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École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean  
School Council Meeting  
Thursday February 20, 2025

In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal  
Amanda Bennie- Teacher Representative  
Suzanne Hall - Chair  
Brittany Hunter - Secretary  
Trish Rayner - Treasurer  
Paul Hatala – Voting Member  
Joanna Seymour - Voting Member  
Julie Sadonoja - Voting Member  
Sarah Ewing - Voting Member  
Layden Milsome - Voting Member  
Wendy Tanner - Voting Member  
Floriane Schroers - Voting Member  
Elisha Szafran-Voting Member

Meeting Stated at 6:31 PM

1. Welcome
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Minutes
  - **Motion: For Michaëlle Jean School Council to approve January 2025 School Council minutes** (Suzanne Hall)
    - Seconded: Elisha Szafran
    - For: 8
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
    - Motion Carried: YES
4. Change the way we vote for meeting minutes
  - There has been a proposal to change the way we vote for meeting minutes



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- Proposal to switch from in-person at subsequent SC meetings to an on-line vote shortly after the meeting, to expedite the uploading of the minutes to the school website for the school community.
- Will allow for a more accurate representation of our current work on council.
- **Motion: The School Council will approve all future meetings minutes for the 2024-2025 school year via online vote to allow for a more rapid distribution to the school community** (Suzanne Hall)
  - **Second: Paul Hatala**
  - **For: 10**
  - **Against: 0**
  - **Abstentions: 0**
  - **Motion Carried: YES**
  - Voting will occur via email (and not over the SLACK) to make sure everyone gets it

## 5. Treasurer's Update (Trish Rayner)

- Current Balance: \$3471.05
- \$310 Transfer deposit on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 went to School Council from our MJ Pizza fundraising for purchases to pay for half of the Anita Grant Presentation
- Balance will then drop to \$2851.05 once the full presentation fee (\$620) is deducted in February

## 6. Fundraising Committee Update (Elisha Szafran)

- **Krispy Kreme**
  - Flyer to send out to families,
  - Add how many we can have to first come first served
  - Make the pick-up date more firm
  - Just an initial flyer at this time
  - Look to donate a minimum amount to Empowerment Squared, for Tim Hortons to donate to French Café
- **French Café**
  - Minimum to give to Empowerment Squared looking toward \$1500
  - Look to pause on how much goes to them, as we have not informed anyone of what the money is going to if we don't make sales from Krispy Kreme
  - Look to vote next time, at how much we will be giving Empowerment Squared to assist with donation from French Café
- French Café Craft Day, do some decorations for the gym prior to the event



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- Art Supplies, pencil crayons are in need as we have seen with running events
- **Motion: The MJ school council will contribute \$250 dollars towards school enhancement specifically consumable supplies (Suzanne Hall)**
  - **Seconded: Elisha Szafran**
  - **For 10**
  - **Against 0**
  - **Abstentions 0**
  - **Motion Carried YES**
- Subcommittee for French Café décor- Julie, Wendy, Sarah, Elisha, Suzanne, Trish
- Empowerment squared coming the night of French Cafe, French Cafe will be open to Parents from 4:00-7:00
- Looking for more ways to get kid involved in French Cafe

## 7. Ongoing Business

- **Black History Month** (Anita Grant, Founder of Hello Hair)
  - Amazing, brought in Nikki who is a hair stylist and told them about their hair
  - Dolls with braiding and styling with the books
  - Colouring station
  - Step daughter is an MJ student, and was also here helping
  - Left a book and a doll for the school
  - Impactful for a lot of students
- **PRO Grant Update**
  - Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM Michelle McVittie
  - Need to make a flyer for in
  - Floriane will make the flyer, to let the parents know about it
- **Recipe Book Update**
  - Only 4 recipes submitted at this time
  - Submission deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Ask For a reminder email to the school community
- **Parent Correspondence**
  - Brittany will do the flyer with cliff notes of what has been discussed

## 8. New Business

- In regard to busing problems, email Mark directly, when it comes to individual problems
- Mark to follow up on some issues



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- Principal Profile must be completed
  - Will send out a Microsoft Form for council contributions

## 9. Teacher Update (Amanda Bennie)

- Loved Anita Grant, kids were very engaged and hands on, and soaked up all the information
- Kindness Week, whole school reading buddies, twice this week
- Carnaval tomorrow
- Staff meeting next week with reading and math
- Sports, girls' basketball is doing very well
- Drama club, Band, Choir attached to drama club and musical

## 10. Principal's Update (Mark Hopkins)

- SIP- Math and Reading, more data and testing for reading, more intentional in EQAO preparation
- Habits of Mind- Mid March- Striving for Accuracy and Finding Humour
- HWDSB Core Values: Compassion Trust Dignity and Joy, from parent community voice, think about MJ in these values and think about where they appear or do not appear
- Commencement Tues, June 24<sup>th</sup>- Student Voice Survey, Grade 8 parents to get more info right before march break
- Celebrate Partnerships:

## 11. Agenda Item Suggestions for Next Meeting

- Vote on how much to donate toward Empowerment Squared
- Craft Day for French café – discussion and planning
- End of year picnic – Choose a date, discussion and planning
  - always pancakes is unavailable,
  - Beaver tail is currently available, 10\$ a beaver tail, school cash, three flavour options, 100 orders 10% of sales back to school

## 12. Next Meeting (Suzanne)

- Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

## 13. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the January School Council Meeting (Suzanne Hall)
  - Seconded: Trish



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- **For: 10**
- **Against: 0**
- **Abstentions: 0**
- **Motion Carried: YES**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 PM