

### James Macdonald School Council Minutes

#### ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Chair	Heather Talach
Melissa McCormack, Principal	Stephanie McDonald
Stephanie Hurley, Secretary	Stephanie Hosking
Ban Esho, Umbrella Representative	Kristina Collier
Molly Brooks	Pooja Mathuria
Faisal Khalboss	Julie Zimmerman
Ritesh Patel	Nour Allbrahim
Laura Laidman	

Regrets: Amanda Vernon, Fabio Chusyd, Jaqui Baker

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

- Agenda approved by S. Hurley, K. Collier. All in favour.
- Minutes approved from September 26, 2023 & accepted by S. Hosking, H. Talach. All in favour.

#### COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS

- Since last meeting there is two additional council voting members
- There is now 17 voting members

#### PRINCIPAL/ TEACHER REPORT, M. McCormack

- Safety drills and evacuation drills coming up this week and next week
- Meet the staff event October 19. Went well. Great way to connect with school community, students and teachers.
- Jungle Sport this week, October 23-27. Grades 1-6 will participate. Total cost is \$4600. Pizza profits will go towards paying for Jungle Sport. Each class will participate 4 out of the 5 days. Looking for parent volunteers to help throughout the week.
- November 16 & 17 – Progress Report interviews. More information will come closer to that date.
- Terry Fox Run raised just under \$1500
- Halloween – October 31. There will be an outdoor parade. Messaging will be coming home around treats, classroom celebrations, parade times, costumes.
- Fresh from the Farm – raised approximately \$400. Pickup date will be announced soon.

#### NEW BUSINESS, Council

### **FUNDRAISING, Council**

- Possible ideas for fundraising for this school year:
  - Poinsettia, spring flower/bulb sale, Big Box of Cards, pizza days, family pizza night through Garth pizza, healthy food options (apples/fruit, Pita Pit), chocolate (World's Finest Chocolates)
- Pita Pit
  - K. Collier will take lead on this fundraiser
  - Proposal to offer students this healthy food option once a month
  - Motion to approve fundraiser. Funds to be used towards canopy for school events & recess equipment.
  - **VOTE: Approved by L. Laidman, P. Mathuria. All in favour.**
- Poinsettia and potentially a spring fundraiser selling flowers/ bulbs
  - L. Laidman will look into this as a fundraiser
  - Motion to approve fundraiser. Funds will go towards reading materials for the classroom.
  - **VOTE: Approved by L. Laidman, P. Mathuria. All in favour.**
- Family pizza nights with Garth Pizza
  - Families order pizza online. JMac receives 10% profit on purchases.
  - S. McDonald will organize this fundraiser.
  - Motion to approve family pizza night, once per month. Funds will go towards kindergarten activities and additional funds will go towards purchasing a canopy for school events.
  - May Pizza night will go towards Grade 6 celebration.
  - **VOTE: Approved by S. McDonald, H. Talach. All in favour.**
- Canopy for school events: K. Collier will take lead to look into possible donations from local stores for canopy.

*Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:39 pm.  
Approved by L. Laidman, S. McDonald. All in favour.*

**Next School Council meeting will be November 21, 2023, in the Learnings Commons.**