

Michaëlle Jean Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 – 7:00pm

In attendance: Julie, Randi, Patton, Mounika, Raheleh, Qiauzhu, Kim, Leanne, Deep

Regrets: Shabbir, Varinder

School Staff: Nora Mazloumian

1. *Welcome*

2. *Approve Minutes from November 2019 Meeting*

Everyone reviews the minutes from November 2019. Patton moves to accept the minutes, Raheleh seconds, all agree, the minutes are passed.

3. *Principal's Report (Nora)*

- Did not go ahead with the Freshii pitch, due to a misunderstanding between the Freshii representatives and the lack of ability to order online. There is an option with another Freshii provider (a parent of a MJPS student) who would be able to do online ordering similar to Kids Kitchen. The payout to the school is \$0.50 per meal. Could offer all options and let students choose what appeals to them. This would not be a big fundraiser, but would be a good way to offer healthy lunch options for our student population. We agree to try it for 4 weeks to see how it goes.
- Grade 2s to Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts and VORC both very successful events
- Grade 3s Hockey at lunch
- ECO Club run by Mme Bourrie are going for Gold this year, has a lot of children helping out checking the garbage and recycling bins and make daily announcements. They turn off some of the lights during lunch hour to conserve energy. The students participate in a pizza box stomp on Fridays.
- Concert December 12th, next concert will be April, last concert will be May. Each concert has 6 classes performing. (We cannot accommodate all attendees in the gymnasium in one evening so we split it over 3 concerts.)
- PRO Grant (\$500 this year, not \$1000) focus on respecting the role of parents in students' education. Seems to be more of an information night (eg. Math Night, Health and Wellness Night). Deadline is December 18th. Julie will look into filling out the application.
- Principal's Profile needs to be updated for this year (and every year). If there are any additions to the 2018-2019 profile, then please send it to Julie by December 16th. If you do not contribute any comments then we will assume you are in agreement with the current profile.
- Work to Rule is not affecting anything at the school level or the students. If it continues into January the impact on the report cards will be that the teachers will report marks only without any comments. Reports go out early February.

4. *Approve Treasurer's Report from November 2019*

Opening balance was \$22,732.41. Expenses have included Lice Checks and Scientists in School and Pizza lunches. Approximately \$6,000 per term, however Term 2 is usually more successful for the pizza fundraiser.

Total closing balance is \$19,827.53.

Our expenditures include Carnaval, in school performances, Scientists in Schools, Cost Sharing for Technology, etc. We should aim to spend most of our funds by the end of the school year.

5. *Committee Chair Reports*

Communications Officer (Raheleh)

- There hasn't been many School Council events to report on this term, but that will change for the new year. There will be more opportunities to populate a newsletter later.

Parent & Community Involvement (Deep)

Discuss various events

- Guest speaker
- Food or clothing drives for families in our community
- STEM night
- Movie Night: could have a donation as their ticket in to the movie (eg food donation or clothing such as a pair of socks). We could schedule it for January 30th before the January 31st PA Day.
- Community dinner and bring in food provider (eg. Freshii) could be a PRO Grant initiative
- BINGO night
- Board Game night
- Perhaps looking at February timing for other events
- Is this a fundraising event or a community involvement event? If we do this as a community event, then we should advertise it as put on by School Council as a result of our fundraising.

Student Success (Leanne)

- Leanne will speak to M. Segbor about some ideas about a Health and Wellness evening

Volunteer Coordinator (Claire)

- Pizza is running well. Some weeks we have many pizza volunteers, some weeks have less. There is a steady stream of volunteers which is very helpful.

School Climate (Sarah and Kim)

- Second Term dates for pizza is set up with Abruzzo. Will start in the February and go until June. The letter will go out mid January on School Cash Online.
- Would like to choose a week for Carnaval. February 10-14th. Discuss events and activities for the week. Kim wants all the activities solidified by the end of January to allow enough time for planning.

6. *Other Business*

Nora went to Quest and there was a technology area with virtual reality classes. There was a paint option to create a virtual piece of art using virtual reality glasses. You can get a chip to connect to your computer to print out later. The glasses have protection for cleanliness. There is the possibility of some side effects with vertigo, however that might be more common with movement or gravity related virtual reality systems. These painting glasses are milder and generally well tolerated. They could be put in the modern learning space as one of the centers. Cost is approximately \$1000 each. Nora would like to purchase 4 of them for the school. Leanne firsts, Mounika seconds, all agree to go ahead with the purchase.

7. *Adjournment*

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm.

Next meeting Thursday February 6, 2020 at 7pm.