



Mount Joy School Council Hybrid Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023 6:30pm

#	Description	Action
1.	Attendance Staff: Harald Grammenos, Anna, Parents: Jane, Yolanda, Suresh, Tu Tu, Ila, Jane, Sabrina, Abira, Rowena	
2.	Meeting Called to Order at 6:33pm. Approval of May 2023 minutes.	Abira motions, Jane seconds.
3.	Land acknowledgement We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties are signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island our closest neighbour and partner in education. To honour this agreement, we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations. Deron Douglas: Indigenous Art Project, History buff. Indigenous (Mohawk) artist. MJPS: Philosophy Statement The Broad Brushstrokes Inclusion, everyone matters, everyone belongs: equity, creating awareness, building capacity for change, identity, racial literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement, participation - Student voice, student leadership - Mental health and well-being - ONT learning skills - Growth mindset - Creativity and innovation - Making success, challenging, disrupting, and actively breaking down school and system barriers. 	
4.	Principle's Update Admin and School Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you everyone for joining us on the first council meeting at MJ for the year 2023-2024. - This is principal Harold's first year at MJ. There is a sense of genuine givingness of staff and positive energy at the school. - Lots of extra curricular activities. - 102 students participated in Cross Country (1 out of 5 students). - 5 teachers went with the students. - Safe and Caring Schools assemblies. Conduct expectations. School as special places. Growth mindset. A place we can make mistakes. Take ownership. Become better people; mathematicians; musicians; athletes. Take the chance with the activities. - Primary dance club. Junior intermural, choir, volley ball, project C. board game club. - Healthy Schools received \$15K funding from the PC Children's Chairity Foundation. - Terry Fox coming up on October 6, 2023. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Space program for mental health leadership. Part of healthy school program. - School reorganization: 572 students enrolled at MJ this year. We did need to do less than 5 adjustments. CEC's rationale part (peer and staff wise to build strength). - Safety Week activity: Cross Country, Markham fair trips. After each activity, there is extensive feedback provided to both staff and students. Real and honest. - Lockdown drill today with fire alarm for learning. Lockdown drills may include bomb threat, lockdown and fire drill. Choose different times of day. Do not exit the building during a lockdown. The threat could be a person or an animal. - Tech Upgrades: library, INT class, K class. 3 new screens. SmartScreens. Wireless. Speakers are really good. Library (\$5,300). Classrooms (\$3,800) - MJPS Curriculum Night Oct 12, 6-7pm– meet families, meet, mix and mingle, M Cubed. 2 elements. People piece and instructional piece. People piece more casual and loose. The instructional piece will put out as MJ curriculum night for a more formal approach. - Project C: Student leadership, wellness, mental health, YRDSB Youth Space (Student Promoting Awareness, Connection and Empowerment) - Looking to add furniture in the foyer of the school and replacement piece in library. - Google Form for student voice. Have their input in building and shaping the school. - We have an existing Tv in the foyer. Will expand it to include instructions, celebrations. Work from classrooms can be shared. The goal is to use it more. 	
5.	<p>Elections Elected 2023-2024 MJPS Council Positions Chair: Jane Secretary: Yolanda Communication Officer: Abira Treasurer: Tutu</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Balance on September 1, 2023 \$22,340.08 - Please see attached Treasurer's report dated October 2023 	
6.	<p>Thinking Ahead Movie Nights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look for possible Movie Night dates. - Look at renewing our ACF Films license first. - Look at possibility of purchasing a popcorn machine for the school for fund raising activities such as movie nights or popcorn Tuesdays. <p>School Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We currently have 3 portables at MJ. 1 for French. 1 upper Junior home room and 1 is multi-use. - Looking at taking the existing portable AC unit from the multi-use portable into the library to have another cooling space. - The board is doing building upgrades in the schools as phased in projects. - Harolds last school was done last year. AC units were put in the office, library, gym and health room. 	<p>Yolanda to bring back some quotes for popcorn machines.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Want to look at putting ore trees in the school. Trees are easier to do. Rocks: lots of bureaucracy. Certain vendors only.- Would eventually need to replace all smartboards in the school with newer ones.- Parking lot too small for this school. Not enough parking spaces.- There is also ice pooling in the back yard tarmac which gets quite dangerous during the winter months.- Intermittent fencing for school grounds.- Increase in field trips. Mainly for buses.- Other ideas for field trips can include the free ones such as Zoo to You.	
7.	<p>Upcoming Dates 2023-2024 Hybrid Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nov 7, Dec 5, Feb 6, March 26, (NO April 9 (10th Diamond Day), May 7, June 4th (tentative)	

Next Meeting: November 7, 2023 at 6:30pm