John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes September 27th, 2023

Present:

In Person:
Pam Mustin
Kandis Walker
Christine Martin
Tammy Wagler
Kacheena Morrison
Laura Fehrenbach
Catherine Hibbard
Stephanie Rempel
Kristen Dorscht

Online:
Cheyenne Vautour
Emily McConnell
Alicia McGuire
Natalie Anglin
Courtney Dyer
Katie Veitch
Betheny Metzger
Renee Dick
Sarah Reger

Territorial Acknowledgement - Pam

Students are working on creating their own territorial acknowledgements using feather image as a starting point. Ie. What do each of the words mean in regards to a territorial acknowledgement?



Welcome to the first counsel meeting of the year!

- Roll call - your name and grade of your child(ren)

Discussion of Previous Minutes - Kristen/Stephanie

- See previous minutes Here
    - Motion to Approve - Stephanie
    - Accepted by - Catherine
    - Seconded by - Kandis

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Principal's Report - Pam

- Meet the Teacher
- Terry Fox run - Just under $4800
- Grade 6 helpers doing announcements, lunch helpers, & kindergarten bus line
    - 7 students went to bus patrol training
    - Popcorn sales for year end events started up last week
- Pitas started this week
- Gaga pit - on the second day kids were asking for a second pit already!
    - Times for the gaga ball use are split based on grade level
- Planners were provided by the school for grades 2/3 - 6. Cost was approx $1500, and was paid for out of school account
- Friday is Orange shirt day for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Picture Day Oct. 12th
- New tool from the school board: Hate based reporting tool
    - Can be used to report graffiti - bullying - harassment, etc. where anyone's identity is a factor
    - Accessible to administration for reporting
- Spirit day themes for the year are in the works

Teachers report - Christine

- Teachers will be getting ice dumped on them from Terry Fox fundraiser Sept 28th
- Fall dress up day is coming
- Jr choir will be starting back up this year
- Assemblies are happening
- Firetrucks for Sk students upcoming
- Lots of fun things are getting started

Chair's Report - Stephanie & Kristen

- Pizza order update: starts Sept 29th
    - 568 slices sold - possibly a new record
    - New council to discuss pizza price - price per slice went up $0.50, prices stayed the same for this round, new council can decide whether to remain the same, or increase for the next round
    - Will be posting a note on social media & school day to remind people to bring reusable plates
- Bingo Date - Lions club reached out for this year's event date: April 25th
    - Great fundraiser, other than advertising there is no work for us
- Overview of available council positions

- Between this meeting and next people are invited to fill out the google form to sign up for any positions they are interested in
- Available positions include; Chair/Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Media, Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising & Community Events Committee, and Voting Member
- Current position holders gave a brief explanation of what their roles are
  - See position descriptions in the Bylaw HERE
- Open floor to questions
  - Do you have to be a member of the School Council to sit on a sub-committee?
    - No, sub-committees are open to all (ie: Fundraising and Community events Committee & Mahoodfest Committee)
  - You do not have to be a member of the School Council to attend the meetings
- Voting happens for all decisions being made by council, (ex. fundraisers, events, purchasing decisions, etc)
  - Voting rules per Bylaws (not a comprehensive list, please refer to bylaw document for more information:
    - You may not vote if you have missed two meetings in a row
    - A majority (⅔) vote in favour is required for a vote to pass, so attendance is important
    - Occasionally voting happens via email if there are not enough voting members present, or if a matter is time sensitive

Social Media - Kristen

- Rules for social media accounts for a School Council are different then for the School
- December and June are busier months, as we typically have a lot going on
- Kristen posts about fundraising, events, school info, safety, etc
- There have been some questionable people following the accounts lately - consideration for future council
  - Does the new council want to make the page private, where access needs to be granted
  - Riverside and Park Manor are both locked, how do they decide who gets permission to follow or not?

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Treasury Report - Renee

- See Treasurer's report here
- Summary of activity through the end of June

Deposits:

1,315.00	Pita Pit
915.00	Bingo night
66.76	Mabel's Labels
500.00	EMSF grant
4,610.56	Mahoodfest sales

Payments:

2,394.22	$300/19 classes+5 Rotary teachers
4,518.60	Pizza invoices
1,709.48	Mahoodfest expenses
565.77	Visions of Turtle Island
1,215.19	Projector
1,610.94	Sound system
408.43	Kleenex fund
764.00	Grade 6 camp and celebration
38.80	T-shirt purchase
81.19	Earth day expenses

- $673 of expensed remain unpaid from Mahoodfest
- Pending payments for classroom spending
    - Kristen asked - can we find out how many teachers made use of the classroom spending allowance? It will help next council make decisions for this year
    - Renee will ask Leanne how much $ from the incentive was used and which teachers used it
    - Stephanie asked if this year the teachers could report back what they spent the money on?
    - Pam said in other schools teachers have to present a "proposal" of what they want to use the money for
    - Different teachers have different needs, based on years of work, and what tools they have accumulated in their career
    - Catherine suggested clubs could be considered for funding as well
- Pending payments for Gaga ball pit - expected to be paid this month or next
- PRO & PIC grants have not been received yet ($316.41 was unused)
- $10,629 remaining in account once all is wrapped up from last year

Fundraising & Community Engagement-

- Poinsettia - email received from supplier to get the ball rolling soon, because the dates fill up fast
    - Kristen to sign up for a new date - the new council will vote to approve/not approve

- Staff cannot access school-day to order, can a form be made to put in the staff room to make ordering available for teachers as well?
- Last years sale went from Nov. 2 - 26th

Open Discussion - All

- Raffle Prize - Kristen
  - Member of the community who donated Blue Jays tickets for Mahoodfest has reached out and is interested in making another donation, perhaps for Christmas?
  - Logistically not sure how it would work if there is no event attached to it
  - Anytime a raffle happens a raffle license is required by the township - is the cost of a license worth it to raffle off just one prize?
  - Since no decisions can be made on any events right now, say yes to the tickets but to be used for Mahoodfest
- Sign-ups for new council positions will happen before the next meeting. The link to the google form will be posted on social media & school-day
  - If you currently hold a position you have to reapply
  - Select all positions you are interested in - try something new!
  - Kristen to put out the form Sept. 28th
- Wishlists for next council - Pam
  - Jungle Sport $5000
  - Recess kits $350/kit
  - Walkie Talkies - is council allowed to purchase non-board approved walkie talkies?
- October 3rd WRAPC meeting - neither Kristen or Stephanie can attend. Is someone interested in attending?
- Feedback from virtual attendees - could you hear everything okay? Do we like having the option for virtual attendance?
  - Yes to both
  - Board encourages in-person & virtual option for meetings
  - Non-voting members will need to ask for meeting link every month, as they will not be on the mail-out
- Is Wednesday at 6:30 good for everyone?
  - Works well for the majority
- There was a community donation from crossing guard for the Terry Fox Run
- Still short on crossing guards and no parking lot attendant
  - Previously pylons were put out by parking lot attendants, so this hasn't been done this year.
  - Brainstorming ideas on who can put out the cones?
    - Kids in older grades?
    - Parent volunteers?

    - Issues with parking in tennis court parking lot can be reported to Township as it is Township property
- From October until December School Council meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 -8:00pm in the school library with the option to join virtually as well
    - At December's meeting it will be determined whether we continue with the 2nd Wednesday, or return to the 4th Wednesday of every month

Next meeting

- **October 11th at 6:30 in the school library and online**
- November 8th, 2023
- December 13th, 2023

Additional discussion / activities after the meeting

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