



PMJS School Council Minutes Wednesday April 22nd, 2026

1. Welcome & Call to Order at 6:03pm (Amanda and Kathy)

- Attendance
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UamiNYCqGxJ8iLx8uAk4UV3yrHIDmbsO7BPa6Ylee9w/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)

-  04FEB2026 - PMJS School Council - DRAFT Minutes - for PMJS website
 - Motion to approve - Lianne Weatherup
 - Second - Julia Ilyia
 - Approved 

3. Financial Update (Lianne)

- Current status of Finances is positive
 - Right now we have a bank account with just over \$16000 which includes the BarBurrito money which isn't actually an income until May
 - The \$1000 set aside at the beginning of the year for incidentals for Fun Fair has been spent but will be reimbursed once sponsorship money starts coming in
 - STEM donations - original approval was for \$2700 and current expense is at \$4000 - we need to vote on 2 options:
 1. Reallocate from sound system donation as Mr Tran would like to continue researching and have ready to go for September
 2. Increase the donation by \$1500

Motion to increase the STEM donation by \$1500 - Kathy Macaluso

Second - Kristin McLachlan

Approved 

Kinder storage bins have been found at home depot - 2 will be purchased

Kinder welcome day will still be funded

Grade 5 graduation funds are set aside - schools has not provided details yet

By the end of the school year our entire expenses will be spent as planned

4. **Teacher's Report** Ms. Dhari and Ms. Scott - Regrets

- Report presented by Mr. Tran
- Girls and Boys slow pitch try outs will be coming up next week
- Track and Field Day is soon as the meet is in May
- May will be a very busy month
- Bus safety presentation is this Friday
- Indigenous Presentation - The Wishing Tree and Where the Lightning has Struck Book reading for all grades - Pamela Devonshire - Wednesday 29th

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

- Grade 3 team is currently finalizing the details for the EQAO - parents can expect a letter very soon with more information - dates will be Monday May 11th to Friday May 15th
We are asking all grade 3 parents to support the school in this endeavour - please do your best to ensure students attend everyday this week
Students do not need to do anything to prepare at home - all classes will be talking to students, practicing with them and will send information home to families - if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to teachers
- LOST & FOUND - it is growing!!! Student council will be starting an initiative to get through all the winter items - classes will be visited, messaging will come to families asking for you to come to the school to see if anything belongs to you! At the end of the year, if there is anything left it may be donated - let's all work together to get the items back with their families!!
- Facilities - bike racks are finally installed!!! This also means that there is room in the storage room now that racks are outside and ready to be used.
- Basketball net is now installed - no more hole!! The facilities team also straightened the bent ones. As the students like the height where it is, we kept it the same - downside to this is the high schoolers may try to dunk which leads to the bending
- Next project is to repaint the lines - bball, 4 square etc. Thank you Mr. Fisher and Mr Tran for making this a priority
- Next year there will be major changes in how math is taught - one focus will be to ensure all teachers in the same grade are teaching all curriculum pieces - there will be a math plan for all grades including pre assessment, check ins to ensure consistency and teaching plans
- Reminder from Mr Tran that change doesn't happen overnight - Mr Tran has been observing and noticing and will build plans with all teachers moving forward

Questions from Council Members:

1. Will all students have headphones provided for EQAO? Important to prioritize accessibility for all.

Mr. Tran - team discussed this, the only headphones option to purchase in the catalogue are bluetooth which leads to charging problems so they will come back to the team to discuss
The school is going to ensure that every grade 3 student will have a chromebook, the same chromebook for the full week during EQAO testing

2. Have the at home sample questions been opened up and shared with families? And will they be providing paper and pencil “thinking book” and highlighting that it is encouraged to use it? Misconception is that they can’t use paper - they absolutely can.

Mr. Tran - teachers are talking to their classes about “showing their thinking” and other ways to ensure that all learners know that the paper is one of the strategies to use

3. As teachers, many council parents know that online testing is just plain difficult - multiple choice is challenging as kids often just click randomly when stumped

Mr. Tran - this year is the first year since the testing was online that the written component will be done with paper and pencil, hoping to avoid the random clicking

4. Has grade 3 team been talking about anchor charts? Other strategies? In class today, parent did not see anything posted and when asked teacher, they said they don’t do that...

