

Mary Johnston Public School - School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Attendees (virtual): Sunnie Hallman, Pooja Bhalla, Marcus Hoare, Alanna Hacking, Kara Botelho, Andrea Labyt, Salma Rahimi, Leah Thomas, Brescia Barker, Mecia Constantine, Jessica Akgol, Adrienne Brown, Barbara Csima, Norah Lam, Sameera Banduk

Welcome (Sunnie)

- Looking for a Secretary
- Issue with last months minutes; deleted by mistake

Principal's Update (Mr. H)

- Food Drive:
 - 2,176 lbs of food were donated = 1700 meals = 1 in 14 families who access the Food Bank will be given food from MJ alone
- Move-a-thon:
 - Thank you to Kara (DJ Glow)
 - Feedforward (vs feedback) was a glowing review, "this was the best day of my life" said by one student, great flow of the day
- Spirit Wear:
 - Thank you to Leah

Council Updates (Sunnie)

- Finances will be reviewed next month, will know how the Move-a-thon went then too
- Pizza - Sunnie is getting an update on the second session for pizza which starts after March Break
- ESNS seems to be going fine
- Move-a-thon (Kara)
 - Spent \$900 and sold half which brought in \$1300
 - Can sell some extra glow stuff at Dinner and a Movie Night or other events
 - Kara would love to do it again next year with a committee of people to coordinate volunteers, glow accessories, etc.
 - Kids kept coming up to Kara with requests; maybe let kids make requests through their teachers a month in advance next year
- Spirit Wear (Leah)
 - It all went pretty smoothly, and the vendor was great
 - If we want t-shirts for new kids (JKs), we could talk about doing that
 - Should get sample sizes next year
 - In the past, had sample sizes and also recruited for Council at the Open House night
- Literacy Night (Pooja)
 - Planned for May 10th as of right now
 - WPL Harper didn't seem too keen to come
 - Meeting on Monday Mar 13th to help plan what we want to do

- Dairy Queen used to do a free cone for people who completed the reading challenge, maybe that's something we can do
- Dinner and a Movie Night (Sunnie)
 - Thurs June 8th 5-8pm, movie at 6:45
 - Sunnie has already booked one food truck, in the process of getting another one in
 - Something outside and inside this year would be great
 - Kara will look into someone who was doing magic at Boston Pizza
 - Kara thinks face painting with the grades 5/6s doing or tattoos (glitter tattoos) would be great
- French Immersion Changes
 - Concern from parents on grade two having very little English
 - Parents don't know what the changes are
 - Board is working through this, update will come at the next board meeting
 - Staffing and enrollment processes haven't even started yet
 - Teachers K-6 are able to teach in all areas including the arts
 - Will bring to next meeting for a broader discussion