John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes March 26th, 2025

Present:

In Person:
Krista Weltz
Christine Martin
Kristen Dorscht
Laura Fehrenbach
Emily McConnell
Kandis Walker
Darrell Schinkel
Tabatha Nicholson
Kacheena Morrison
Mary Blanchard

Online:
Bethany Metzger
Stephanie Rempel
Angie Melchin
Meaghan Hachey
Alicia McGuire
Katelyn Armstrong
Sarah Pond

Voting Members Absent:

Courtney Dyer

Territorial Acknowledgement - Krista

Discussion of Previous Minutes - Kristen/Stephanie

- See last month's minutes Here
    - Accepted by - Kandis Walker
    - Seconded by - Kacheena Morrison

Principal's Report

- Mr. Rankine is on a leave of absence
- Brent Hatcher temporary principal for the remainder of March and in May
- Karin Bileski for April

Teacher's Report - Krista

- Kodaly Choir singing National anthem on Sunday at Kitchener Rangers game
- Eco club selling seedlings and used books at Mahoodfest, look for message requesting donations soon
- D&D club had its last meeting this week
- Last round of intramurals in being planned, survey went out to gauge interest and to generate more interest amongst the girls
- Kindie spring concert in April
- Welcome to school event for new kindies on Thursday May 8
- Kindergarten staff is participating in technology professional development with a board consultant for using iPads for
- All staff are finished their acadiens literacy professional development

- Literacy specialist in the school working with students who are below benchmark in grades 1-3

Chair's Report - Laura

- April 29th Pro grant event at Riverside
- MahoodFest update
    - Magician booked - two shows and wandering around to do tricks and things
        - Bubble table
        - Science table
    - Food trucks
    - Bakesale - will be looking for donations, ingredients must be labelled
    - Jaguar store
    - Potentially displaying a time capsule
- Pancake Lunch next Tuesday April 1
    - Gluten/dairy/egg free pancakes will be an option this year
    - Christine/Krista to contact staff to see who is interested in allergen friendly pancakes
    - Mascots, two co-op students to wear
- Bingo April 3rd - spread the word!
    - Group table, send a message if you would like a seat saved for you
    - Christine sent staff a message
- School spending ideas
    - With Brian off some extra spending mayhave to be put on hold
    - Karin (temp principal) had some ideas
        - Edging around sand pit or drain sock to stop drain being filled with sand
        - Rock garden - add mulch
        - Staff requests
            - Kindie concert - was approved early in the year
            - Covers for the new Ipads for Kindie, approx $15-$20 each + tax, asking for $480 total funds
                - **Motion to spend up to $500 on iPad covers for the kindergarten Ipads - Laura, seconded by Kristen**
                - **Passed by Majority vote**
            - Krista applied for a grant to have the Symphony to come into the school, most covered by a grant but needs $178 to help cover the remainder
            - **Motion to supplement the music and education grant for $178 - Laura, seconded by Kristen**
                - **Passed by Majority vote**

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- **Motion to spend $100 on a microphone to make school council meetings more inclusive and accessible online - Laura, seconded by Kristen**
    - **Passed by Majority vote**
- Message from the French Immersion team
    - French immersion info night coming up to provide info and answer questions
    - Watch for a date announcement, coming up soon

Social Media - Katie

- Kristen and Katie sharing the responsibility of posting, are able to schedule a lot of the posts
- Put out a reminder on Monday to bring plates and cutlery for pancake day

Treasury Report - Katie

- See treasury report here
- February pizza spending/sales
- Classroom spending purchases
- Candy sales
- Mabels labels
- Coffee sales extra deposits
- Added in the approved spending from this meeting

Fundraising & Community Engagements

- Candy fundraiser went well, the company was easy to work with
    - Made about $500
    - About 30 families ordered, but seemed like a different group of families
    - Do we want to do this kind of fundraiser again?
    - These companies book up in the summer, should we book now for next year?
- Emily to inquire and bring proposed dates to next meeting

Open Discussion - All

- Mary begging for volunteers to help at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival - helps us get a grant - contact Mary if interested
- Kristen to ask Leanne about Junglesport
- Picture day April 23
- May 27/28 Grade 6 camp
- Jump rope for heart June 6

- Spirit day - backwards day April 30th
- Jungle sport week of May 20th
- PA day Monday March 31

Next meeting

- April 23rd at 6:30 - Karin hoping to attend

Additional discussion / activities after the meeting

- **Motion to pay for the remaining amount of jungle sport in the amount of $2500 - made by Laura via email on Thursday March 27**
  - **Passed by Majority vote**
- **Motion to the PIC grant to be used for the 'Welcome to Kindie Night'. - made by Laura via email on Thursday March 27**
  - **Passed by Majority vote**