



Mount Joy School Council Hybrid Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2024 6:30pm

#	Description	Action
1.	Attendance Staff: Harald Grammenos, Shelley Hobor, Tara Kumabe Parents: Diana, Jane, Tami, Abira, Tutu, Rowena	
2.	Meeting Called to Order at 6:32 pm.	
3.	Principle's Update Admin and School Updates Skills Challenge: Mount Joy PS has placed first at Humber, we had moved to the provincial level and came in first in the provincials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A team of four students used a fractured fairy tale and retold the story using the pretense of a reality show.• The team is working on redubbing the video and sharing it with the public either during the talent show or with parents at the spring concert• Mount Joy teams were the only group that used Adobe Photoshop and judges commended the student.• It is an honour to place first, thanks to Ms. Koo-Leung for guiding the team• Big thanks to Mr. Crouse for working with the tech side Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first of two kindergarten info nights (parent info session) complete• Currently 37 new registrations for kindergarten also 3 new students this week for SK• The second evening, scheduled for May 16, is an opportunity for kids to come in, visit the classrooms, meet staff and work on activities Grade 8 Grad <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent info session around graduation and trip completed Book Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is very popular, students are purchasing books and making a wishlist• 50% of funds are going back into school• Students are requesting books to be bought and made available in the library• Lots of gizmos and fidgets are available as well Spring Concert <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postponed, to Thursday, May 30• tickets will be made available via school cash online• in order to meet fire requirements; families will be restricted to 4 tickets• The concert will have JK to grade 8 students, choir and band performances	



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- Concert to be advertised in the May edition of the school newsletter

2024-2025 School Year Update

- The letter will be going out about class placements for families to have a say
- The school will try to honour requests but so much needs to be addressed in terms of individual strengths, needs, personalities and balancing classes
- There will be thoughtful committed decisions
- This is not picking a teacher, but picking the best environment

Some other important dates:

- Gauss math contest for Grade 7 and 8 students, voluntary, May 15
 - Track and Field, May 24
 - The International Day of Families, celebrates diversity, on May 24
 - The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia coming as well
 - Bike to school week coming up
 - Yes, I Can Awards, May 29
 - Alliance of Educators for Black students, June 4, honours achievements in well-being and citizenship,
 - Uukkamath Kaivida Annual Tamil Awards, May 28, for elementary and secondary students
- These events provide genuine opportunities for students and families to feel recognized and affirmed

Currently @ the Joy

- Art Club
- Mytersty Bag Club
- Chess Club
- Looming Club
- Junior Intramurals
- Healthy Schools
- Intermediate Band
- Primary Dance Club
- Rubik Cube Club
- Primary, Junior, Intermediate Choir

...many more activities all happening during lunch and recess breaks

These promote Student Wellbeing, Increasing Academic Wellbeing,

Students are interacting, and teachers and students are bonding, this is vital

Students at Mount Joy are committed and want to be a part of something larger, the activities are fully maxed in terms of attendance

Social Media



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	IG <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are advised that there is no tech usage unless supervised and are following IGStudents are involved and actively have a say on what needs to be changedWe have 151 followers	
4.	Approval of April 2023 minutes.	Jane motions, Abira seconds.
6.	Treasurer's Report Opening Balance on September 1, 2023 \$22,340.08 Balance as of January 2023: \$45,863.23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The third session of pizza added, pizza funds decreased weeklyPO placed for 20 new chrome books, an initiative by the school council and school board working together The importance of technology is emphasized, the rapidly burning out Smart boards are being replaced with state-of-the-art tech LCD units, Council thanked for ongoing support. - Please see the attached Treasurer's report dated May 2024	
7.	Response to wish list items requested by Council Council thanked for transportation and busing subsidy, teachers have been made fully aware of this Council thanked for chrome books Emphasis is placed on the importance of helping the school and school council money going towards the larger community of the school. Following perimeter in mind where council funds should be allocated to benefit the school entirely. Wishlist Requests: Short-term Makerspace items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Label type/Robotic type items for students to construct, build and manipulate itemsSchool looking to create a designated Makerspace area in the building, ideally in the library, Long-term - flowing into next year	Council Votes to Approve



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	<p>Playscape Games Painting Refresh/Tarmac Painting (i.e. new lines for basketball nets and or 4 corners):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current paintings are out-of-date and fading• No new tarmac is planned in the foreseeable future <p>These are important for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• kids to engage in save play• have another avenue for physical play that is constructive• provide alternatives when the board closes the field to give the grass time to grow or when the field is icy and too slippery in winter• during tarmac only recesses, ball play is restricted as the tarmac is too congested, and kids are bored• promotes conflict management as well <p>If the council approves, the school will begin the process of need to vetting through 3 different vendors, engaging with students, and potentially creating a small subcommittee of students who will meet with principals and vendors</p> <p>This will be a great opportunity for students to see a practical project, with a theoretical component and roll it out.</p>	<p>Council Votes to Support schools initiative to begin exploring options and costs.</p>
8.	<p>A question was raised regarding changes made to council support for Grade 8 graduation.</p> <p>Emphasis was placed on the importance of allocating council funds to benefit the entire student body as funds have been collected by contributions across all grade levels.</p> <p>Grade 8 students have been invited to collaborate on potential fundraising initiatives in the coming weeks for graduation, 100% of these funds will be allotted to graduation celebrations.</p>	
9.	<p>Movie Night #1 2024-2025</p> <p>1st PA day in Septemeber, waiting on board to release calendar</p> <p>License renewal approved</p>	<p>Council Votes in favour of renewing the license for the 2024-2025 year.</p>
10.	<p>The council offers to host a teacher/volunteer appreciation event for staff and volunteers.</p> <p>Offer greatly appreciated but politely declined as the board has set very strong guidelines for the use of council funds. These can not be used to purchase food. Council funds are meant to be used for students.</p>	
11.	<p>Upcoming Dates</p> <p>2023-2024 Meeting Dates: June 4th</p>	



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12.	Meeting adjourned	Jane motions, Abira seconds.
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Next Meeting: June 4, 2024 VIRTUAL at 6:30 pm (later amended via e-mail to June 11, 2024 VIRTUAL at 6:30 pm)