JAMES MACDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

200 Chester Ave, Hamilton, ON L9C 2X1 Meeting held via Microsoft Teams Online

October 15, 2020 at 6:30pm

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Chair
Stephanie Hurley, Secretary
Melissa McCormack, Principal
Amanda Vernon, Teacher Representative
Nicola Giles, Teacher Representative
R. Hest
Laura Kentie
Heather Talach

Meeting called to order by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 6:33pm

- Agenda approved by R. Hest, S. Hurley. All in favour.
- Minutes approved from January 8, 2020 meeting & accepted by, L. Kentie, H. Talach. All in favour.

INTRODUCTION

• By M. McCormack & S. Lostanaw Lavin

LAND OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, M. McCormack

ELECTION OF COUNCIL EXECUTIVES for 2020/2021 School Calendar Year

- Chair S. Lostanaw Lavin
- Secretary S. Hurley
- Treasurer –
- Voting Members S. Lostanaw Lavin, S. Hurley, R. Hest, L. Kentie, H. Talach

FUTURE COUNCIL DATES

- November 12, 2020
- January 21, 2021
- February 11, 2021
- April 15, 2021
- May 13, 2021
- Second Thursday of the month, with January exception
- Approved by R. Hest, H. Talach. All in favour.

TREASURER REPORT, S. Lostanaw Lavin

• See attached Financial Report for account balances

TEACHER REPORT, A. Vernon, N. Giles

- Spirit Day, Friday, October 9. Students met in back school yard and danced to popular songs. Great to get school together as community, dancing and doing exercises.
- Terry Fox Run, end of September. Very different this year. 40th Anniversary of run. Each classroom did
 their own thing which incorporated 40 of something from skipping, 40 laps, running. No fundraising done
 for this year. A little bit of money has come in from online donations. Classrooms did their own posters
 and discussions.
- Learn, Disrupt, Rebuild; board wide initiative related to mental health, wellness in relation to pandemic, antiblack racism, antidiscrimination. Series of lesson plans. Teachers are doing different activities around these topics.

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PRINCIPAL REPORT, M. McCormack

- Four primary bathrooms & accessible bathrooms painted and refreshed
- Yard Painting not completed due to school closure. Moving forward, not viable at present due to structure of pandemic and the need to cohort. Might be able to readdress in spring.
- Secure school drills:
 - o 3 fire drills completed for fall. 3 more to do in spring.
 - Hold & secure drill to be completed tomorrow.
 - o Bomb threat evacuation will happen in a few weeks. Awaiting board direction based on pandemic plan to ensure safety.
- Reorganization is happening November 3, 2020 for those switching from remote learning to in class and vice versa. Deadline closed last week.
- Progress reports will come home to families, October 29, 2020.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Constitution worked on during January 2020 Council Meeting.
- Will share and approve constitution next meeting.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Next PIC meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2020.
- S. Lostanaw Lavin will remain JMac's active community member for PIC.
- Sub committee for Mental Health will be attended by S. Lostanaw Lavin.

ALLOCATING FUNDS

- Junior end staff would like to request physical education equipment.
 - O VOTE: Up to \$1500 approved by H. Talach, S. Hurley. All in favour. Passed.
- Hydration station for Junior wing. Water fountains are closed in all schools and board properties due to pandemic. Currently have one in primary end. Approximate cost: \$3000-\$3500.
 - O VOTE: Approved up to \$3500 by S. Hurley, R. Hest. All in favour. Passed.
- Primary books for home reading program. Cannot pass books between classrooms.
 - O VOTE: Approved up to \$1000 by R. Hest, L. Kentie. All in favour. Passed.

FUNDRAISING/VOLUNTEERING UPDATE

- Fundraising is on pause at this time throughout board, including online fundraising.
- Volunteering is not permitted in schools due to Covid protocols and health and safety regulations.

Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:28 pm. Approved by R. Hest, L.Kentie. All in favour.

The next School Council Meeting will be held at 7 pm On Thursday, November 12 2020 via Microsoft Teams Online.