

### **James Macdonald School Council Minutes**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Chair	Heather Talach
Melissa McCormack, Principal	Stephanie McDonald
Amanda Vernon, Teacher Representative	Fabio Chusyd
Stephanie Hurley, Secretary	Stephanie Hosking
Ban Esho, Umbrella Representative	Pooja Mathuria
Julie Zimmerman	Dipika Patel
Ritesh Patel	Kristina Collier
Jaqui Baker	

*Meeting called to order by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 6:34 pm*

- Land Acknowledgement by M. McCormack
- Agenda approved by S. McDonald, J. Zimmerman. All in favour.
- Minutes approved from January 23, 2023 & accepted by S. McDonald & S. Hosking. All in favour.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT, M. McCormack**

- Raise the Dough - Family Pizza night fundraiser - \$384 profit for January event
- Pita Pit – roughly raised \$770 profit so far
- Pizza – continue to pay off Jungle Sport. Once paid off, council will vote on where to allocate remaining funds

#### **TEACHERS REPORT, A. Vernon**

- Basketball & soccer intramurals continue to meet
- Checkers club has a meet next Wednesday, March 6. Looking for 2 parent volunteers.
- Wednesday, February 28 - Pink Shirt Day – kindness, bully awareness activities
- Thursday, February 29 – JMac Extravaganza. Dress rehearsal was today. Both performances are at maximum capacity. Wait list is minimal.

#### **PRINCIPAL REPORT, M. McCormack**

- Math – starting to focus on math conversations and using manipulatives for student learning and student engagements in math
- Constitution review – council will defer until September

- Spirit wear – Mrs. Peaver and Mr. O’Connor will work with teachers and students to roll out spirit wear. Will include student voice if we want to make any changes to school mascot, logo, school colours.
- Looking into foil wrap for 2 gym doors/school foyer. Wrap will include JMac Lions and colours to bring school spirit.

### **FUNDRAISING, Council**

- Pita Pit
  - Feedback from families is that a block of orders is too expensive. From now on, orders for a single day will be at the beginning of the month and students will receive that order at the end of the month.
  - New days: March 4, April 29, May 27.
- Terra Greenhouses
  - Upcoming spring fundraiser. Will change fundraiser to Spring vs Easter. Pricing will range from \$13-\$50. Will go live on School Cash online soon.
- Factory Shoe
  - K. Collier – students each receive a coupon for Factory Shoe. For every purchase of \$35 spent in the store, the school gets \$5.
  - Ms. McCormack will look into this fundraiser to start at the end of the school year vs. beginning of the school year.
- Pizza Days
  - Upcoming pizza days: February 28, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12.
  - Cash online will be available next week for next block of pizza day purchases
- Raise the Dough – Family Pizza nights – hoping for 2-3 more evenings this school year

### **PRO GRANT UPDATE, S. Lostanaw-Lavin**

- Approved for pro grant
- Will receive \$1000 towards event
- S. McDonald, H. Talach, P. Mathuria, S. Lostanaw-Lavin have volunteered to organize event
- Proposed date will be May 7

*Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:06 pm.*

*Approved by S. Hosking, P. Mathuria. All in favour.*

**Next School Council meeting will be April 16, 2024, in the Learnings Commons.**