



Michaëlle Jean School Council Minutes

École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean

School Council Meeting

September 19th, 2024

In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal

Megan Rempel – Teacher Representative

Isabel Rodrigues (Program Leader for Umbrella Daycare) – Community Representative

Christina Gijelic – Student Council Representative

Suzanne Hall - Chair

Brittany Hunter - Secretary

Trish Rayner - Treasurer

Paul Hatala – Voting Member

Joanna Seymour - Voting Member

Wendy Mahabir - Voting Member

Shiny Thomas - Voting Member

Julie Sadonoja - Voting Member

Jen Valente - Voting Member

Sarah Ewing - Voting Member

Laden Milsome - Voting Member

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Wendy Tanner - Voting Member

Floriane Schroers - Voting Member

Lesley Billingsley

Maria Patrinely

James Whitson

Danielle Pacey

Jen Omar

Mike Nafekh

Denise Bazeley

Erin Freeman

Meeting Stated at 6:35pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Student Council Update (Christina Gijelic)
 - New Student Council
 - Rep: Christina Gijelic
 - o Terry fox Run
 - o Play day – congrats to student leaders
 - o Grade 8's painted a car for the derby and it won best design
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Minutes
 - **Motion: Motion to approve May 2024 School Council minutes** (Paul Hatala)
 - o Second: Suzanne Hall
 - o For: 10
 - o Against: 0

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- Abstentions: 0
- Motion Carried: yes

5. Role of the Council (Mark Hopkins)

- Advisory
- Quorum will be 50%+1
- Positions Include:
 - Chair or Co-Chairs (1-2)
 - Secretary (1)
 - Treasurer (1)
 - (Voting) Members at Large (13)
 - Principal (1)
 - Teacher Representative (1)
 - Community Representative (1)
 - Student Representative (1)
- Roles of each council member

6. Council Elections

- Chair – Suzanne
- Secretary – Brittany Hunter
- Treasurer – Trish Rayner
- Voting Members (11)
 - Paul Hatala
 - Joanna Seymour
 - Wendy Mahabir
 - Shiny Thomas
 - Julie Sadonoja
 - Jennifer Valente
 - Sarah Ewing
 - Layden Milsome
 - Wendy Tanner
 - Floriane Schroers
 - Elisha Szafran

7. Teacher Update (Megan Rempel)

- Athletics are up and running
 - Cross Country
 - 3 practices all ready
 - Volleyball - Jr and Sr boys and girls' teams
 - Swim Team – Jr – Grades 3, 4, 5 (in the fall)

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- Sr is in the spring – Mme Pearson
- Play day went great
- Personal Development for teachers will be upcoming
 - Math – EQAO teachers will get additional support and instructions
- MJ now has
 - Reading specialist 1x/week
 - EA floating
- Question from Council:
 - Can we post the sports try-outs on the webpage?

- 8. Principals Report (Mark Hopkins)
 - Round Table
 - Question about YouTube no longer being available
 - Devices
 - Last year purchased 15 new laptops
 - This year purchased 10 already
 - Looking at how they will deploy the devices
 - There are some old laptops – looking to put them in one class
 - If thinking of any fundraisers – this should be a good one
 - September Re-org
 - NO RE-ORG!!!
 - There are a couple of students to juggle – but there are no classes collapsing
 - Safety Updates
 - Plan of Care – Making sure all the plans of care come back to the school
 - Routines
 - Buses
 - Teachers are checking all the kids before they get on the bus
 - Using student leaders
 - Partnership
 - Want to work on ideas that are coming from students, parents, teachers and the community to work collaboratively
 - Student Council
 - Have reps from grade 3-8
 - Mr. Hopkins and Mme Strong
 - Yearbook
 - Photographer (Mr. Strong) donated a camera
 - 2 grade 7 students started taking pictures
 - Mme strong is taking the lead
 - \$20 for purchase
 - Current Budget \$1760.40
 - Future School Council Meeting Dates
 - Oct 17th 2024

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- Nov 21st 2024
- Jan 16th 2025
- Feb 20th 2025
- Mar 27th 2025
- April 24th 2025
- May 15th 2025

9. What are our priorities this year (from Council Members)

- Find ways to bring families into the building more
- Community opportunities for MJ to be present (Santa Claus parade, Easter egg hunt)
- Continue Communication on SLACK – Paul to help Suzanne re-set and add new members

10. Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 6:30pm
- In the Learning Commons

11. Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting** (Trish Rayner)
 - Second: Paul Hatala
 - For: 14
 - Against: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
 - Motion Carried: Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm

Special Education Consultant	Tara Sferrazza
Social Work	Vangi Ryan Boose
Psychoeducational Consultant	Ben Nywening
Equity Consultant	Lindsay Sierdsma
Special Education, Inclusion and Equity Team	Julie Kirkelos - Special Education Student Support Teacher Holly Stapleton - Educational Assistant Aimee Holme - Child and Youth Care Practitioner

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	Allison Tsuro - Board Certified Behaviour Analyst
Speech Pathologist	Nicole Vuksan
Principal of Special Education & Equity	Kimberly Chute
Positive Care & Well Being CYCP	Zoe Ryckman-referral to Jason Rizza
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher	Rachel Eales
Grade 8 Progression-Student Success Contacts	Chantelle Davies and Jenn Viveiros
Centre for Success Itinerant	Laura Cianfrini
ESL	Melissa Tadeson

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