

École Margaret Jenkins School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, January 27, 2022

In attendance: Heather Macdonald, Tariq Amlani, Betty Greer, CJ Young, Maggie Black, Amanda Muench, Roberta Jackson, Kristine Oliver, James Hansen, Tonya Winton

1. Welcome – acknowledgement of email from SD61 Superintendent regarding preliminary findings at St. Joseph’s Mission Residential School.
2. Parent Education Night with Moms Against Racism – well attended and excellent workshop. Hope to have Kerry back for another workshop soon.
3. Holiday Hampers: \$2,500 raised, lovely notes of gratitude from families; Nancy Dragicevich is leaving EMJS, looking for another volunteer to take on Hamper Drive or start similar initiative next year.
4. Hot Lunch: looking for ways to proceed, other schools are finding ways; individual pizza boxes as an option but staff weren’t keen on this because there is too much packaging.
 - James: looking into it for March but can’t promise
 - Betty to confirm with vendors that February is cancelled
 - The hope is for 6 more lunches before the end of school year
5. New (acting) Vice Principal – Tonya Winton
 - Will start grade 5 leadership next week
 - MDI ([Middle Years Development Instrument](#)) also starting next week
6. Staff appreciation update from Betty
 - Lunch for staff on Feb 10
 - Red Barn to provide lunches
 - 15 draw prizes thus far (46 on staff) – sign up [here](#) to donate
 - Betty to connect with James about platters
7. West Coast Seeds Fundraiser (starts Feb 7 and runs to Feb 28)
 - limited catalogue available – can preview [here](#).
 - Orders can be placed on [fundraising website](#) starting on Feb 7th.
8. Walkathon
 - Will be a great community-building event for the school and a fundraiser for the PAC
 - Maggie agreed to take on and connect with James reg days, logistics etc as we get closer (May)
 - Looking for volunteers to help
9. Parent Education
 - Next event is on April 12 – Monique Gray Smith will present on how to talk to your kids about Indigenous Reconciliation.
 - Talk hosted by Willows PAC – stay tuned for registration details.

10. Outdoor learning/ play space

- Heather Sanche has been in touch with Stephanie Weinstein as consultant
- Part of bigger project with long term fundraising goals
- Creating new space by the rocks with tie in to watershed
- Heather Macdonald and Heather Sanche to meet with Ashley Frketich and other staff to discuss next steps

11. Budget

- Not much to report since last meeting!
- Purdys Chocolate fundraiser brought in \$1100
- Teachers have spent about half of the \$3500 in class funds, \$1100 of \$1500 in art supplies spent, music program still has \$400 to spend
- \$250 grant from SD61 to cover the cost of the parent education workshop
- Grade 5 hoodies orders and distributed

12. Admin update

- Logo – Ashley Frketich has been in touch with the Indigenous Education Department to discuss next steps
- James: Admin are appreciative and grateful for how people in the community voice concerns regarding Covid, expressed admiration for teachers and staff who show up despite being concerned and do their best
- EMJS to house the Indigenous Education Department’s library during renovations to their current space – will happen when new shelves are installed by SD61 operations in the EMJS library
- Playgrounds will be open to families after school – asking parents to wait about 10 minutes until crowds disperse.
- Tonya: Camp Thunderbird booked; Aboriginal Artist to visit EMJS this week - will chose 1 school in SD61 for a mural installation; appreciation for small tokens of gratitude from PAC (eg coffee+cookies); Tonya to connect with Tariq regarding emergency supplies

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next meeting Thursday, February 24th at 7pm on Zoom – please register [here](#)