John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes October 11th, 2023

Present:

In Person:
Christine Martin
Kristen Dorscht
Laura Fehrenbach
Angie Melchin
Emily McConnell
Kandis Walker
Tabatha Nicholson
Alicia McGuire
Mary Blanchard

Online:
Pam Mustin
Katie Armstrong
Chyenne Vautour
Catherinne Hibbard
Kacheena Morrison
Courtney Dyer
Sarah Reger
Betheny Metzger

Voting Members Absent:

Stephanie Rempel
Natalie Anglin
Meaghan Hachey

Territorial Acknowledgement - Pam

Discussion of Previous Minutes - Kristen/Stephanie

- See last month's minutes Here
    - Motion to Approve - Kristen
    - Accepted by - Kandis Walker
    - Seconded by - Emily McConnell

Election of 2023 - 2024 School Council

- Principal (non voting member) - Pam Mustin
- Teacher Representative (voting member) - Christine Martin
- Co-Chairs (voting members) - Stephanie Rempel & Kristen Dorscht
- Social Media (voting member) - Katie Armstrong
- Volunteer Coordinator (voting member) - Laura Fehrenbach
- Vacancies:
    - Secretary (voting member) - filled by Mary Blanchard
    - Treasurer (voting member) - filled by Katie Armstrong
    - Fundraising Coordinator
        - Decided to form sub-committee to share the role:
            - Emily McConnell
            - Angie Melchin
            - Kandis Walker
            - Kristen Dorscht

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- Voting Members:
    - Chyenne Vautour
    - Kacheena Morrison
    - Kandis Walker
    - Natalie Anglin
    - Emily McConnell
    - Meaghen Hachey
    - Alicia McGuire
    - Sarah Reger
    - Angie Melchin
    - Tabatha Nicholson
    - Catherine Hibbard
    - Courtney Dyer
    - Bethany Metzger - joined after the meeting
- For a motion to pass there must be ⅔ votes in favor. ie 13 votes
- Anyone in the community is welcome to join the meetings, however only school council voting members are allowed to vote

Principal's Report - Pam

- EQAO Results https://www.eqao.com/
    - Grades 3 and 6 testing in reading, math & writing
    - The results are looked at as a snapshot in time
    - Using the Interactive Dashboard you are able to filter by different data points / demographics https://www.eqao.com/results/interactive-eqao-dashboards/
    - Pam is quite pleased - need more focus on math, which is on par for board
    - See appendix below for John Mahood results
- Please remember to start labeling clothing, water bottles etc. The lost and found is getting full already!
- The school board has proposed some capital projects upgrades to the school/grounds - still only in proposal stages, but there is a push to complete some larger projects. Unknown when or if it will be multi-year project

Teacher's Report - Christine

- Picture Day Oct. 12
    - Individual photos only
    - Class photos in the spring
- DECE appreciation day - October 17th
- School Bus Driver appreciation day - October 18th
- Surprise fire drill with real fire fighter - kids did great!
- Fall colour day Oct. 20th - Maybe an assembly - if Mr. Vincent would like to take that on
- Halloween - kids may dress up, as long as appropriate, no weapons, no masks, no gore, age appropriate etc
- Kindergartens went to fire station - they loved it!

