

**James MacDonald Elem.
School Council 16/17**

**Wednesday January 11, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

**200 Chester Avenue
Hamilton, Ontario L9C 2X1**

James MacDonald Elementary School Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, January 11th – 6:30 PM

Location: Learning Commons

Administration: Gregg Williamson (Principal)

School Council Co-Chairs: Lori Cherwaty and Teresa Sanges

Item	Description	Presenter	Time
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Mrs. Sangers and Mrs. Cherwaty	
2.	Review of Agenda and approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Approval of minutes moved by: Shane Anderson Seconded by: Miranda APPROVED		
3.	Business Arising from Minutes \$282.50 – bus for Cross Country \$3270 – subsidy (\$10/student)		
4.	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch Program update – running well. Interest has dropped slightly. Dates will be included in the calendar.• Family Survey update – Brenda has sent it to the council chair and it has been forwarded to Mr. Williamson. Some clarification/modification required prior to it being sent out.• Buddy Benches update – School board has just come out with guidelines for adding benches/trees etc. Angela Ferguson and Greg Clark have been contacted to see if their students would build benches for JMAC. Both have agreed on a project for second semester. Friendly competition – Battle of the Benches. Mr. Williamson will contact the department heads at the two schools to initiate the project.• Milk Program update – Not going well. Problems with the deliveries (not showing up...no white milk etc.). The issue is that there is nobody to contact. Considering going with a different company. Current supplier is the least expensive of the competitors. Mr. Williamson will call the current supplier to see if things can improve.• Bylaws update – nothing to report yet.• Fundraising – looking for volunteers. Put the word out. We are also looking for donations of frames or canvasses for the art show.		

5.	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the attached report <p>Discussion about the detail of the report:</p> <p>Why is there not one account? – Mr. Williamson reports it is for accountability and auditor reports. They are simply lines in the report that separate the funding.</p> <p>Motion: Moved by S. Lostinaw-Lavin to pay for the bus and subsidy from the Pita and Popcorn lines until then funds will begin to be taken from the pizza account. Second by Brenda APPROVED</p> <p>Approval of Treasurer’s Report moved by: Jeff Brinson Seconded by: Stephanie APPROVED</p>	S. Lostinaw-Lavin	
6.	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member emails – Mr. Williamson will post the minutes on the website. • Bank Accounts • School Community communications • Parent Reaching Out Grant – Brenda and Greg looking to meet January 20th to talk about the survey. Include on the next agenda. • 		
7.	<p>James Macdonald School Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal’s Report <p>School Population – 320 (15 days of consecutive absence – students come off the register...that’s why the fluctuations in numbers)</p> <p>Physical Literacy – beginning Monday after school. Meant to teach kids fundamental athletic skills.</p> <p>Projector and Screen – minimum of three quotes. Costs should be known by the next meeting.</p> <p>Walkway – has been repaired from the tennis courts to the school.</p> <p>Crossing Guard – city has been contacted. Concern for safety. The city will do a survey to see if we meet the requirements for another crossing guard.</p> <p>Coding Club – kid level computer programming. Grade 4-6.</p> <p>Caretakers – two new caretakers. Jason and Mark.</p> <p>Locks – new locks on the doors. New lockdown handles. Every staff member will have a key that works the inside tumbler so the door can</p>	G. Williamson A. Vernon	

	<p>be locked in the case of a lockdown. The outside tumbler is keyed so that only the classroom teacher can have access.</p> <p>Fridges – moved to a new volunteer room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers Report <p>Feb 2 – classes going to the Outdoor Education center.</p> <p>Margaret’s Legacy – student presentation was a success</p> <p>Mrs. Redgate – Day 4 1st break, Reading Program</p> <p>Jr. Basketball Team is being formed again.</p> <p>Future – a number of students are coming to school hungry. Looking to formalize the apple program through grants. Volunteers will be needed. Does the council wish to purchase a gift card for the teacher? Discussion</p> <p>Family Literacy Day – January 26th</p> <p>Mrs. Marshall – request for funding for an Osmo Genius Kit – engaging technology for kids. Cost \$129, \$99 sale price. Looking for 2...one for primary and another for junior. Possibly use Nevada funds?</p> <p>Motion – Brenda Millar - to purchase the Osmo Kits using the Nevada funding not to exceed \$350. Mr. Williamson will use the procurement card to purchase. Second – Mr. Anderson APPROVED</p> <p>Motion- Teresa Sanges -Move to purchase Coding Material up to a maximum of \$500 form the Nevada funds. Mr. Williamson will use the procurement card to purchase. Second- Brenda Millar APPROVED</p> <p>Motion- Teresa Sanges- Move to allocate \$100 from the Pizza Account for her to purchase healthy snacks. Second- Stephanie Hurley APPROVED</p>		
9.	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Moved by: Doug Sim Seconded by: Lori Cherwaty APPROVED</p>		

Next Meeting: February 8, 2017 @6:30 PM – Learning Commons

Principal's Report – January 11th, 2017

School population has begun to stabilize. Current population is 322 (-5)

Big Brothers Big Sisters Partnership:

- Physical Literacy beginning Monday January 16th
- Objective
 - Learn fundamental movement skills for a number of different sports
 - Opportunity to practice skills development
 - Provide a life-long interest in physical activity
 - Build self-awareness, esteem, and confidence

Buddy Benches Update:

- Contacted Angela Ferguson and Greg Clark (principal's at Westmount and Sir Allan MacNab)
- Stated their tech departments would be interested in supporting the school by building buddy benches
- JMac would need to supply the materials but the teams would design and build the benches

Projector and Screen:

- Contacted R.A. Riddell where the idea originated
- Put us in contact with the company that did the work there
- Still no word on a final price
- Company is coming in this week to do some additional wiring and to further discuss options for a new screen and projector set up

Walkway:

- Completed just prior to December 2nd
- Extends from the tennis courts to the JMac playground
- Also removed the hump in the walkway where the culvert is

Crossing Guard:

- Concerns have been raised about the safety of students due to traffic in front of the school
- Waiting on a response from the City to determine whether we qualify for an additional crossing guard at Appleblossom and Chester or Appleblossom and Chesley

Coding Club:

- Partnering with Industrial Education Hamilton who runs a Coding Club for Grade 4 to 8
- Will accommodate up to 30 students interested in learning more about technology and potential career paths
- Program runs 8 weeks beginning the end of January