

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lori Cherwaty, *Co-Chair*

Hannah Poon, *Co-Chair*

Carolyn Reid, *Secretary*

Stephanie Lostanaw-Lavin, *Treasurer*

John Leyzer, *Acting Principal*

Amanda Vernon, *Teacher*

Stephanie Hurley

Kimiye Nishizaki

Abby Roberston

Herman Poon

Theodore Choutzoumis

Brenda Millar

Janice Wong

Breanne Sim

Meeting called to order by L. Cherwaty at 6:30 pm

- Meeting Agenda approved: B. Millar, S. Lostanaw-Lavin, all in favour.
- Minutes from the June 13, 2018 Parent Council meeting approved: B. Sim, S. Lostanaw-Lavin, all in favour.

BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

PLAYGROUND UPDATES

- The playground needs spots in the shade: Buddy Bench? Bench under trees?
- Principal Leyzer will contact facilities re. costs/specs for a new basketball net(s) and repainting of the four-square lines.
- Mrs. Pretsch's Outdoor Leaders are bringing bins of equipment outside at each recess.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS

- Lori Cherwaty and Hannah Poon were approved as Co-Chairs at the June meeting.
- Stephanie Lostanaw-Lavin will continue as Treasurer.
- Carolyn Reid voted in as Secretary. All in favour.

PIZZA LUNCHESES

- Pizza pre-sales will be accepted only through CashOnline. Day-of purchases will be available by cash to first-come, first-served.
- Parent volunteers are needed to hand out pizza every other week.

MILK PROGRAM

- Milk program has already begun.
- 80c per carton.
- Parent and student volunteers are involved; always looking for more parents to help out.

LUNCH LADY PROGRAM

- Lunch Lady program has begun.
- Order online through Lunch Lady

UPCOMING MOVIE NIGHT

- Movie license was purchased in March, 2018.
- Movie Night at JMac on November 1st, 6:30 -8:30 pm: *Ferdinand* will be shown.
VOTE PASSED: S. Hurley, H. Poon, all in favour.
- No fee to enter, rather a Neighbour to Neighbour donation
- Principal Leyzer will apply for the permit and caretaking staff, for 6-9pm.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- Gift Cards at some point before the Holidays?
- JMac bags? J. Wong will provide examples at the next Council meeting.

APPLES

- School Council purchases the apples that are available to students who haven't enough food to eat.
- Aprox. \$20 per week.
- Donations will be requested for other snacks to provide.

TEACHER REPORT, A. Vernon

- School year is off to a great start.
- Lots of new students.
- The CCMA assembly was a fantastic experience, the students were all so well-behaved.
- Cross-country meet is coming up at the beginning of October.
- A. Vernon will look into sports equipment needed, including Velcro for the baseball helmet straps.

TEACHER REQUESTS

- \$200 Library: Visiting author for the primary classes. Must be booked before October 31st to pay this rate.
\$295 Library: Visiting author for the junior classes.
VOTE PASSED: S. Lostanaw-Lavin, B. Millar, all in favour.
- \$255 Mrs. Hughes: Visiting author for Mrs. Hughes gr. 6 class. Possibly for other gr.6 and 5/6 classes to join.
VOTE PASSED: S. Lostanaw-Lavin, B. Millar, all in favour.
- \$311 Mrs. Pretsch: Bus to cross-country meet. (Bus must remain at the event).
VOTE PASSED: B. Millar, C. Reid, all in favour.
- \$4336 (or \$10 per student per class): For each teacher to determine how it will be spent; class trip, special event, etc. Teachers who don't have a class may request funds separately.
VOTE PASSED: B. Millar, H. Poon, all in favour.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Lostanaw-Lavin

See attached Financial Report for account balances.

- Request to remove lines for Popcorn and Pita from the Financial report. S. Lostanaw-Lavin will email Mrs. Baker.
- Use remaining Raffle funds to purchase Buddy Bench? L. Cherwaty will ask her teacher-friend for information/costs for Buddy Bench at other school.
- Pizza fundraiser is the most profitable.
- Apples are purchased from the Milk and Lunch Lady accounts.
- Classroom baskets sold at Open House were a success.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, Principal Leyzer

- School start-up has gone very smoothly.
- Mr. Maudsley is James MacDonald's full-time Principal, Mr. Leyzer is Acting Principal until approx. Winter Holidays.

FUEL FOR KIDS

- Fundraiser at Fortinos on October 16.
- Proceeds from the BBQ will come to James MacDonald.
- Race Car driver will come to the school for a presentation beforehand.

CMMA PERFORMANCE

- Mrs. Pretsch applied for MusiCounts grant for the music department several years ago, purchased ukuleles. MusiCounts approached JMac to offer the performance (photo opportunity for CCMA, Serious Music, etc) and \$5000 grant to the music department this year.
- Not publicized to school/families to keep from having an overwhelming turnout.
- 2 JMac students spoke about music in the school(s).
- CBC, CHCH were in the school to cover the Meagan Patrick performance.
- JMac student Keira attended CCMA's and worked with Paul Brandt to promote music in our schools.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

- Asking teachers: What is JMac to you? What are important school traditions? What can be improved?
- Building culture around being safe, being kind, being yourself, belonging, achievement.
- Positive school culture.

EQAO RESULTS

- Results are not yet public; math score need improvement, therefore focus will be put on how math is taught in the school.
- Reading support specialist will be working with the kindergarten students to ensure they are off to a strong start.

UPCOMING PD DAY

- Staff will focus on Continuous Improvement, health and safety, compliance.
- Training will be provided on the new report card writing tool.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Principal Leyzer to contact facilities re. costs/specs for a new basketball net(s) and repainting of the four-square lines.
- Principal Leyzer to apply for the permit and caretaking staff, for Movie Night: 6-9pm on November 1st.

- A. Vernon to research sports equipment needed, including Velcro for the baseball helmet straps.
- J. Wong to bring examples of JMac bags (fundraiser) to the next Council meeting.
- S. Lostonaw-Lavin to email Mrs. Baker, to request removing lines for Popcorn and Pita from the Financial Report.
- L. Cherwaty to discuss information/costs for Buddy Bench at other school.

UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

All meetings will be held at 6:30 pm, in the James MacDonald school Library.

2018: October 10
November 14
2019: January 16
February 13
April 10
May 8
June 12

Meeting Adjourned by L. Cherwaty at 8 pm. All in Favour.

**The next School Council Meeting will be held at 6:30pm
on Wednesday, October 10th in the James MacDonald School Library**