



John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes May 28th, 2025

Present:

In Person:

Laura Fehrenbach
Emily McConnel
Tabitha Nicholson
Kacheena Morrison
Kandis Walker
Christine Martin
Brent Hatcher
Kristen Dorscht

Bethany Metzger
Stephanie Rempel
Darryl Schinkle

Online:

Alicia McGuire
Meaghan Hachey

Voting Members Absent:

Angie Melchin

Territorial Acknowledgement - Brent

Discussion of Previous Minutes - Laura

- [See last month's minutes here](#)
 - Accepted by - Laura
 - Seconded by - Stephanie

Principal's Report - Brent

- Brent is finished as principal at the end of May, has been with us for the last month
- A lot happened in May, including;
 - May 7 – 29 students participated in the Kodaly Choir at Centre-in-the-Square
 - May 8 – a full house at the Welcome to Kindergarten event
 - May 12 – Dental Screening for kindergarten & Gr. 2 students
 - May 13 – Mahoodfest
 - May 15 – Track & Field
 - May 20-23 – Jungle Sport was set up in the gym; well received by all students
 - May 22 – Sustainable Waterloo Region (SWR) planted a Microforest in the field behind the parking lot; 100 trees of various varieties were planted; rain prevented students from helping to plant; ECO Club and some classes have stepped up to do the watering; SWR is returning in June to spread the remaining mulch and plant some flower seed paper
 - Gr. 3 EQAO has been happening this week and wraps up tomorrow; Gr. 6 students write the EQAO assessment next week
 - Many classes have enjoyed a variety of off-campus experiences:
 - Swim to Survive, Arts Abound performance, Twin Valley Zoo, Doon Pioneer Village, Gr. 6 Camp
- Working on next years class building



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- Encourage community members to register ASAP as each registration can have a huge impact on school organization
 - 4 full Kindergarten classes next year
- Summer construction:
 - Rms. 4 & 5 getting new concrete floors, millwork, tile ceilings & LED lighting
 - Rm. 3 getting new tile ceiling & LED lights
 - Girls Changeroom & Instructors Office being converted into 4 washrooms for all; a sink and toilet in each
- Administrator Updates:
 - Karin Bileski is returning for the first 3 weeks; she'll be here on MTW each week
 - Jodie Hancox-Meyer (recently retired from Abe Erb) will be doing ThF for those 3 weeks
 - Susan Marchiori will be here for the last week in June
- Mr. Ranking has been appointed as VP at Lester B. Pearson and Edna Staebler starting in September
- Linda Cotnam has been appointed as Principal for John Mahood, will start Aug. 18. She is currently the principal at Franklin P.S.

Teacher's Report - Christine

- PD day friday
- Auditions for lip sync on Monday/Tue for Primary, Wed for Juniors
- Jump rope for heart June 6 at 12:30
- Airband contest June 12th & 13th
- Rainbow day June 17
- Regional track meet June 20th
- Primary Play Day June 23rd
- Annual staff vs gr. 6 baseball game June 24th
- Grade 6 Grad - June 25th
- Robin in the hood - will take up most of Kate's place for parking and walking through the forest. Grade 4's will be attending on the education day
- Woolwich Pride June 14, 1-4pm

Social Media - Kristen

- Little engagement, but a lot of posts in May for Mahoodfest
- Kristen to post Jungle sport pictures

Treasury Report - Katie

- \$7000 plus for available spending



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Chair's Report - Kristen/Stephanie

- PRO Grant Event at Riverside
 - Attendance wasn't huge due to weather
 - The speaker was very good, and very motivating
 - Engaging and funny, captivating to both moms and dads
- Mahoodfest summary
 - Huge success
 - All volunteer spots were filled
 - Ran very smoothly
 - Ice cream \$325
 - Silent Auction \$1468
 - \$1438 Jaguar Store
 - \$345 Bake Sale
 - Eco Club plant and book sale \$175
 - Ideas for future years: less food focus, more activities, is the store required every year if we have enough funds?
- School supply drive, Leanne really liked it last year, only just ran out of kleenex at the end of May. Would like us to consider running it again next year
 - Christine to communicate to staff that we will run it again next year
 - Staff could send us a wishlist
 - Jar for nutrition for learning, loose change
 - Post on social media in August
- Spending requests:
 - Scoring flip chart for gym - \$85.47
 - **Motion to purchase a scoring chart for the gym for up to \$90 - Laura, seconded Bethany**
 - **Passed by Majority vote**
 - Math resources - toy money, rulers, protractors, scissors, calculators, dice etc \$1700
 - **Motion to purchase math resources for a total of \$1700 - Laura, seconded by Stephanie**
 - **Passed by majority vote**
 - Books - Taste your words, How I feel when I hear No, Non-stop talker -Lacy walker, My way to good choices, Little Dinos don't yell \$284.51 for two sets of books
 - **Motion to purchase a set of books for \$285 - Laura, seconded by Kandis**
 - **Passed by majority vote**
 - Sand and walls for sand pit
 - Sand toys



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- Sidewalk chalk
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Sand boxes and garden boxes for kindie area
- Recess kits - Kevin still has some
- **Motion to give \$300 to the kindie team for sand toys, chalk and play sand - Emily, seconded by Christine**
 - **Passed by majority vote**
- **Motion to spend up to \$300 to purchase electric pencil sharpeners - Kristin, seconded by Darryl**
 - **Passed by majority vote**
- Next year look at playground improvements (Dragon & sand), soccer posts
- Was suggested to have more community events and less fundraising
- Event ideas for next year:
 - Skating Party
 - Winter play day
 - Carolling
 - S.T.E.M Night
 - Swimming
 - Dance-A-thon
- Business for next year
 - **Motion to book Lions Bingo over the summer for a fundraiser next year - Laura, seconded by Emily**
 - **Passed by majority vote**

Fundraising & Community Engagements

- Talked to crafty crystal
- Booked candy for valentines
- Reached out to coffee for the fall
- Will talk to poinsettias in the fall
- Bookfair
 - Bethany's school recently ran one - run by school council
 - Money can be used to spend on scholastic or converted to cash for regular spending
 - Viewing day with the whole fair setup, students come and look for 15 min to see what they would like.
 - Event event where parent come and buy with the kids
 - Two days through the week where kids who bring money can come purchase items from the sale
 - Their school made close to \$2000



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- Had an extra table with second hand books
- Delivery minimum 3 weeks
- Idea to run it on meet the teacher night, terry fox day, read-a-thon or a date where families are already at the school, or start at pickup time
- A good fundraiser for purchasing home reading books
- Could have sales just in the evenings
- Community event idea: Movie night and book fair
 - Popcorn, pjs and stuffies
- Pick a date in September

Open Discussion - All

- Kandis & Kristens last meeting, thank-you!
- Flowers for Kristen to thank her for for many years as chair and teaching us all the ropes
- Grade six trip went well!

Next meeting

- Wednesday September 17th

Additional discussion / activities after the meeting

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