



L'école John McCrae  
Public School  
School Council Meeting  
Minutes

Tuesday November 9th, 2021, 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Online:  
<https://meet.google.com/bif-pgsj-fyz?hs=122&authuser=0>



Item	Discussion	Action/Decision
Principal / Vice-Principal's Report (WVV/LMF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Principal / Vice Principal Report</li> <li>● Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>● COVID updates               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some things opening up again</li> <li>○ Some sports xc country flag football</li> <li>○ Reading buddies</li> <li>○ Still no volunteers or School Council in school yet</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Playground Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Heard from board and they looked over the area. Some concern about the back toward the fence where there is a dip that can flood. Flagged for builders. But nothing below ground to be concerned about.</li> <li>○ Has reached out for a third time to chosen contractor, however hasn't heard back.</li> <li>○ This one was picked because they were willing to come visit and do the design work.</li> <li>○ May reach out to parents that have expressed interest in helping with design and will follow up with the other contractors as well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fundraising Updates               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Considering opening up some fundraising e.g. wreaths/poinsettias since</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>some other schools are doing that all outside and Indigo fundraiser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pizza not yet being considered</li> <li>○ TY reached out to Brenda MacDonald re wreaths/poinsettias - may be too late</li> <li>○ MK asked about what constraint is on pizza. WVW stated that it's less about volunteers, but more about sharing food. Only a couple of food programs have been approved (supplemental food programs). JB states that at PIC it was noted that its a board directive.</li> <li>● Remembrance Day Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Little ceremony outside the library around 11 for 10-15 minutes, however no parents.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Parent-Teacher Interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 25th night and 25th in the day - virtual and similar to last year.</li> <li>○ Report cards coming home 16-18th online. Paper reports will be available as well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>LMF to ask Kathy in office TY to follow up with BM</p>
<p>Co-chair's Report (RB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PIC report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last Monday of every month.</li> <li>○ Still working on PRO Grants. Can send information if anyone interested. Lots of material on mental health and some programing coming up. Will circulate to parents and post on website when board sends that around. Discussion around getting parents and visitors back into schools, however currently no timeline. Direction being taken from MOE and MOH. Also discussion around pizza/milk, however no indication of when this may change.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fundraising - fund allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to allocate funds for wreaths/poinsettias (if it can happen) and Indigo</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have mostly been fundraising for the playground.</li> <li>○ Indigo money goes straight to library</li> <li>○ KK asked about chromebooks and levelled readers as we've often raised funds for those.</li> <li>○ WVV stated that with COVID funding the province has provided for a significant number of Chromebooks and we could start a fund for tech replacement in coming years.</li> <li>○ AR stated funds could be directed to discretionary spending for teachers. It was confirmed that School Council alr</li> <li>○ It was suggested to say it is for classroom supplies. Moved by EC and seconded by KG.</li> <li>○ Also potential for online fundraising events e.g. Mabel's Labels, gift cards</li> <li>○ SK confirmed money does come from Mabel's Labels and she has given it to Kathy Lambkin</li> <li>● By-Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to be reviewed. Will likely follow up on this in late december/early January.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● School Website - parent council info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MLF has cleaned up the website and we can post more information there and start pushing that out as a source of information.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>JB to look into how money gets transferred to schools from Mabel's Labels</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report (TF)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Everything is pretty flat. \$53,000 - \$46,000 for kindie yard with \$7000 for other things.</li> <li>● Decided to just go ahead with teacher discretionary funding.</li> <li>● KK suggested polling teachers to find out where fundraising allocations can go to.</li> <li>● AR moved to direct money to discretionary spending. Seconded by JL.</li> <li>● TF noted that pizza and the dance-a-thon have been the biggest fundraisers historically.</li> </ul>	

Stream of Dreams Update (SK and WVV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fish have all been painted and clear-coated. Trying to get in touch with Stream of Dreams/GRCA group to wire up fish and display soon.</li> <li>● Unsure where to go at this point since signs and wire have already been paid for.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JB and SK to do further follow up.</li> </ul>
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>	

Present:

- Walter Vander Vaart (Principal)
- Lynn-Michelle Fortier (Vice-Principal)
- Rebecca Bigelow (Co-chair)
- Jeff Bennett (Co-chair)
- Tim Fish (Treasurer)
- Sarah Katsounias (Teacher Rep)
- Katie Gad (Co-secretary)
- Khaleed Khalfan (Co-secretary)
- Kathy Kaye (Co-secretary) - regrets
- Mark Kaminski
- Alice Raine
- Allison Pinches
- Erin Corstorphine
- Jalene Lumb
- Tammy Yakabuskie