



# John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes February 22, 2023

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## **Present:**

### Online:

Pam Mustin

Kristen Dorscht

Christine Martin

Stephanie Rempel

Katie Veitch

Emily McConnell

Bethany Metzger

Chyenne Vautour

Renee Dick

Natalie Anglin

Laura Fehrenbach

Angie Melchin

Catherine Hibbard

Kacheena Morrison

Meaghan Hachey

## **Territorial Acknowledgement - Pam**

The Leadership Team does the Territorial Acknowledgement on the school announcements, and have been doing a wonderful job!

## **Discussion of Previous Minutes - Kristen/Stephanie**

- [See last month's minutes Here](#)
  - Motion to Approve - Kristen
  - Accepted by - Christine

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

- Friendship Day Feb. 14th - Assembly by junior Leadership team
  - Heart friendship, and all of the components of being a good friend
  - Helpful, encouraging, respectful and trustworthy
- Black Brilliance Day
  - Primary Assembly - Movement and dancing and celebrating contributions of people of African decent
  - Junior Assembly - history, why the day has been changed to a whole month
- Report Cards - If parents wish to meet with teachers they encouraged to reach out
  - Encourages constant communication with your children's teachers
- WRDSB Bullying Reporting Tool
  - New reporting tool available for families and communities to use
  - Data from other school boards with similar reporting tools indicates that there is not a lot of reported bullying
- Category II trips
  - Grade 5s and 6s going skiing March 1st - Approved
  - Camping trip still not approved
  - Some trips are being approved and others have not
  - Grade 4 March 1st trip for tubing fell through - Ideas for alternate trips that can be planned on very short notice?



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- Snowshoeing - Katie to look into it
- Curling
- Trail walks - feeding birds
- Skating
- Sledge Hockey
- Laurel Creek
- Team Up (UWO) Assembly
- Kindergarten Registration
  - Registration is down
- French Immersion is changing and will be starting in grade 2
  - French will start to look different in Grade 1
- Staffing for 2023/24
  - New staff assignments for next year to begin after March Break

## Treasury Report - Renee

- [See Treasurer's report here](#)
- Duplicate entry for \$300 pizza revenue reversed
- 2 Pizza invoices totalling \$1,093 and School day fees \$111 were paid.
  - Updated estimated net profit from 2nd round of pizza = \$2,044
- Accrue \$1,000 Kleenex fund (Playground & Other account)
  - Just over half has been spent, wait to purchase more until some is used up
- Line item added for \$330 pancake day
- Charitable Donation to the Woolwich Community Services Food Bank in memory of Ross Lackner, a former school crossing guard
- Reimbursement of purchase of Bluetooth speakers for \$245 using WEFI Tech funds
- Accrue US\$22 Tru-Earth cheque
- Total available cash available (not allocated) = \$10,105
- Applications for EMSF and PRO Grants have been submitted
- Riverside has booked Tribal Vision for May 11 at 6:30
  - Motion to spend PRO grant money on combined event with Riverside by Renee
  - Passed by majority vote
  - It will be a family event

## Chair's Report - Kristen

- Pizza Days - 3rd and final round of Pizza days is live on school day for ordering
- WRAPSC meeting - half of the meeting was dedicated to a reporter from the Waterloo Record, the rest of the meeting was discussing what school council may or may not spend their money on





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- Per previous months discussion, Kristen found out that School council may not spend on staff appreciation events or gifts
- [See WRAPSC meeting minutes here](#)
- [See WRAPSC “Best Practice: Using School Council Funds” presentation here](#)
- Mahoodfest committee has been established, first meeting will be soon
  - Two food trucks have been booked
  - Update at next meeting
- Brainstorming for spending money that is sitting in the account
  - Will Grade 6s be looking for some funding to help with their year end trip and celebration? - probably
  - Mascott
  - School resources, math, decodable books - what is council allowed to pay for?
  - Kristen to find the list of what is allowed and what is not allowed for school council spending

## **Social Media - Kristen**

- Same level of engagement as previously reported

## **Fundraising & Community Events Sub-Committee**

- Skating Day recap
  - Well received, suggestion to make it a yearly event
- Pancake Day (multi school spring event) - Logistics and planning subcommittee
  - Planning has begun, will be cooking outside on propane griddles
  - Laura to stop in the school to look at supplies, tables, etc.
  - Hoping to mix outside, if the weather is good. Needs to be isolated due to a staff member with an allergy

## **By-Law Subcommittee**

- Some updates still to be made
- Once finished it will be posted on the website
- Vote to follow over email to approve the finished by-law

## **Open Discussion - All**

- Eco-Club - there will be no staff led ecoclub at this time,
  - The kindergarten classes will take over caring for the gardens
  - Michelle has some grants that she applied for that she would like to see through
  - Christine to connect with Michelle to discuss how to continue with Eco-Club





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- Mr. Rempel is pursuing installation of Gaga pit. Location has been chosen. Will be installed this spring
- Clubs at John Mahood
  - Wellness club with CYW
    - to facilitate sense of belonging, feeling safe, sense of self, etc
  - Book buddies
  - Chess club starting up soon, will be on Day 5, run by Monica Neil
  - Dungeons and Dragons Club - Mr. Wilson, after school on Mondays
- Bingo - what do we have to do?
  - Just promoting and advertising
  - April 20th
- Ideas for a future events
  - Swimming
    - Non-sanctioned event similar to skating
    - Considerations for Adult to children ratio
    - Lifeguard to number of people in the pool ratio a consideration as well
  - Paint Night
  - Movie Night in the gym
    - Low cost
    - Grade 6s could sell popcorn
    - April/May
    - Kristen to look into it, anyone who would like to help contact Kristen
    - Keep Pam in the loop

## Next meeting

- Wednesday, March 22, 2023

## Additional discussion / activities after the meeting

- Event idea by Katie: instead of a Movie night council could host a community litter pickup for Earth day the weekend of April 22 or 23rd. Pickup garbage on school grounds, neighbouring forest and/or Kate's park
  - Provide litter-free snack
  - Need to purchase garbage bags
  - Kristen proposed a vote for a Community Litter pickup on Earth Day weekend with the maximum budget of \$350 on Feb 26th via email
  - Motion passed by majority vote via email
- Mahoodfest Committee has contacted "Mr J and the Groovy Gang" to play for two hours during Mahoodfest for a cost of \$562.50. Bookings are happening quickly, so it is advised to book ASAP.



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- It is expected that Mahoodfest will net a profit, as it has in previous years. Therefore it is expected that this cost would come from profits of the event, rather than from the School Council account.
- Motion to book the band for Mahood Fest made by Kristen via email on March 2nd
  - Motion passed by majority vote via email
- The Bylaw document was completed by Sarah Pollice and is ready for council approval.
  - Motion to accept the document by Kristen on Friday March 3rd, via email.
  - Votes were to be made via email, but not enough votes were submitted by the voting deadline for a decision to be made.
  - To be discussed at next meeting

