



# John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes November 27th, 2024

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## **Present:**

### In Person:

Pam Mustin  
Laura Fehrenbach  
Darryl Schinkel  
Stephanie Rempel  
Emily McConnell  
Kandis Walker  
Tabitha Nicholson  
Kacheena Morrison

### Online:

Sarah Pond  
Bethany Metzger  
Alicia McGuire  
Kristen Dorscht  
Katie Veitch

## **Voting Members Absent:**

Angie Melchin  
Meaghan Hachey  
Matt Dietrich  
Courtney Dyer

## **Territorial Acknowledgement - Pam**

- Pam shared a clip about Murray Sinclair the head of the Truth and Reconciliation commission
- Important to celebrate leaders and accomplishments instead of always highlighting only trauma

## **Discussion of Previous Minutes - Laura**

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

## **Principal's Report - Pam**

- Staffing Update
  - Library - Holly Dickie 11 library clerk hours
  - Office - new level C secretary, 5 hours - Debra Balogun
  - Mr. Tjart - has obtained a second CYW position so will be here in the morning, and splitting his time between two schools.
    - Pam will be looking for someone to cover the 10 ea hours
- EQAO Information
  - Grade 6
    - Reading: majority of kids at grade level, above board average
    - Writing: majority of kids at grade level
    - Math: need more work, many kids below grade level, similar to board
  - Grade 3
    - Reading: slightly below grade level
    - Writing: 60% of kids above grade level
    - Math: very similar to the board levels



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- Literacy and Numeracy focus
  - Student learning improvement plan - lots of changes with long range plans for math and structured literacy
  - Building capacity with the staff to run small groups
  - Numeracy literacy - we are doing well, acadience screening is going well in all levels K-6
  - Juniors lunch and learns with Ms. Janzen
  - Staff are organizing Math manipulatives, to see what we have so the students can use it
  - Professional development - Ms Playford, Ms Martin, Ms McBay, teacher leads for extra literacy development
- Activities
  - Intramurals, Kodaly choir, newspaper, eco club, etc
- Building Status
  - New stall in the junior boys bathroom
  - Someone from the board came and looked at the building, to determine our needs
    - Some money has been allocated to upgrade the washroom and some classroom upgrades in rooms 4 and 5 (maybe 3)
    - Fix flooring, new millwork, new lighting, ceiling, paint
- Sugar Kings visited today
- Pro grant idea
- Door decorating contest next week
  - John Mahood spirit
  - High school students to vote on winning door
  - Funding request for pizza party
    - **Motion to approve a maximum of \$150 for a pizza party for the door decorating contest by Laura - seconded by Stephanie**
    - **Passed by majority vote**

## Chair's Report - Kristen/Stephanie

- Previous discussion to increase the price for upcoming Pizza days, to support Nutrition for Learning
  - Spoke with Leanne and she feels fairly comfortable with the funding that we have
  - Government just recently announced some funding is coming
- Skating party update and spending vote
  - Cornhole in the community room
  - We did not allocated any spending
  - Laura did research on pricing for snacks and rental
  - **Laura make a motion to approve \$900 for the skating party - Laura**
    - **Seconded by Stephanie**
    - **Vote Passed by Majority vote**
  - Looking for volunteers
    - 4 ice volunteers (30 min each)
    - 4 off-ice volunteers (30 min each)





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- 2 community room volunteers (1 hr each)
  - High school students?
  - Google form - send out early January
- Mahoodfest planning
  - Since Mahoodfest is earlier this year, should get the ball rolling on planning
  - Mahoodfest subcommittee
    - Stephanie, Emily, Laura, Pam, Kristen
- Nutrition for learning fundraiser update
  - Online fundraising was \$1165
  - Cash 544.50
  - 1710.31
  - 1200 donated prior to the fundraiser
  - 2910.31

## Social Media - Katie

- Some people don't see the posts when they are posted
- Pam to send some pictures to share on social media

## Treasury Report - Katie

- [See Treasury report here](#)  
Current available spending is \$5037.15 plus the fundraising for poinsettias
- October \$155 from Mabel's Labels
- \$94.89 adjustment from last year

## Fundraising & Community Engagements

- Poinsettias:
  - sold 256 plants, roughly \$1500 profit (both roughly the same as last year)
  - The same company that does poinsettias has a pansy fundraiser in the spring
  - **Motion to approve doing a pansy fundraiser in March/April of next year, Emily to start looking into it - Laura**
    - **Passed by majority vote**
- Sign Making Workshop:
  - registration is due Dec.1 but she did extend till Dec.5th
  - 25 signed up so far
  - event is Monday Dec.16
  - 25% of the cost of each piece comes back to school council
  - Post to social media that registration is open til Dec. 4
- Baden Coffee:



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- sell Jan 6 - 17
- order must be in Jan 20
- Emily to pick up on Feb.3
- Order pick up around Feb. 4th
- Candy from Stratford
  - sell Feb.15-Mar.1
  - 3 different candy mixes, 3 different sizes
  - order in Mar. 3
  - Emily to pick up no later than Mar.26
  - Order pick up date tbd

## Open Discussion - All

- Ideas on how we can show the teachers how much we appreciate them
  - We are not allowed to spend money
  - Council members or families can donate food
  - Past experiences was families did a breakfast
  - Idea to have a teacher appreciation event on the January 17 pd day, giving teachers more time to sit and enjoy
  - Laura to organize event - school council to provide baked goods
- Pro Grant Idea
  - Riverside reached out to see if we would like to do a joint event
    - Unlearn - an organization who comes in and teaches you to re-think the way you think about different people, falls in line with our theme for the year - Katie will ask her principal if they know the cost of the workshop, Katie is reaching out to the organization
    - Riverside suggested a math/literacy night - but we did this last year
- Looking to hire someone for lunchtime supervision
- Fundraising ideas to boost school funds - hot lunch days
  - Stacked pancakes hot lunches
  - Pizza dough? (problem is it has to be kept cold)
  - Food culture days (samosa day from Flame house)
  - Harveys is very popular, suggest grade sixes start sooner

## Next meeting

- Wednesday January 22 @ 6:30pm

## Additional discussion / activities after the meeting

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