# John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes March 27th, 2024

## Present:

In Person:
Mary Blanchard
Chyenne Vautour
Kacheena Morrison
Emily McConnel
Laura Fehrenbach
Kristen Dorscht
Christine Martin
Pam Mustin
Tammy Wagler
Amy Bott
Tabatha Nicholson

Online:
Sarah Reger
Alicia McGuire
Catherine Hibbard
Stephanie Rempel
Meaghan Hachey
Katie Armstrong
Bethany Metzger
Natalie Anglin
Christia Morris

**Voting Members Absent:**

Angie Melchin
Courtney Dyer
Kandis Walker

**Territorial Acknowledgement - Pam**
Shared a video by the Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

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

- See last month's minutes Here
    - Accepted by - Laura
    - Seconded by - Emily

**Principal's Report - Pam**

- 2019-2020 babies - still taking registration, encouraging registration sooner the better for staffing allocations for next year
- Staffing, numbers went in on Monday - will know within a week how many staff is allocated, board is staffing very tightly
- Pro Grant Night - Wednesday April 17th
    - 6:30-7:30pm
    - Parent booklet - same imagery that teachers are to use for small group instruction
    - Activities on how to engage your children to support their reading
    - Literacy consultant will be in attendance as well as some staff
- PD Day April 10th - federation day controlled by the union
    - DECE doing Acadience training
    - Self directed training for teachers
- Solar Eclipse on Monday

- Pam is encouraging staff to start talking about it with students, educate the students
- Encouraging kids not to look at the sky that day, or looking at the sun any day
- Form to come out through school day giving families three options for the day
  - Options will be: keep children home, dismiss at 1:35 or dismiss at regular time
- Pam is working with the board for clear direction on how to deal with the eclipse day. Does not have all the answers yet.
- Afternoon nutrition break will be indoors
- After school extended day will be indoors

**Teacher's Report - Christine**

- Mr Hutton - picked out jersey, red on one side, white on the other
- Canopy has been ordered and delivered, can be used for Mahoodfest
- Second canopy in the chair room, can be used for Mahoodfest
- Outdoor hose connection available
- Thankyou for the pancakes! Kids loved it.
  - Observer came and took pictures

**Social Media - Katie**

- Engagement about the same - not much to report
- If anyone has feedback, contact Katie
- Posted pictures from pancake event today

**Treasury Report - Katie**

- See Treasurer's report here
- Coffee $867.95
- Expected expenditures for Mahoodfest have been added
- Still money set aside for classroom spend, only three teachers have utilized it. Christine will remind teachers that it is available.
- $62 from Mabels labels
- Purchased paper cutters - staff very grateful

**Chair's Report - Kristen/Stephanie**

- Pizza Day - just finished winter round
  - Next round starts next week and goes to end of year - increase of 13 slices from last round
- Mahoodfest update
  - Things are going well

- Busy booking items that school council approved to book
  - Dog show, cotton candy, balloon artist, popcorn etc
  - Robotics, firetrucks etc booked
- Raffle Permit
  - Traditionally Mahoodfest has had a raffle, baskets provided by each classroom based on a theme. As well as donations from families and businesses
  - The school board audit last year said we need an OGC license to host a raffle. This would include a lot of work, including opening a second bank account.
  - Cannot make it happen this year due to logistics of getting the accounts, license etc setup. Likely to be able to do it starting next year.
  - The new idea for this year is any large donated items will be up for silent auction, as no license is required
  - Any small donated items will be put into a “store”, where families can purchase items, proceeds will go towards Mahoodfest
- Volunteers
  - Last year we were short on volunteers, hoping to get more this year
  - Volunteers need to commit to only one hour

**Fundraising & Community Engagements**

- Baden Coffee - made about $900
  - About 30 families purchased, similar to poinsettias
  - Great fundraiser, would do it again
- April Bingo: April 25th, doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm @ Lions hall
  - School Council is responsible for cleanup afterwards, put away tables and chairs
  - Will have a group table, let us know and a seat will be saved for you
  - Remember to bring loonies and toonies to buy additional cards
  - Starter package is $25
  - Cash only
  - Bring your own bingo dabber or markers
- Pancake Day
  - Thankyou organizers and volunteers
  - Maple syrup festival committee donated all of the pancake mix and maple syrup
  - Costs were only measuring cups, pans and tinfoil
- Fundraising idea:
  - Compact Sod does fundraiser - big yellow bag
  - If setup, when you order you tell them you are with a school a portion of sales goes back to school

- Giveandgrow.community is the website
- **Motion to initiate new fundraiser with compact sod - Kristen**
  - **Passed by majority vote**
- Laura and Emily will start looking into it

**Open Discussion - All**

- Recess is tarmac only until the board says otherwise
  - Based on temperature and ground conditions - approval comes from the Board
- Question online about gardens
  - Three sisters garden at the back of the school is being moved to the front of the school
  - Gardens in the kindie area and parking lot is very overgrown - not tended to
  - Too late for this year, but garden grants can be applied for in Feb/March
- How do we determine councils goal for next year, when do we start doing that?
  - Has to be done by next year's council. Council membership is decided at the first meeting of the new school year. Decisions will be made at that time.
- EQAO - Pam is having meetings in the next two weeks to determine dates
- Grade six trip tentatively June 12th or 13th
- Track and field Thursday June 20th at Jacob Hespler
- Grade six celebration last week of school - June 26 @ noon

**Next meeting**

- Wednesday April 24th at 6:30, library and online

**Additional discussion / activities after the meeting**

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