Mr. Tran - yes, lots of talk about the wall as the 3rd teacher - Mr. Tran plans to talk with the teachers about having the word wall, math wall, justify tools etc.

5. Isn’t the EQAO a tool to check how teachers teach, assess the curriculum etc?

Mr. Tran - no, not really - he uses it in conjunction with report cards to see what the students need to work on in each subject - EQAO is a starting point to find what works for learners

6. Just wanting to highlight that standardized testing does not take into consideration the impact of COVID-19 on learning and ultimately test results

7. Can you share staffing and teacher numbers?

No - we still don’t know the numbers or spaces - TDSB has decreasing enrollment

September 4th is when families will be provided information about numbers

Teaching team is still working on what tentative teaching assignments will be

Class placements - team looking at asking for parent input on needs of their student for next year, stay tuned!

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

- **FUN FAIR- May 28th, 2026 5pm to 7:30pm**

Update on planning:

- Sponsor has organized a photo booth instead of a monetary donation
- Question: Selling wristbands after school instead of school cash online?
Concern: losing the wristband, collecting cash, tracking

Donations

- Raised \$4600 through sponsors (Covered costs for Main Event)
- We are not into profit!!
- \$1150 from families that donated (mainly \$100 = tax receipt, wristbands for 4)
- Donations needed for basket raffle!! See flyer in backpacks
- Goal: May 15th see what items we have, if we need to supplement

This Year's Early Bird Raffle:

- End of this week, we will be getting the raffle off the ground!
- Grand Prize: 5 tickets to the Blue Jays Game
- Gift Basket with Jelly Cat, Nedoh
- Passes to Air Riderz / Bubble

Pre-order wristbands and Food (BBQ/Pizza)

- April 30th - May 14th , pre-order through School Cash Online
- Wristbands / Food Tickets: sent home the week of May 25th
- Wristbands: \$10 presale, \$15 day of
- BBQ combo: pre-order \$10, \$15 day of
- XL Pizza: pre-order, \$15 (10 slices, cheese or pepperoni)
- Samosas, Chips, Other Snack Items for sale day of

Volunteers

- Amanda has a solid group of volunteers, need 40 more ideally
- If you are available to help out please let us know!!
- Some staff have volunteered to help out

Silent Auction

- This year we will not be having a silent auction
- Last year it was a lot of work and very little fundraising value
- Basket raffle will happen and early bird raffle is a good addition to replace the silent auction

Weekly communication will be coming up to keep Fun Fair on everyone's mind

Council Member Question:

Is this a school event or a full community event? Consensus is that we would like to keep it mainly school community / neighbourhood event - not prepared for it to be a full Etobicoke

event as we want to make sure our own students have access to the activities and a chance for families to connect with teachers and other families

- **Community Questions and concerns**

- Kinder Toilet Situation: chemicals caused a smell; students needed to be out of the classroom → Mr. Ricardo was cleaning the kinder toilets, using Board approved product; however, this should be done after school to avoid the smell
- Mr. Paul was an excellent substitute custodian / pizza helper
- Bathroom Cleanliness → Mr. Tran spoke to Mr. Ricardo re: deep clean of the bathrooms; following up with Facilities as it will need to be when the school is empty (Hard to schedule b/w school year, and Permits)
- Pot Holes in Parking Lot → 2 work orders are in: 1 for a quick fix, 1 for the ‘hot one’ (most likely in the summer)
- Question: Payment for Tru Earth deposited ? Not sure yet as the banking deposits don’t always show the vendor; look for “Tru Earth Media”; should be \$42
- Concerns with Weekly Happenings and Gmail formatting?
 - ★ Solution: School Messenger – the App is an excellent way to view emails and submit student absences

Motion to adjourn at 7:09pm - Kristin McLachlan

Second - Lianne Weatherup

Approved

Next meeting is the final meeting of the school year:

Wednesday, June 10th at 6pm - virtual link will be sent in the “Weekly Happenings”