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Chair's Report - Kristen

- An idea was brought forward to set up a new email address for volunteer coordinator
    - **Motion to setup volunteer coordinator email address - Kristen**
        - **Passed by majority vote**
- Should we lock down social media? Currently open to the public. Lately there have been accounts following that are not parents. Other schools have their accounts set to private, to join a parent has to request and admin has to grant access
    - **Motion to lock down social media accounts - Kristen**
        - **Passed by majority vote**
- Fundraising goal
    - As a council we need to decide on what we want to spend our funds on and what the fundraising is geared towards for the year. All spending is not limited to the original set goal.
    - Pam - Things to consider when setting a goal is the possible school upgrades in the near future. Ex. new asphalt, windows etc.
    - The wishlist (see below) seems geared towards playground improvements
    - Discussion of other ideas for fundraising:
        - Social emotional skills presentations
        - Author visit, building resilience in play
        - Robotics/STEM equipment
        - School Spirit and Team Building - suggested as a fundraising theme
        - Mascott
        - STEM: Brickworks academy, U of W, Inksmith, launch waterloo
        - Decodable books - debate on whether or not to start home reading programs because the currently home reading books do not follow the decodable methodology
        - Idea for literacy night with the switch to the new curriculum.
            - Would require staff willing to volunteer
            - Leveled literacy games
    - **Motion for fundraising goal for the 2023/2024 school year to be "School Spirit & Play"**
        - **Passed by majority vote**
- Poinsettia fundraiser - tentatively booked for Nov. 30th - because the date was tentatively booked with the "old" Council the present Council needs to vote on whether to move forward with fundraiser
    - **Motion to move forward with Poinsettia Fundraiser - Kristen**
        - **Passed by majority vote**
    - Find a way for staff to make orders too, as they cannot get access to school-day to make orders - idea to put an order sheet in the staff room

- Fundraising committee to meet to start organizing
- **Motion for fundraising dollars from poinsettias to go towards Jungle sport (cost approximately $5000) any extra funds to come from general account - Kristen**
  - **Not passed**
- **Motion for fundraising dollars from poinsettias to go towards a second gaga ball pit (cost approximately $5800) any extra funds not raised through poinsettias to come from general account - Kristen**
  - **Passed by majority vote**

- Pizza prices in January
  - Twice the deal raised their prices per slice by $0.50
  - Without changing our prices from last year, we still made $3800+ for the first half of the year
  - To be revisited before next round of pizza orders go out
- Purchasing Camera and Mic for meeting
  - Decided there was no need as the current setup is working well
- Wishlist items
  - Walkie talkies - $400 per walkie talkie. Would like three for now, and see what the need is as the year goes
    - **Motion to purchase three walkie talkies for a maximum cost of $1500 - Kristen**
      - **Passed by majority vote**
  - Recess kits - $350 per kit which is good for 2-3 classes
    - **Motion to purchase 5 recess kits for a total of $2000 with tax - Kristen**
      - **Passed by majority vote**
  - Idea to have Author visits/motivational speakers etc. a couple of times a year or one in the fall, one in the spring?
    - Interested in having Karen Desmeules as the first speaker heartfullnessforkids.com - heartfulness for kids - 3 in-person presentations, $250. Social emotional learning program
    - **Motion to have Karen Desmeules for 3 sessions at a cost of $250 - Kristen**
      - **Passed by majority vote**
  - 2nd gaga ball pit
  - Tarmac idea - repainting some of the games
    - Idea put on hold until full scope of capital projects is known
  - Classroom & rotary teacher funding
  - New basketball net backboards
  - pinnies/bibs for school sport events

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- Jungle Sport $5000
    - Anytime between March - June
- Homework/challenge for all members- if you made a suggestion for spending come back with a price for it at the next meeting
- For next meeting Pam agreed to have number of classroom/rotary teachers for potential funding
- Mahoodfest - evening event, year end celebration, most activities are free, usually held in June. Last year we made $2,228, previous years profits were $1000-2000
    - **Motion to run Mahoodfest again in June - Kristen**
        - **Passed by majority vote**
    - Pam to bring a date to next meeting

Treasury Report - Kristen

- See Treasurer's report here
- 1st round of Pizza estimated net profit = $3,886
- Received $500 Pro grant
- Mahoodfest expense of $550 paid
- Gaga ball pit invoice of $5,261.24 (net) paid
- $300/19 classes + 5 Rotary teachers expenses of $1,202.14 paid. $194.42 remaining to be paid
    - 2/3rds of the funds made available last year was used
- There is a miscellaneous entry that will be reversed next month for $143.02
- Balance: $18213
    - General account $16,838
    - Playground account $1375
    - WEFI account $990

