

PMJS School Council October 29th

1. Welcome & Call to Order (Lianne and Amanda)

Call to order at 6:31PM by Lianne Weatherup

Attendance for 22024-2025 School year.

- [+ PMJS School Council Attendance - 2024/2025](#)
- Please have a look at the attendance spreadsheet and ensure that your name, email and voting member status is accurate - apologies for any errors!

TDSB Land Acknowledgement (Ms. Dhari)

“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”
Introductions of Attendees/Current Exec/Staff

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (Leeanne)

- Approval of September 2024 minutes
- [PMJS School Council - Minutes - Thursday, September 26, 2024 - For PMJS website](#)
- Motion to approve minutes - Lianne Weatherup
- Second Katie Sinclair
- Approved

3. Financial Update & Budget for 2024/2025 (Katie, Amanda, Lianne)

- Beginning the year with \$8500 - tables were not expensed last year so this will leave Approximately \$2500
- Projected fundraising for the year is approximately \$8300 (pizza days, subway lunches, toonie Thursday etc.)
- Executive met last week and reviewed the PMJS wish list for this year

Approved the following:

Student Active Engagement & Enrichment

Butterflies (K-3)	\$1200
Whole School Movie Trip	\$2655
Indigenous Education Special Presentation	\$1500

School & Classroom Investments

Phys Ed Upgrades	\$2500
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Community Building Events

Graduation	\$500
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Conversation about the library needs - Council has prioritised library for the past 2 years so have not chosen to allocate money this year but we are open to supporting initiatives such as a book drive or creative library item drive. If you would like to participate in these or have other ideas for rejuvenating the library, reach out and let us know!

With these expenditures it would leave a balance of \$47.10 - if you have ideas for more fundraisers get in touch so we can make them happen!

Motion to approve proposed budget - Leeanne Fewkes

Second - Kristin McLachlan

Approved

4. Fundraising for 2024-2025 school year (Lianne and Amanda)

- We are looking for new lunch options - Astoria, BarBurrito, Hero Burger - we have contacted a few other companies but they are not open to boxing or labelling etc. This would be in addition to the already planned pizza and Subway lunches
- We can try each of these one time to see what is the biggest success - they all have several options for protein, vegan etc.
- Call out to anyone who would be able to help out on the lunch days - if you would like to have fun with other council members please let us know that you can come
- Parent suggestion - Jamaican Patty caterer - Ms. Harroun will provide the process for the caterer to get on the TDSB approved vendor list
- If you are able to look into other lunch options please do and let us know - we are always looking for people who are able to work behind the scenes bringing new ideas to life

5. Principal's Report (Ms. Harroun)

Cross Country - 3 students represented PMJS at the City finals - we are so proud of all the athletes!

Dance-A-Thon was a tremendous success raising \$9300!! Well done PMJS community!! The students had such a fun time!! The fundraising money will go to devices for students and teachers.

CCAT is finishing up - grade 3 students participated - this includes screening for giftedness and for students who would benefit from extra academic support

Class Trips

Outdoor Ed Center - grade 2 and 3 students loved seeing the salmon jumping

Upcoming Trips:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Kortright Centre

Sight and Sound Clinic is coming up in November - for \$20 students can have hearing and vision screened

PD for early literacy has been happening with educators and they have been provided coverage to conduct individual assessments with the students - we will learn about our readers as the sessions progress

Thank you to council for the tables last year - they have all been placed in the classrooms this year and teachers are able to offer small group instruction, so helpful!

Progress reports will be coming out November 13th with Parent interviews on 14th and 15th - these reports will give a general overview of how students are progressing and what we need to do to support students

Book buying is coming up - Ms. Sheikh and Ms. Scott will be going to buy new library items - was a huge success last year so we are very excited to see what we get this year

Student led initiatives - dance club, office helpers, door monitors and announcements - schedule is out until the end of December - these are including the younger students too!

There was some technical difficulties with the heating at PMJS - it is now working and everyone is toasty warm

Donations of Halloween treats have been tremendous - thank you to everyone who brought them in - students are going to be getting lots of goodies!!

Budget - PMJS budget for 2024/2025 is \$60,402.00 - line items shared with council - can see that there are many mandatory expenditures - in consultation with teachers, Ms. Harroun has increased the money in sections that it was felt were not fully addressed in previous years
On a funny note - the final line item of the budget is paper towels - there have been many discussions about how much to buy, who should pay etc. This line item will allow the washrooms and classrooms to be fully stocked with the brown paper towel!! 😊

Review of council fundraising purchases:

Projectors - 5 purchased and now being used

Speakers - 10 purchased and now being used in classrooms

Interactive Educational Games and Toys - \$2000 - in Kinder toys & learning tools

Classroom Experiences

PMJS Jerseys

Personalised Tents

Scientists in the School

Total Spending - \$57 178

6. **Teacher's Report** (Ms. Dhari & Ms. Cuddemi)

Upcoming Events at PMJS

Student Council Spirit week - Check your Knightly News for daily themes

Junior Hallway has been done up with fun activities, Hallowe'en and non Hallowe'en themed!

School Land Acknowledgement will be outside next Monday in honour of Treaties Week - as you drop the students off in the morning you are welcome to stay and connect with the land with all of PMJS - the hope is to do this weekly

Remembrance Day Assembly will be on the 11th

Sports - Girls and boys football teams had their tournaments - the footballers looked fabulous in their PMJS jerseys!! Thank you to all the fundraising last year!!

Current Tryouts are for Girls Basketball (grade 4s & 5s), and Boys Volleyball (Grades 4s & 5s)

Student Council is up and running - currently planning mental health week activities

School wide movie day will be December 2nd - plan is to open the invite to families - team is looking at how many adults can be in each theatre

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

- New lunch options
- Grant applications - thank you to Sonya for researching and applying for grants
 1. School Council Innovative Grant
 2. Tech
- Community Engagement and Events
 - Movie Night - Nov 28th?
Coordinator of Movie Night - thank you Kristin for volunteering!!
 - BINGO Night - coming soon
 - STEM night - we have been working through the slow process of partnering with Code Ninja's
 - Skate Night - Dec 13th (tentative) - thank you Katie for communicating with the city to make this happen, it is a tough job!!
 - Parent Social - we continue to have hopes that we will be able make this happen - if anyone would like to become the leader in charge of making this happen, please let us know
 - Fun Fair: Save the date: MAY 29th, 2025!!!!

- Looking for volunteers to take the lead on organising events
- Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:
- January 7th, February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 17th
- Any questions or comments from attendees

Motion to close meeting at 7:55PM - Tracy McGovern
Second Kristin MacLachlan

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 3rd, in-person and 'Google Meet' 6:30-8:00 p.m.

