

**James MacDonald Elementary School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 6:30 PM

**Location:** Learning Commons

**Adminstration:** Gregg Williamson (Principal)

**School Council Co-Chairs:** Lori Cherwaty and Teresa Sanges

**Present:** Stephanie Lostanaw-Levin, Shane Anderson, Brenda Millar, Breanne Sim, Melinda Micsko, Jeff Brinson

Item	Description		
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>		
2.	<b>Review of Agenda and approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correction to previous minutes – Approval of Minutes Second by Melinda not Miranda.</li> <li>• Motion to approve – Brenda, Second by Stephanie APPROVED</li> </ul>		
3.	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached</li> <li>• Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report moved by Lori, Second by Shane APPROVED</li> </ul>		
4.	<b>Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lunch Program</b> – Running well. Interest has picked up. Mr. Williamson asked the council to consider whether running the program more often would burden parents. Some parents feel obligated because other students are getting them. Council decided to try it in March.</li> <li>• <b>Family survey</b> – The survey is ready to go. To be sent out this week.</li> <li>• <b>Milk Program</b> – Much better after a conversation with the supplier. Number of days per week will not change for now. (3 per week)</li> <li>• <b>Fundraising – art show</b> – No progress yet.</li> <li>• <b>Grant</b> – Proposal – presentation about connecting through laughter to bridge the gap between cultures in the school. Mr. Williamson mentioned that mental health and well-being is a big push...this presentation could be part of the school’s efforts on mental health and well-being. Perhaps the “Around The World” club could be involved. Perhaps materials could be presented in multiple languages.</li> <li>• <b>Coding material and OSMO</b> – Two kits purchased. OSMO website has good videos that demonstrate the capabilities of the technology. JMAC is looking at purchasing a Sphero and Dash \$436. Mr. Williamson is asking for \$100 to cover the rest of the cost. Coding Club – mentor from Industrial</li> </ul>		

	Education Hamilton is coming to the school to work with 30 students over 8 weeks.		
5.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fundraising</b> – Ideas - McMillan’s, Gift Cards (Teresa to report back at the next meeting). Greeting Cards – could be combined with the book sale.</li> <li>• <b>Photocopier</b> – repaired regularly but does not always work properly.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
6.	<p><b>James Macdonald School Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Principal’s Report</b></li> <li>• School Improvement Plan – see handout</li> <li>• Restarting the Monthly assemblies</li> <li>• Restarting the student awards and the students will now nominate the peers</li> <li>• Increase in volunteers of almost 30%</li> <li>• Requested \$95 to cover the additional cost of the coding material</li> <li>• Motion to approve \$95 from the Nevada fund by Teresa and seconded by Brenda- APPROVED</li> <li>• 330 kids currently enrolled</li> <li>• Water station is running</li> <li>• One of the supply rooms will be re-allocated to the literacy program and the program will no longer run in the staff room.</li> <li>• <b>Teachers Report</b></li> <li>• No teacher report this month as Ms. Vernon is off</li> </ul>	G. Williamson A. Vernon	
9.	<p><b>Meeting Adjournment</b></p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting- Shane, seconded by Lori</p>		

**Next Meeting: March 8th @6:30 PM – Learning Commons**