Next meeting

- November 8th at 6:30pm
- In-person & virtual

Additional discussion / activities after the meeting

Action Items

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Appendix

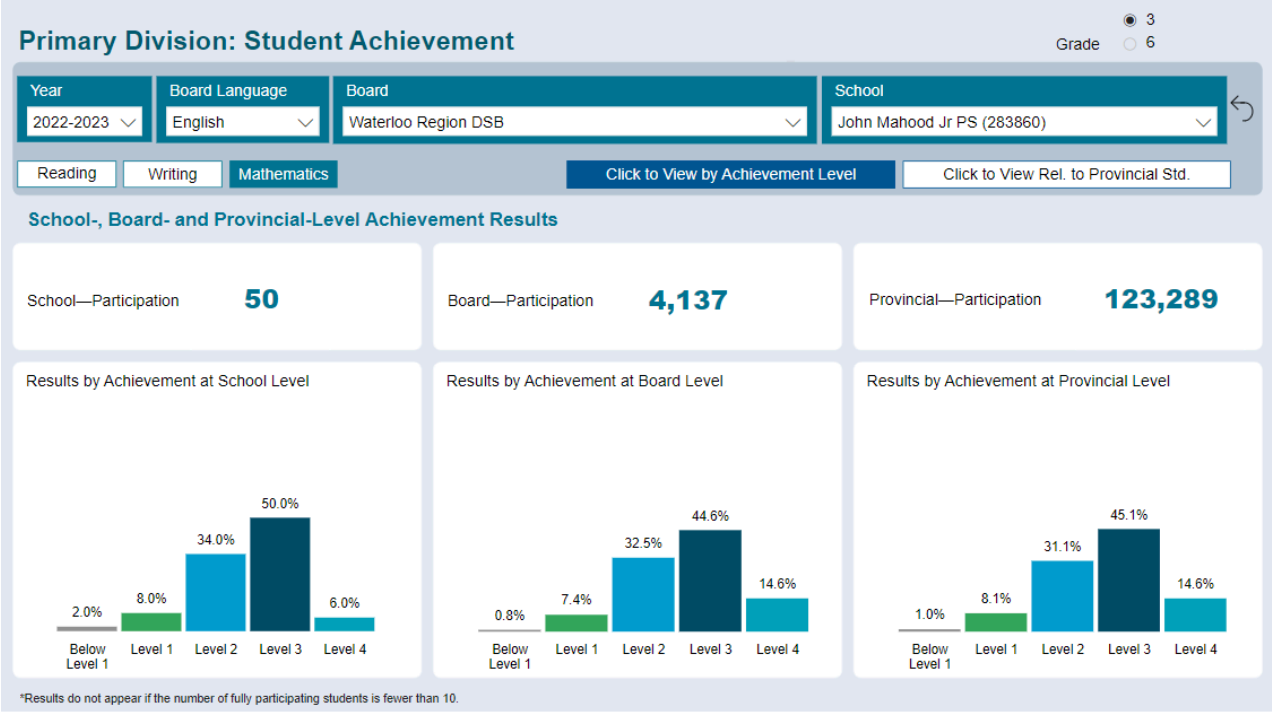
Grade 3

John Mahood Jr PS - Overall Achievement Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

