

## O.M. Mackillop School Council Meeting

### Minutes – February 3rd, 2025

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- **Attendees:**
  - **School Staff:** Brandon Kliman (Principal)
  - **Parents:** JJ, LBN, VL, Marie-Claude, Jeon, Shabnam
  - **Regrets:** Liudmila, Angelie, Mariya, Venus, Maryam, Peruza
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Land Acknowledgment**
- **Meeting Norms**
  - Pausing, Paraphrasing, Posing Questions, Putting Ideas on the Table, Providing Data, Paying Attention To Self and Others, Presuming Positive Intentions and being conscious and respectful of everyone's time.
- **Approval of previous meeting's minutes**
- **Principal's Report:**
  - Junior Area Volleyball Tournament
    - O.M. MacKillop hosted the Junior boys and girls volleyball tournament on April 23rd and 24th
    - Both girls and boys qualified in the area semi-finals placing 4th
  - Recess during the Winter
    - Students have enjoyed playing in the snow at recess
    - Mr. Kliman has purchased snow toys (shovels) for each of the classes
    - There's a -20 degrees threshold - the board has a policy that when it's around that temperature, indoor recess is to be held
  - Spirit Week (Feb 10-14)
    - Student Social Committee have organized a Spirit week
      - Monday - Pajama Day
      - Tuesday - Favourite Team Day
      - Wednesday - Favourite Character Day
      - Thursday - Match with your class Day
      - Friday - Red, Pink, Purple or White Day
    - Students can participate if they would like to

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- o School Mural
  - To work with the art club to create a large hallway mural
  - Currently brainstorming ideas for the mural
- o Jr/Int Electives - March 5th
  - Students can select an activity they would like to participate in
  - Currently working with different vendors right now, bowling maybe one activity
- o Winter Dance - March 7th
  - Schoolwide dance with grade appropriate groupings - classes will visit the dance - a time for the student to socialize
- o Motivational Speaker
  - With the increased cost of bussing, the school is working on bring in performances
  - Currently organizing an Olympic athlete to come in and speak to the students about perseverance and resilience.
  - This person just played in the Summer Olympics for volleyball
  - Whole school presentation, then in-class presentations with grades 5-8
  - Marie-Claude may have a contact with a Trampolinist - he won a bronze metal in the 2000 Olympics
- o Pro Grant – to connect families with their children through the school
  - Scientist in the School - STEM Night on date to be determined 5:30 - 6:30, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
  - 2 1-hour long sessions, 5:30 - 6:30, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
  - **Discovery Zone, Shoot, Score, Science and More**
  - 20 students plus their families per session, \$235/session

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- Staff Appreciation
  - In years past, school council money could be used to provide an appreciation lunch for staff, however, the board has stated that funds earned from fundraisers are not to be used in that way - families are now being asked for donations
  - Last year, a letter was shared out to families, asking them to help sponsor a lunch for the staff at the school - this year, the letter will be sent out after the March Break
- Caring and Safe School Presentations
  - Review school expectations - how can we be kind to one another
  - Putting the reminders out there, school social worker working with classes to have specific discussions about kindness and empathy
  - Presentations for grade 1-8 classroom
- Online safety presentation with Crosby Heights PS
  - Once more detail is presented, will share with school council
- Community Partnerships
  - Richmond Hill Soccer Club to come in and run soccer clinics with the K to grade 4 classes - end of February
  - Volleyball clinics for grade 4 - 8 classes organized by Ms. Forester
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - Hot lunch sales have gone down slightly for term 3
  - Cost sharing contribution has been maximized
  - School has purchased 16 Chromebooks, 2 iPads, 2 projectors
- **Fundraising and Community Engagement**
  - This year, the board may give us \$500 for parent engagement - we may use these funds to bring back the drummers from last year's Community BBQ on June 12th
- **Questions and Comments:**
  - Is there a way parents can donate funds towards purchasing hot lunches for those who aren't able to participate because of financial challenges
  - Looking at possibly introducing other lunch options for the next round of hot lunch orders

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Monday, March 24th (virtual)**

**Monday, May 5th (in person)**

**Year End Community Celebration : Thursday, June 12th**