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École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean School Council Annual Report for the 2024/2025 School Year

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community,

What an amazing school year it has been! My name is Suzanne Hall and I have had the honour and privilege of serving as the chair for this year's School Council. As we wind down and wrap up the school year, I wanted to take some time to share with you our successes and activities we were able to complete this year.

First, I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the School Council this year. A very special thank you to the current members of the 2024/2025 School Council:

Secretary: Brittany Hunter

Treasurer: Trish Rayner

Teacher Representatives: Mme Rempel and Mme Bennie

Community Representative: Isabel Rodrigues

Voting Member: Sarah Ewing

Voting Member: Paul Hatala

Voting Member: Wendy Mahabir

Voting Member: Laden Milsome

Voting Member: Julie Sadonoja

Voting Member: Florine Schroers

Voting Member: Joanna Seymour

Voting Member: Elisha Szafran

Voting Member: Wendy Tanner

Voting Member: Shiny Thomas

Voting Member: Jennifer Valente

And a very special thank you to Lesley Billingsley for all the work she has put in this year.

This year our School Council had 8 meetings held once a month on Thursday evenings in the Learning Commons. It was an incredible year of community partnerships and collaborations resulting in many activities hosted by School Council including a winter break school-wide craft day, the Santa Claus parade, Anita Grant founder of Hello Hair's presentation for Black History Month, the snack station at this year's Carnaval, guest speaker Child Life Specialist and Parenting Coach Michelle McVittie, our visit from Empowerment Squared, the French Café, the year-end School Celebration/picnic and snack station at this year's play day.



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We also had an incredible year of fundraising including the Big Box of Cards, Poinsettias, Krispy Kreme and the French Café. In total we were able to raise approximately \$4500 this year thanks to our fundraising opportunities! With these funds, here is what we were able to support this year:

- The winter break school craft day
- Anita Grant, founder of Hello Hair's Presentation
- A donation towards school enhancement (consumable supplies)
- The \$450 rental of microphones for the drama club's presentation of The Wizard of Oz
- \$500 towards our grade 8 commencement ceremony
- \$2000 for new team uniforms and robotics kits
- \$2000 donation to Empowerment Squared, the community organization we have supported this year <https://empowermentsquared.org>.
- The French Café
- The End of the Year Celebration/Picnic

We are closing this year's balance at approximately \$200.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone again; to all the parents who volunteered their time, to the teachers and staff who put in the extra time and energy to give our children an incredible educational experience, to the caretakers for helping in so many unseen ways, and to the students – without which none of this would be possible.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our graduating grade 8's! Wishing you the very best the future has to offer. May your futures be bright and full of opportunities.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy summer and look forward to our return in September to continue this wonderful work! We welcome any and all who would like to volunteer their time to attend the meetings or work with the various activities! (This is also a great time to get those police checks completed!)

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne Hall
Michaëlle Jean School Council Chair