

Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday October 5th, 2021
6:30 - 8:00 PM

1. Welcome to 2021/2021 school year at PMJS and call to order
2. Creation of voting membership: Krystine Suvoda, Lisa, Colleen Madden, Leeane fewkes, Katie Sinclair, Kara Hukezalie, Karin, Aliza, Andy, Kristal John, April, Amanda, Naomi, Gary Weatherup, Nicole
3. TDSB staff can be a voting member or executive, but not at the school that you are working at
4. Outline of Executive Roles:
 - Chair - creation of agenda, attend and facilitate meeting, meet with executive monthly, manage budget, sign off on finances, liaise with principal, join subcommittees (ie. fundraising, bylaws) - involvement can vary depending on the principal, your availability and what is needed at the time (ie. Covid)
 - Vice Chair - partner with the Chair, attend meetings, executive meetings, liaise with principal
 - Secretary - note taking
 - Treasurer - yearly attestation, attendance at meetings, financial presentation at meetings, approximately 2 hrs/month
 - *Safety Representative - their name is posted in a newsletter so the community knows who you are and can reach you if there are safety concerns, liaise with Ms. Lee when concerns arise and participate in the safety committee at PMJS
5. Creation of executive
 - 1 - Chair (Karin Hewitt) tentatively, Ms. Lee will confirm with Karin tomorrow
 - 2 - Vice Chair (Kara Hukezalie)
 - 3 - Secretary (Leeanne Fewkes)
 - 4 - Treasurer (Katie Sinclair)
 - Safety Representative -
6. Approval of June 2021 minutes - deferred to next meeting
7. Approval of by-laws - have been posted since end of school year last year
 - Motion - Kara
 - Second - Mandy
 - Against - 0
 - Abstain - 0
 - Motion passed ✓
8. Financial (Mark)
 - \$6,037.19 in council account to begin this school year
 - Family donations were the only fundraising line last year
 - Council funded 9 initiatives last school year
 - Mark will pass on the binder to new Treasurer Katie Sinclair
9. Future Meeting Dates - need to do a minimum of 4 meetings/year
 - Second Tuesday of the month
10. Principal's Report (Ms. Lee)
 - New staff - Mr. Magno virtual grade 3 covering for a mat leave
 - Ms. Copper - new 0.5 french teacher

Ms. K - covering Mr. Noble
Mr DeBello - gr. 1
Ms. Dhari - now permanent
Ms. Adjula (sp?)

Population currently 359 students - was 353 but 6 more students went virtual - some schools were selected for virtual classes - students in that class are from neighbouring schools as well (3-4 are PMJS)

Next opportunity to request a switch to/from virtual will be in February

Reorg is taking place:

Kinder - new DECE designation allowing for all classes to have a DECE - reorg happened 2 weeks ago to allow all classes to be smaller sized

Received allocation of another 1.0 teacher - will impact grades 1/2/3/4/5 - splits from grade 3 up will be removed - will now be straight 3, 4, and two 5s

Everyone will be in their new classes by October 12th (Tuesday after long weekend) - calls to parents and update to staff will begin tomorrow

Class sizes are capped at 20 - a few exemptions from grade 3 up with classes up to 23 students

Facilities - Mr. Curry very much appreciated by the staff team - he is ensuring all enhanced cleaning is happening

Roof repair, water main and awning replacement is complete, all accomplished this summer

Ms. Lee has been in touch with Toronto Police Service (TPS) regarding the garbage that is left on school property on weekends and evenings - officer attended and did a walkabout the property and made suggestions and there is now a direct line between TPS and PMJS for reports - fence was put up by Hydro to block the field but it is down now

Parking - signage is clear that there is no UTurns, no blocking of road - parents are encouraged to walk with their children when possible - continues to be a safety concern - Ms. Lee will continue to work on this - ideally parents would park on a neighbouring street and walk

Consideration for a crossing guard

Covid - 1 confirmed case (supply staff member), there is a standard template that goes out to all parents - if your child's cohort was affected, you would have been provided direct correspondence from PMJS and from Toronto Public Health (TPH) - all staff wear masks in school and out - students have a mask break outdoors - community members are expected to wear a mask on property, for the most part this is going well

Sick Kids is going to provide saliva test kits to TDSB - PMJS will be receiving theirs in the coming days - school submits the test but parents receive the results

Trustee McLean - reached out to Ms. Lee as there will be a group of Afghan Refugees moving into the Etobicoke community in the next couple of weeks - hoping the PMJS community would consider a fundraising effort - clothing drive

Curriculum Night - teachers come together in teams to create a slide deck and videos for

parents - will be sent after reorganization

Fundraising - have not been given the green light to fundraise yet - next update will likely be November

11. Teacher's Report (Mr. Borges)

September has been a busy month - last year raised \$1800, this year \$3969.25 raised for Terry Fox Day through TShirt sales, Ttoonie for Terry and online donations

Primary Classes - International Dot Day - Peter Reynolds author talk

Junior Classes - Ms. Giessen invited Sadia Farruci - Yousef Azeen is not a hero - fantastic presentation on identity

Orange Shirt Day went well - BT showcased the orange shirts building a larger shirt

October - considering a Hallowe'en event - awaiting TPH and TDSB approval - looking at a virtual parade

-awaiting TPH and TDSB approval for extra curriculars to begin

12. Thank you to Lois and Shefali for attending tonight to guide us into this new school year

13. Thank you to all the parents that attended tonight and to those who have volunteered to be voting members and executive

14. Handover of executive - each member to email Mandy with preferred email address

15. Motion to close the meeting - Leeanne Fewkes

Approved - Krystal John

Second - Kara Hukezalie

Next Parent Council Meeting: November 9th 6:30 - 8:00