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École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean
School Council Meeting
Thursday, March 27, 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
Shiny Thomas - Voting Member
Julie Sadonoja - Voting Member
Jen Valente - Voting Member
Sarah Ewing - Voting Member
Laden Milsome - Voting Member
Wendy Tanner - Voting Member
Floriane Schroers - Voting Member
Lesley Billingsley

Meeting Stated at 6:33pm

1. Welcome

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of Minutes

- February minutes were approved for an online vote, on February 28th

4. Treasurer's Update

- School Council Balance: \$4111.05
- Previous Balance from February was \$3471.05
- Plus \$620 for the Hello Hair Presentation
- Plus \$1260 for the KK Fundraiser
 - SC made a profit off of Krispy Kreme with 126 boxes sold

5. Fundraising Committee Update

- Sold 126 boxes with the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser with a profit of \$1260



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- Empowerment squared visit, tabled, to get student voice for what they want to see, connect April 11th, with more ideas
- No decision made on craft day right now, want to coordinate with the Art Show, and hear from the students about how they would want to decorate for French Cafe
- Looking to discuss how much of a donation will be made to Empowerment Squared from Krispy Kreme profits, as Tim Hortons is donating items to the school for French café, so every child can have one,
 - initial thought was \$750-800 which works out to \$2.50 a student, as the total from Tim Hortons for each student is \$5.50
- Discussion suggested using half of the profits from KK (\$630)
- **Motion: The Michaëlle Jean School Council will donate \$630 (50% of profits) to Empowerment Squared from the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (Suzanne Hall)**
 - **Second: Paul Hatala**
 - **For: 12**
 - **Against: 0**
 - **Abstentions: 0**
 - **Motion Carried: YES**
- **Next year**, look to include parent community and be more transparent with the rationale and reasoning behind the groups we choose to donate to. Or ask for input from the community on what they would like to see

6. Ongoing Business

- **Pro Grant Update-** Michelle McVittie is coming April 3th!
 - Have to approve the flyer- flyer
 - approved with changes made to font colour for printing
- **Recipe book update**
 - cancelled, not enough interest at this time only 38 recipes from 20 families, look forward to work on the recipe book together next year
- **Principal Placement Survey**
 - all done now, just has to be sent off at this time

7. New Business

- **End of the Year Picnic Planning**
 - Select a date- June 16, 2025, rain date June 17, 2025
 - Grade ones still on the 16th
 - Time- 5:30-7:30, (4:30-5:15 grade one orientation)
 - Beaver-Tails- have the ability to pre-order, on Schoolcash Online (Julie to follow up)
 - 360 photo booth (Lesley will organize) about \$565 after tax,



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- **Motion: The MJ School Council will use the \$500 Parent Engagement fund to help pay for the 360 photo booth and the end of year school picnic, and the balance will come from the school council account (Suzanne Hall)**
 - **Seconded: Laden Milsome**
 - **For: 11**
 - **Against: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Motion Carried: YES**
- Look into having the fire department
- Gather items for games we have done before
- Used Book sale, donated from MJ families, kids books only, put it outside, or more accessible
- Continuing with the pizza, put on school cash online, no sales on site, GINOs last year Trish to follow up with GINOS, look into a HALAL option
- List of clubs and activities that have taken place this year to advertise what has been going on at MJ

8. Teacher Staff Update (Amanda Bennie)

- Events, extra curriculars, senior basketball is done, junior is on, swim team started last night, water polo clinic for half the swim team, drama club, Robotics 6,7,8, Reading and Math, revisit learning skills
- Trustee, superintendent and director of education coming in tomorrow (March 28)
- Art show with whole school for the open house

9. Principals Update

- EQAO- well prepared, and keeping it less stressful, practicing and also doing it online and with a pen and paper
- Habits of Mind- Creating, imagining & Innovating, Responding with wonderment and awe
- Core Values- capture staff and community voice,
- 25/26- keep in the loop when org comes out and in the right order, environment, class placements, nothing is written in stone
- Resources or supports for parents around math, looking toward the next school year
- Request for financial support to rent some more mics, \$450 dollars, so that we can hear more students during drama presentation
- **MOTION: The MJ school council will pay for the cost of \$450 dollars, to the drama club presentation for the rental of microphones (Suzanne Hall)**
 - **Seconded: Jennifer Valente**
 - **For; 11**
 - **Against: 0**



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- **Abstain: 0**
- **Motion carried: YES**

10. Next Meeting

- April 24th at 6:30pm
- In the Learning Commons

11. Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion: To Adjourn the Meeting (Paul Hatala)**
 - **Second: Trish Rayner**
 - **For: 11**
 - **Against: 0**
 - **Abstentions: 0**
 - **Motion Carried: YES**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 PM