images did a great job, they were able to do graduation photos to ensure they happened this year, retakes will be available, date will be set in the coming days - photos will be delivered to the school and sent home with the students, plan is that class photos will be created
- Parent Protocol - reminder of practice of approaching child's teacher first, followed by Mrs. Lee and then Superintendent as needed - if you do not feel that teachers are responsive, reach out to Mrs. Lee
- PMJS Webpage - school council link will have the monthly minutes
- Covid - TPH nurse will be calling Mrs. Lee in the coming weeks with updates on 5-11 year old vaccines, thank you for continuing to screen daily, covid protocols continue to be followed in the school and on the playground
- Mrs. Lee & Ms Giesen are presenting this evening to Asian delegates in Shanghai

8. **Teacher's Report** (Mr Noble/Ms Geisen)

- Introduced self as the drama and dance teacher
- Thank you for all your support - all the teachers are greatly appreciative
- Tyrig to make this year as exciting as possible for students given all that has been going on over the past 2 years
- Hallowe'en went great, the parade was a success, orange and black day helped everyone feel included

- Field trips - Outdoor Education Centre of Albion Hills:
K-3 had a virtual field trip where the presenters came to PMJS
4-5 went to Albion Hills and were outside learning - very exciting to have field trips back in person!!
- Ms. Cudemi arranged the McMichael Art Gallery field trips - inspired by an Indigenous Artist - students will be making their own creation as well
- Remembrance Day Assembly Thursday - each of the class performances will be pre-recorded - slide show can be shared
- Heritage Months
October - Islamic and Somali Heritage Month
November - Diwali, Remembrance Day, Hindu, Indigenous Heritage Month and Bullying Awareness Week begins next week
December - Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas celebrations
- November 17th-30th - Scholastic Virtual Book Fair - 450 titles to choose from for K-5, email is coming!
- Mrs. Franklin officially retires November 25th - there will be an in school presentation by the grade 3-5s - unfortunately there won't be able to be families participating due to covid restrictions
*Families were sent a flipgrid to leave messages for her
*still considering if there will be a virtual component to allow families to come online - more information will be sent once plans are finalized
- All families should have received a slide show of curriculum night - if you did not receive this, please ask your teacher
- Report cards will be hard copy this year
- Interview email has been sent out - sign up if you would like a meeting - interviews are the Thursday 18th in the evening and Friday 19th in the morning - Interviews will be virtual or on the phone - if neither of those times work for you family, speak to your teacher if you need another date/time

9. **Book Club** (Karin)

- Principal Lawrence began a Parent Council book club last year
- If book club takes place this year, books would not be purchased by parent council
- If there is a parent that would like to start this up again
- Krystine would be open to participate but does not have the time to lead

10. **Spirit Wear** (Principal Lee/Karin)

- Big thanks to Kristal who arranged the Spirit Wear last year - was amazing, families very happy
- Principal Lee has a new supplier in mind (SAL) - of note, would be useful to explore if there will be new fees/set up costs to change suppliers, also need to confirm that PMJS owns the design
- Parent Council volunteer to work with Mrs. Lee on Spirit Wear: Kristal John
Motion to approve a new supplier (pending excessive costs, property rights)
Motion - Katie Sinclair

Second - Krystine
Approved ✓

11. **Other** (Karin/Principal Lee)

- Safety rep for 2021/2022:
NO volunteers - please think about it as we need to have a representative
Outstanding question for Principal Lee - does the safety rep have to be on council
- Welcoming our new families from Afghanistan
Outstanding question for Principal Lee - could the family use a stroller?
Larger furniture items - Karin will connect with Ms. Szacki about how to drop off larger items, what is needed and ask about follow up messaging going out to families since sometimes children don't bring the print outs home in one piece
 - Chair available, Dining Room Table available
- Basket Raffle - could do a live zoom call, send tickets home?
Could there be a subcommittee - Katie Sinclair, Lianne Weatherup, Karin Hewitt, April Permaul
Kara has additional donations - candy, sports items etc.
Goal would be for it to be underway by November 29th - launch date and draw date Dec 14
Ideally we would use School Cash Online
Motion to approve basket raffle fundraiser - Katie
Second - Mandy
Approved
- Purdy's chocolate selling - Mrs. Lee spoke to Karin about this - deadline to order is November 30th, Karin will follow up with Mrs. Lee and Purdy's to inquire about delivery options (if goes to the school, that would not be a great option)
*Amanda Gaudino will help Karin with this

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM
Motion - Kara
Second - Naomi
Approved ✓

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:30-8:00 p.m. via Zoom