

# **Mary Johnston School Council**

## **Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2017 7pm.**

1. Overview of council by Sunnie – what council does, how we can be involved.  
Check the website [mjp.wrdsb.ca](http://mjp.wrdsb.ca)
2. Karin – Follow us on Twitter @mjpwrdsb
  - you do not need a Twitter account to view our tweets. Head to our school website and the Twitter feed will scroll on the left
  - Mrs. Bileski gave an overview of recent events, fundraisers, new teachers,
  - Mme Natter, Ms. Taylor are the School Council teacher representatives
  - MJ is receiving a new Kindergarten class due to high numbers. Kindergarten shuffle due to class sizes – start date of new kindergarten class TBD based on the completion of the new floor to be installed in the room.
  - 4 sections of kindergarten with 21-23 students in each class
  - Progress reports go home on November 13

What's happening in classrooms:

  - Ms. Taylor discussed Quilt of Hope in her class
  - Butterflies released from Mme Daley's and Mme Richmond's classes
  - Fire/bomb drill completed
  - Fri Sept 22 – PD Day – teachers working on school improvement, focus on Math, balancing problem solving, and math fluency
  - Bike racks ordered – coming soon
  - School deemed walking school – walk, bike as much as you can – working with Leslie Maxwell – School Travel Planner from Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region.
  - Communication between home and school is key. If parents have an issue; don't let it stew. Connect with the teacher first by email, phone or note. Contact Mrs. Bileski if you feel the issue needs further discussion.
3. Group Activity – collection of ideas and wants for MJ
4. Volunteer descriptions for review and sign up. The volunteer jobs are posted on the website. There are many options for parents to choose from!
5. Introductions of everyone present – Harish will be one of the parent representative for SCIS (Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools)
6. Election – Voting members
  - Sunnie Hallman– Chair
  - Bill Halford– Co-Chair
  - Jenna and Dale Babiy – Co-Treasurers
  - Jill Paul and Shannon Gustar – Co-Secretaries
  - Community Member – open

7. Budget review – about \$1000.00 left from last year, will have yearly budget to be voted on for next meeting

8. Fund-raising – The goal is to plan fundraising activities for the year. A letter will be sent home outlining all fundraising so families are always prepared.

Three main Council Fundraisers:

1. Move-a-thon in spring
2. Dinner and movie night at end of year
3. Pizza for everyone on Fridays, Pita Pit once per month

Trish Coupal shared information for on-line ordering for other food offerings – through ESNS: Elementary School Nutrition Services. This would add other options to Pita orders

9. Annual Coat Drive in Oct – please donate your used, clean winter clothing –coats, snow pants etc. – drop off at office

Volunteers are needed to help with the winter clothing drive. Contact Sunnie

Next meetings:

November 15

January 17

February 21

April 18

May 16

Respectfully Submitted: Shannon Gustar - Parent