JAMES MACDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

200 Chester Ave, Hamilton, ON L9C 2X1 Meeting held in the Staff Lounge

October 9, 2019 at 6:30pm

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Co-Chair
Stephanie Hurley, Secretary
Stephanie Hosking
Elyse Palmer, Treasurer
Abby Robertson
Melissa McCormack, Principal
Amanda Vernon, Teacher
Jean Ino-Baptiste, Umbrella Program
Kimiye Nishizaki
Stephanie Nishizaki
Stephanie Nishizaki
Stephanie Hosking
Abby Robertson
Heather Talach
Jean Ino-Baptiste, Umbrella Program

Meeting called to order by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 6:35 pm

- Agenda approved by L. Kentie, S. Hosking. All in favour.
- Minutes approved from September 18, 2019 meeting & accepted by, L. Kentie, A. Robertson. All in favour.

BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING

\$10 SUBSIDY PER STUDENT

Motion to take student subsidy from Nevada account. VOTE: E. Palmer, L. Kentie. All in favour. Passed.

ALLOCATING FUNDS/FUNDRAISING

- New forms to be filled out for office to track expenses/expenditures.
- Council needs to present plan to board of fundraising goals.
- Ideas/goals include: literacy (home reading program, literacy games), technology, physical education equipment, recess
 equipment.
- Must be careful not to over allocate funds.
- Limit carry over of treasurer funds from year to year to 5-10%.
- Council asking teachers to come back with wish list/wants/needs for fundraising goals.

JUNGLE SPORT

- Tentative booking for a week in February.
- Cost \$4700, which includes the entire week.
- Half the cost will be paid for by school/teacher fundraising. Council asked to pay for the other half. Mrs. Baker trying
 to get cost reduced. Ms. McCormack asking council for \$2000 towards cost.
- Motion to take Jungle Sport out of pizza/milk funds. VOTE: A. Robertson, S. Hosking. All in favour. Passed.

CANOPIES

- School asking for two canopies to be used for various events such as Cross Country, Track & Field, BBQ's.
- Top of the line canopy \$460 per heavy duty. With walls approximately \$600.
- Will look for deals.
- Motion to take Canopies out of Nevada account up to a maximum of \$1200 for 2 canopies.

VOTE: E. Palmer, L. Kentie. All in favour. Passed.

GIFT BASKETS

- 2 raffle baskets unclaimed from Open House.
- L. Kentie re organized baskets into 4 baskets (youth spa, adult spa, unplugged family game night, baking basket) to be raffled off at the next open house.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

• No new update, meeting cancelled due to impending strike.

NEW BUSINESS

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CHILD MINDING

- Approach high school students for volunteer hours.
- J. Brinson will speak to wife for possible MacNab students.

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

- October 23, 2019
- JMac has 3 bus drivers.
- Would like to thank drivers through thank you cards, posters, Tim Hortons cards from Council.
- Motion to approve 3 x Tim Horton's cards for \$20 each to be taken from Movie Night account. K. Nishizaki will obtain gift cards. **VOTE**: S. Hosking, S. Hurley. All in favour.

PAINTING/ BLACKTOP GAMES

- Creative Playgrounds local company that does painting for schools.
- Price varies depending on what is requested (4-square, different colours).
- Next council meeting will look at prices and examples.

TREASURER'S REPORT, E. Palmer

See attached Financial Report for account balances

RAFFLE MONEY

• Motion to move raffle money (\$1727.03) out of Nevada funds and in to school council funds (gift baskets). Money to be used as per council discretion. **VOTE**: S. Lostanaw Lavin, E. Palmer. All in favour.

TEACHER REPORT, A. Vernon

- Thursday, November 14 Swim Meet. McMaster pool, 10:30-1. Mrs. Pretsch looking for volunteer drivers.
- Apples Mrs. Dejong requesting apples to be delivered every Monday. Significant increase in demand.
- Friday, October 18 JMac pride assembly, starts at 11:15. Theme: Gratitude.
- Mrs. Vernon has applied for a grant from the board for her classroom to go to Play with Clay Pottery studio on Locke St. Her classroom will be making gratitude bowls. Mrs. Vernon requesting from council \$100 to go towards pottery bowl for the school and journals for each student to work on gratitude journaling and help promote positive attitudes. VOTE: K. Nishizaki, S. Hurley, All in favour. To be taken out of Healthy Hunger account.
- Terry Fox donations due Friday, October 18 Requesting volunteers to count money the following week.

PRINCIPAL REPORT, M. McCormack

- Fundraising plan due at the end of the month.
- Tuesday, October 15 Picture Day.
- Monday, October 21 JMac gymnasium is an election site. The gym will not be available for the school that day.
- Tuesday, October 29 Progress reports come home.
- November 7 & 8 Parent- Teacher interviews.
- EOAO results posted
 - o Grade 3 scores: 77% Reading, 71% Writing, 54% Math
 - o Grade 6 scores: 86% Reading, 83% Writing, 48% Math
 - o JMac Scores are above HWDSB average.
- Tuesday, October 22 Grade 6 Parents, invited to a My Path, My Way information session, put on by several high schools. Hosted at Liuna Station from 6-9pm.

Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:55pm. Approved by K. Nishizaki, E. Palmer. All in favour.

The next School Council Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, in the James Macdonald Learning Commons