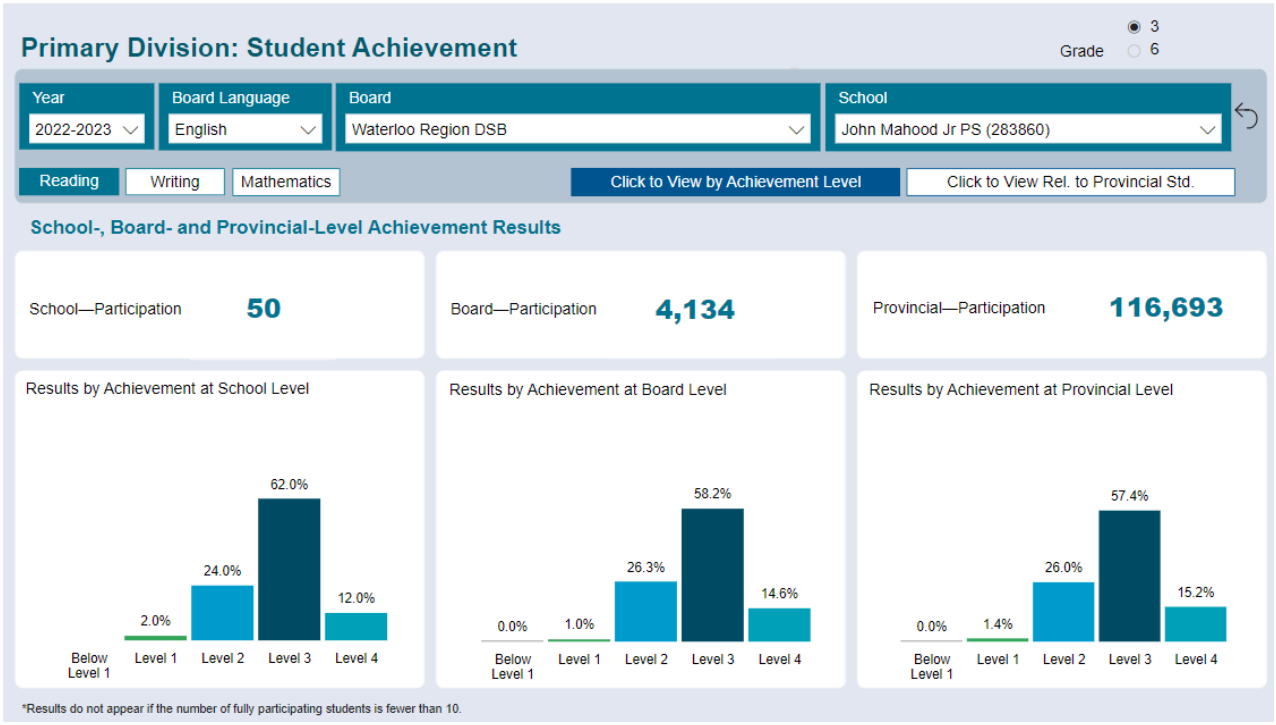
Mathematics	Reading	Writing
56%	74%	64%

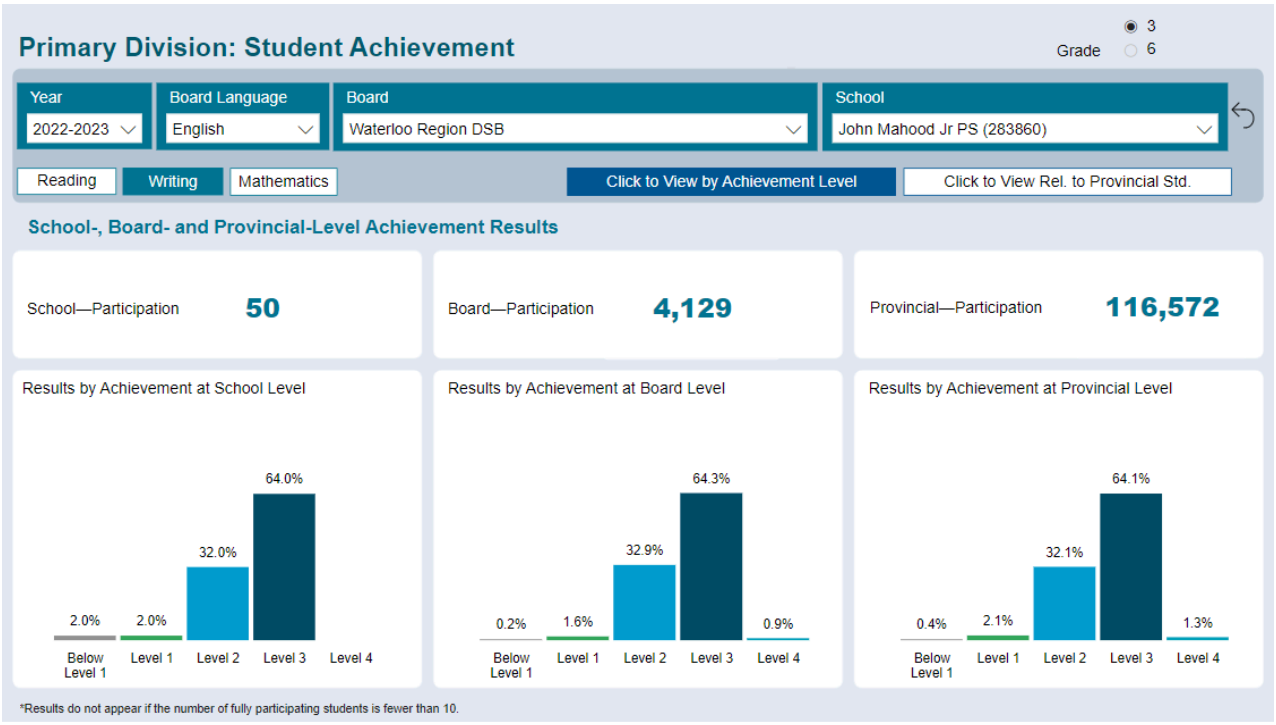
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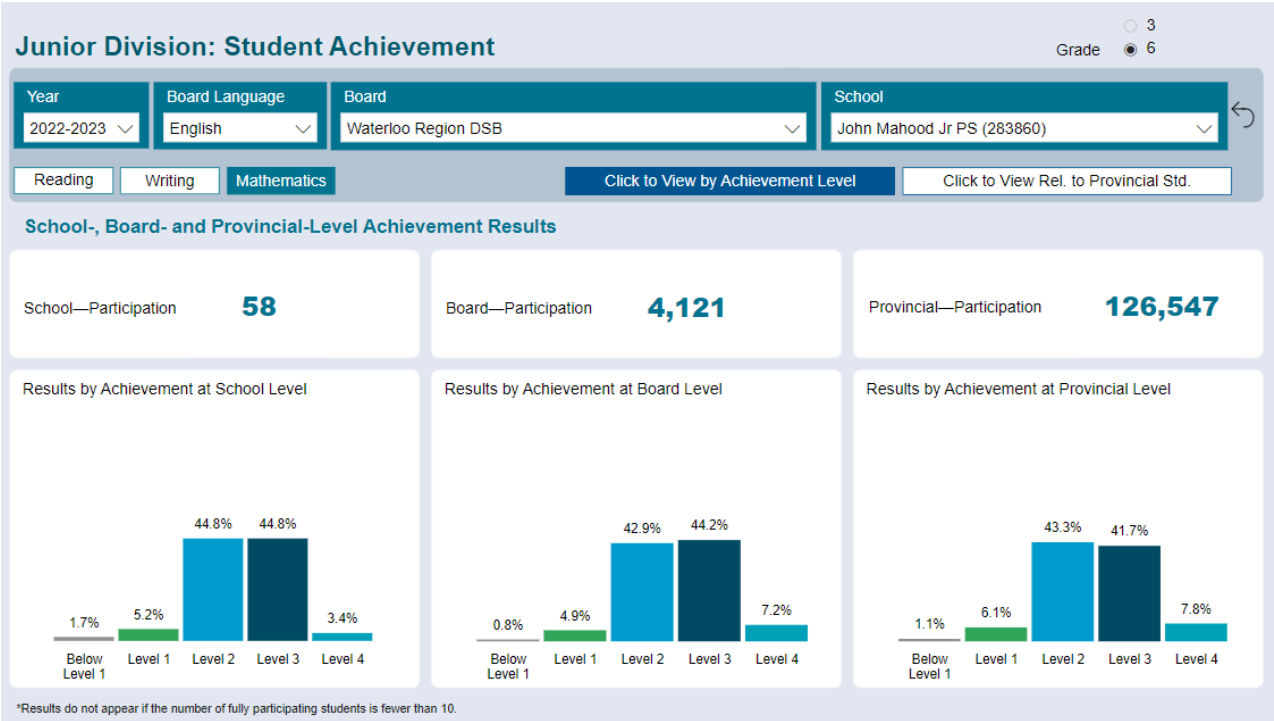
Grade 6

John Mahood Jr PS - Overall Achievement Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Mathematics	Reading	Writing
48%	76%	67%

JMA - WRDSB - Provincial - Achievement Results



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