



École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean

School Council

Meeting Minutes for November 27th, 2025

In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins – Principal
Amanda Bennie – Teacher Representative
Suzanne Hall – Chair
Brittany Hunter – Secretary
Floriane Schroers – Treasurer
Trish Rayner – Voting Member
Joanna Seymour - Voting Member

Sarah Ewing - Voting Member
Laden Milsome - Voting Member
Wendy Tanner - Voting Member
Danielle Pacey
Paul Hatala
Amber Mitchell
Julie Sadonja

Meeting Started at 6:32 PM

1. Call to Order

- Welcome
- Establish Quorum
 - Quorum met

2. Student Voice (Cole Hatala)

- Talked about Robotics and the competition that was competed in on Tuesday, November 25, 2025

3. Land Acknowledgement

4. Minutes from October 2025 meeting Update

- Motion to approve the October 2025 meeting minutes was approved via online vote on October 26th 2025
- Minutes are posted on the school website

5. Teacher Update (Amanda Bennie)

- Starting Sr. Boys and Girls basketball now, no junior team at this time
- Remembrance Day assembly was student planned, and the choir performed
- Robotics competed on Tuesday November 25
- Choir is looking to perform with the Santa Claus Parade
- Making sure we meet the needs of every student and sees themselves in the classroom and lesson, and how we can achieve that
- Winter concert planning, looking to have it on December 17th, two shows to be provided, information to follow

6. Principal's Update

• Round Table

- Question was asked: Clarification about the bat on picture day
 - There was a bat in the gym, moved picture day opened up the gym and got the bat out



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- Question was asked about the water and the safety of it since it was turned off for two days
 - Every day the water get tested, and multiple times within in the day, received a flag from a monthly test so we shut down the water and provided other water. Then they followed up with a new test and became known the water was clear.
- Question on water drinking stations and if they have built in filtration
 - They do and they change the filters consistently
- Question was asked on looking to understand why the board is not providing hand sanitizer anymore and how there are no sinks in the portables
 - There has been follow up with this on reaching out to the board on how to support clean hands in portables and locations without sinks when there is no sanitizer being provided

- **Updates:**

- Action Items-Gr. 8 Commencement we will be meeting soon to discuss and will welcome parent input and support, Mad Science (End of Jan-Early March, 8-week program after school \$148)
 - Max number of students is 22 per class for Mad Science
- Shared a Math problem solving experience involving number/quantity/estimation
 - **Question asked about problem solving, and how to relate it to life and math**
 - **Seeing it a lot through the student voice and student conversation that the solution is with them, and they have the power to solve the problems**
- School Visits with Sup't Denomme, Walkabouts, Small group instruction, seeing problem solving experiences
- MJ School Improvement Plan
- Student Nutrition Programme, we have received a start up grant of \$1000. We will be using this to purchase storage items (cupboard, bins, etc.) Mme Osmond and Mrs. Simpson will be taking the lead and working with student leaders to facilitate. The plan is providing snacks in the morning, two times per week.
 - Julie's mom has ran a program for a small school before, looking to assist with how to start it and run it, give ideas on what to do
- Looking into our lunchbox program and see what is effective or does well with the students
- We are looking for financial support/ideas to fund our School Nutrition Programme (SNP)
- Agendas- How are they working?
 - Mixed reviews from parents on the usage



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- Our bill last year was \$1800, looking for SC support for \$2000
- Advisory-School Safety dismissal for older students Gr. 7-8
 - Listening to parent and staff voices on how to approach end of day dismissal safely, different options were discussed about how to safely and effectively dismiss the kids

7. Treasurer's Update (Floriane Schroers)

- Balance from last meeting: \$547.88
- With the money from the fudge, sold \$1894 of fudge, made 40% of that
- Sold \$1894 dollars worth of fudge with the fudge fundraiser, we made 40% of that totaling, \$757.16 dollars profit
- Balance as of beginning of November meeting: \$1327.38

8. Fundraising Update

- Northwest Fudge Fundraiser
 - Fast turn around, local in Ontario and easy to work with in the end
 - Motion: MJ school council to donate the bonus fudge from the fundraiser to the staff (Suzanne Hall)
 - Seconded: Sarah Ewing
 - FOR: 8
 - AGAINST: 0
 - ABSTENTIONS: 1
- Poinsettia Fundraiser
 - No numbers at this time, as deadline has not been completed as of yet
 - Order closes on December 6th, looking to have the pick up with the Winter Assembly, The Tuesday and the Wednesday 16th and 17th for pick up
- Flip Give
 - Use an app, or a link to shop as normal and you get a kick back from each store that goes into the schools “account”
 - Motion: That the MJ school council will open a FlipGive account to fundraise (Suzanne Hall)
 - Seconded: Sarah Ewing
 - For: 9
 - Against: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
 - Motion Carried : YES
 - ACTION ITEM: Set it up with Jodie, and then send out in an email and reminder emails
- Mabels Labels



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- Sign up, just collect from the drop down menu if you are already ordering Mabels Labels
- **MOTION: The MJ School Council opens account to fundraise (Suzanne Hall)**
- **Second: Floriane**
- **FOR 9**
- **Against 0**
- **Abstentions: 0**
- Won't advertise it just yet, just for distribution at a later date
- **Kernels**
 - Once a month
 - 1.25 cents cost per bag
 - Look to defer it to January Meeting to be able to pick it up, and start selecting dates
- **Gift Basket Raffle Update**
 - We cannot call it a raffle it has to be a silent auction, process to do it aiming for the last open house of the year
 - Team up classes and create a "theme" for a basket from the classes
 - Instead of names each person/family would receive a number for a little more anonymity
- **Krispy Kreme**
 - March 26th pick up date for the donuts

9. Ongoing Business

- **Santa Claus Parade**
 - Song List has been put together
 - Three practices are scheduled, trip forms have been distributed
- **PRO Grant Application for Funding**
 - Parent Engagement Meeting at MJ
 - Show parents how students learn to read in French, how to support at home, skill based and interactive activities
 - Numeracy, evolution of numeracy and problem solving
 - Mental Health and Well Being look Into Yoga
 - Truth and Reconciliation, the impact as a community, educate and how participate
 - **ACTION ITEM: Childcare options**
- **Rural School's Committee Meeting Update**

10. New Business

- **Proposal for School Council Funded Winter/Holiday School Activity**
 - **Motion: That School Council runs a holiday craft activity for students using (Suzanne Hall)**
 - **Seconded: Brittany Hunter**



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- For: 9
- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- Motion carried: YES

11. Future Meeting Date

- January 15, 2026 @ 6:30 in the Learning Commons

12. Agenda Item suggestions for next meeting

13. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 PM