

JMQ Parent Council – 2024-2025

November 20, 2024 @6:30pm

Minutes

Attendees: Amy Shields, Seanna Murphy (Teacher Rep), Erin Longworth, Shelby Isaac, Dana Byers, Sarah Lennox, Deanne Prins (Principal), Corey Sanders (virtual), Amber (virtual).

1. Welcome
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Principal's report

Since our last meeting we have continued into the fall with lots of enthusiasm and learning!

Highlights include:

- *Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week this week*
- *Retake day is Nov 21 in the morning.*
- *Progress reports are available online*
- *Parent/teacher/student conference online sign-up is open for parents until this Friday. Interviews take place the evening of Nov 28 and full day Nov 29 which is a pd day*
- *Book Fair - Next week*
- *The School Council food drive has been a big success. Curt McQueen (ED of Food Bank) already took away 10 crates of food and we're working toward filling 8 more. We are going to continue collecting for the next two weeks.*
- *Toy Drive to support adopt a family program.*
- *Thank you to Council for the wonderful movie night that was well-attended and for supporting the Food Drive.*
- *Looking ahead to the holiday season, in addition to Diwali, classes will be learning about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Staff are planning a winter concert for Gr. 1-3 to take place on Dec. 12 at 11:30 and 1:45, staff also host sing-a-longs every day the week before winter break. Times for these sing-a-longs will be sent out to families to join if they wish.*
- *Teachers sent home Acadience screening results for SK-Gr. 2s and did a great job of alleviating parent concerns. The screener is a quick snap shot and the trends we saw (ex. Almost all SK Fi students not passing) happened across the system*
- *Our Gr. 1-3 teachers have also all implemented the Early Math Screener.*

4. Greening Committee

-Thank you to Brandon Godreau for cleaning up the front hedges at the beginning of November, and thank you to Corey Sanders for helping to clear all the brush.

-Some photos and a post will be made on the JMQ Families Facebook Page: "School Council would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Brandon Godreau who volunteered his time to trim and clean-up the front bushes at the school. Brandon is starting a landscaping company, and you can find his information on Instagram (@brandscapes_landscaping) or Facebook (brandscapes.landscaping). And another BIG THANK YOU to Corey Sanders for assisting in the clean-up of this project to keep JMQ looking fresh!"

5. Treasurer Report

-Quick summary

-We raised \$157.02 from Open House Pizza sales

-Expenses to date are \$151.20 (insurance)

-Current account balance is at \$9,556.71

-For anyone who purchased items for Open House, please remember to fill out a reimbursement form (from Amanda) so that you are paid from the School Council funds for any items you personally purchased

Laurelwoods school - have installed permanent soccer nets that are meant for primary kids. We have portable ones, but they aren't very durable. Have requested that the Board approve the location of the permanent install - nets are \$975, but plus install totals \$3500. Corey to look into potentially a more economical option for this same concept. Would need to seek Board approval.

- Potential to re-do the line painting in the Spring of this year. Approximately \$2500 estimate to update the line/activity painting.

6. Next school community event/Holiday spirit week

Potential fundraising options:

- Not much interest from the vendors for Holiday sales. Consider doing a small market. Risk that there are too many of them? Have a Christmas Market - December 14th? Too much to organize for the winter season - consider this for the Spring.
- Local print shop to do the gift cards? Acorn art cards has gone out of business, so can't use them.
- Look into FreshBox fundraising program - \$5 kick back to the school. Also potential for Lucky Lotus.
- Fergus Chrysler - has a monthly program where they donate \$50 per vehicle that they sell to one community group. Look at getting JMQ onto the list of potential benefactors.

Spring Fling:

- Could potentially have vendors set up at the Spring Fling (maybe in the library?). \$40-50 for each vendor to have a table, and typically donate an item for the auction/raffle.
- Timing for Spring Fling. Ramadan ends Mar 30th, Easter is Apr 20th. Look at April 26th or May 3rd potentially.

- Fox costume? Replace the bunny costume - more inclusive since Spring Fling is not Easter theme.

7. Any questions/discussion items

Spirit Week - Dec 16-20: Is there anything that School Council can do for spirit week?

- Maybe do a hot chocolate day. Have a little passport that they get stamped each day of spirit week and then hot chocolate at the end of the week.
- School council to fund hot chocolate - Approved by vote.

8. Next meeting date: **December 11, 2024 @ 6:30pm**