

**James Macdonald School Council Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Brian Patton, Principal  
Amanda Vernon, Teacher Representative  
Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin  
Stephanie Hurley  
Laura Kentie  
Jennie Podrebarac  
Harnesh Wadhwana

Stephanie McDonald  
Abby Robertson  
Heather Talach  
Julie Zimmerman  
Katie Putt  
Dan Robinson  
Renuka Wadhwana

Regrets:

Ritesh Patel  
Stephanie Hosking  
Kristina Collier

*Meeting called to order by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 6:31 pm*

- Welcome and introductions by B. Patton
- Land Acknowledgement by B. Patton

**ELECTIONS**

- Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin – Co-Chair
- Katie Putt – Co-Chair
- Laura Kentie – Secretary
- Stephanie Hurley – Treasurer
- Voting Members: 12
  - Quorum = 7

**TEACHERS REPORT, A. Vernon**

- Boys 3-pitch team tournament was today. Won 3 games, lost final game.
- Swim Team – Practice this week cancelled. Practices will be at Westmount Rec Centre
- Terry Fox Run is this Friday. Donations due October 4. Looking for volunteers to help supervise students on route or count funds. Students can bring a toonie the day of the run for Toonies for Terry. Pledge forms have been sent home.
- Girls 3-pitch tournament is on Thursday. Students are responsible for their own rides to Mohawk Sports Complex.
- Cross country is currently practicing. October 8 – Christie Conservation Area.

- Teachers are currently working on routines within the classrooms.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT, B. Patton**

- Office has been renovated during the summer.
  - Gord Cook is the retired principal working with B. Patton.
  - Mrs. Katie Mason – new office administrator
  - Nadia - 1.5 office assistant
- PA day – September 21 – day was spent for health and safety training, math & well-being. Kindergarten to grade 2 staff were working on literacy training.
- Reorganization – influx of kindergarten students – a half kindergarten class was opened and are currently in the library. Major classroom reorganization will happen to move kindergarten class into a classroom. Those changes will happen next week.
- Communications is important – weekly emails will go out
- Meet the Staff - October 10 – 4:30 -6
- Concerns re: staff parking lot and safety of children
- Fundraising:
  - Pizza days – Every Thursday during second nutrition break. Cheese pizza. Will use Garth Pizza. Aim to start around October 17. Sales will be Cash online only. Cash online will be available month to month.
  - Popcorn sales will be run by Mrs. Redgate and Mrs. Pearson. Available to students every 2 weeks. Cash only.
  - Fresh from the Farm – families can order vegetables and fruit. Supports all local farmers.
  - Nutrition program needs funds: some of the profits from school fundraisers will support nutrition program and replacement of technology and laptops.

### **FUNDRAISING, Council**

- Poinsettia Fundraiser – Laura Kentie will organize.
  - Motion to approve Poinsettia fundraiser. Funds will go towards nutrition program.
  - **Vote: Approved by S. Hurley, H. Talach. All in favour.**
- Will discuss further fundraising ideas for council in October meeting.

**PRO GRANT UPDATE, S. Lostanaw Lavin**

- Parent reaching out grant
- All schools eligible to apply for \$1,000 grant
- Must be an event to reach out to community and engage parents and families
- Applications due November 22
- Will discuss ideas next meeting

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- October 21, 2024
- November 25, 2024
- January 20, 2025
- February 24, 2025
- April 28, 2025
- May 26, 2025
- Motion to approve future meeting dates, S. McDonald, H. Talach. *All in favour*

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, Council**

- JMac student wear – coming soon

*Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:48 pm.  
Approved by J. Zimmerman, S. McDonald. All in favour.*

*Next meeting Monday, October 21 in Learning Commons*