

MJ Parent Council Meeting – September 18, 2019

Minutes:

Welcome	Sunnie, Chair and Bill, Co-Chair and Tim Pugh, Principal welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Introductions	Mr. Pugh introduced himself. Talked about the great staff at MJ. Round table for parents to introduce themselves.
Elections	<p>Voting for Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. Voting for the 10 Council Voting Members. Looking for a community member to join council. Also discussed, agreed upon and voted for a Shadow Council. Chair – Sunnie Hallman (Shadow Chair - Pooja Bhalla) Co-Chair – Bill Halford Treasurer – Jenna Ferguson (Shadow Treasurers – Sherief Mohamed & Kelli Tigert) Co-Secretaries – Alicia Nadon & Shannon Gustar-Wall 10 Voting Members – Tara Latchford, Kristen House, Sherief Mohamed, Kelli Tigert, Amanda Finch, Jill Pauls, Dianne Lapierre, Pooja Bhalla, Cindy Desbiens, Sandra Avery, Becky Hesselink, Trish Coupal</p>
Monthly Meetings	<p>Agreed to have meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month. Meetings will not be held in December or March. Dates of meetings are posted on the web site under School Council.</p>
Fundraising	<p>October 11 is first pizza day. Apples will not be included with the pizza due to cost and the amount of apples not being eaten. Continuing with ENS – Elementary Nutrition Services. Magazines – are we going to continue with the sale of magazines? Drop-in Night – date in December 2019 to be determined. Move-A-Thon will be in March 2020. STEAM Fair will be in March 2020. Dinner and a Movie will be in June 2020. Annual Coat Drive – looking for volunteers, left over items will go to another school in need. Please donate your used coats, snow pants, boots. Used Book Sale – Amy and Jen are organizing. Nutrition for Learning (NFL) – Council donates \$4,000.00 to this program. It runs Mon to Thurs. Food items are: fruit, a grain (crackers), protein. Using an outside service this year to bring some food in – saves on volunteer time. Halal, gluten free available – a volunteer will continue to purchase these items. Discussion on whether MJ needs NFL – will monitor.</p>

Communication and Planners	Mr. Pugh is working on standardizing communication. The office puts messages on School Day. Planner orders were not processed. Office staff created a planner for each student.
School Sign	Mr. Pugh gave update. Locates are happening – plan is to have sign completed in next few weeks.
New Staff	New teachers: Mr. Hall, Mrs. Taylor New EA – Mrs. Fowler Mrs. McEwan (DECE) is leaving and Miss Avila is starting next week. New Child and Youth Worker – Miss Morgan Wilfrid Laurier University placements – 2 TEC teachers on are placement at MJ for the year.
Walking School Bus	Currently one route only as need more volunteers. Organizer of Walking School Bus – Dianne Lapierre