

Mary Johnson parent council board meeting. September 13th, 2023

1) Attendance: Parents:

Sarah Bester (SB), Bill Halford (BH), Magdi Elsayed (ME), Reza Ramezan (RR), Alanna Hacking (AH), Cressanne Horn (CH), Amy Yardley (AY), Laura Derksen (LD), Amanda Finch (AF), Erika Bryant (EB), Melissa McLean (MM), Jenna Ferguson (JF), Sharon Daniel (SD), Kara Botelho (KB), Dianne Lapierre (DL), Allison Hill (AH), Andrea Labyt (AL), Joey Jovanovic (JJ), Amy Neilson (AN), Pooja Bhalla (PB)

Educators of Mary Johnson

- Mr. Hoare (MH)
- Miss Taylor (JT)
- Mrs. Daley (MD)

2) Meeting called to order at 6:45 by PB

3) 6:55- Principal's Welcome and Update

- MH gives a little information on MJ and how the previous year went.
- Parent council will meet every 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 for a 90 minute meeting.
- Land acknowledgment and the question to ask yourself; How are you a change maker?. Look at a challenge as opportunities
- Miss Taylor and Miss Daily are the teacher reps.

4) 7:07- PB explains the council's roles and responsibilities and what it means to be a voting member on council. It is asked that you commit to coming to 70% of meetings to be a voting member. 15 voting spots are available in total. Chairperson/co-chairs, Treasurer and Admin person(s) will get a spot and the rest are open to parents.

5) 7:15- Election. PB explains what each role looks like and what is expected. MH starts to orchestrate the election.

- 13 total voting members. Quorum is 60% of total voting members. Quorum= 8.
- Voting Members are: PB, SB, AY, BH, AH, AB, AN, KB, DL, JF, ME, JJ, RR
- PH nominated SB to be Treasurer. SB accepted nomination
- AY volunteered to be Secretary. JJ volunteered to be Secretary. AY and JJ will work together and do the roll together.
- SB nominates PB to be President/ Co-Chair. AB seconds.
- JF nominates BH to be President/ Co-chair. AN. seconds.
- PB nominates Reza R to to be President/ Co- chair. MM seconds.

- A vote was done. PB and BH will Co-chair for 2023/2024 school year for MJ.

6) 7:46- SB speaks about the finances from last year.

- SB bases forecast of finances on previous year(s)
- Last year the council waited until the end of the year to make the big purchases they wanted and it didn't end up happening. SB is suggesting we push those wants to the beginning of the year.

- Discussion: We have a lot of money built up. Should we invest in a new playground? School board won't pay for a new one when the one we have is still deemed safe. Note: Things that get covered through the school board the venture needs to be school board approved.

7) 7:56 Council By-laws. SB and PB were able to create this document.

- **Meetings will now be 90 mins instead of 60 mins.** Hard to get through everything in 60 mins.

8) 8:00- Initiatives- Projects need someone to lead and help with the project (Volunteer or help the lead)

- Pizza. We need a person to lead pizza. For now MD (Teacher) is volunteering to take on pizza until parents can take it over. Is able to do this until the end of October. MD suggests pizza shouldn't be on Fridays anymore because there is a lot of waste. She reached out to the vendor (Gino's pizza) about changing the day. Waiting to hear back.

- Question: Can we donate leftover pizza? Answer: there is no place in town that can accept open pizza. There is a place in Galt that can accept open pizza. Is there a way to get the leftover pizza there?

- Schools can no longer take cash for pizza because of safety concerns. All pizza orders come through School days now. Therefore we can't do pizza all the same way. Need to be creative on a solution.

- Alternative vendors? - Gino's is close and Halal. Would prefer to not change vendors.

- **Director of Pizza will be AH. AH will organise volunteers and facilitate pizza.** AH is familiar with the pizza program and has worked well with team from last year. AH and MD will coordinate.

- RR motions to keep pizza day on Fridays. BH seconds. Discussion: Friday is a good day to end with Pizza. Big transition for families to have pizza on a different day. Fridays there is a lot of waste. Parents want us to keep pizza for them for the next week. 3- yes, 10- No. Motion does not pass

- AY makes a motion to make pizza any other day that works for Gino's pizza. MD seconds motion. 10 yes, 3 no. Motion passed MD will coordinate with Ginos and report back.

- Table other initiatives discussion.

9) What else is on your mind: Table until next meeting.

10) Meeting adjourned at 8:35 by PB