



École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean

School Council

Meeting Minutes for February 12th, 2026

In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal

Suzanne Hall – Chair

Brittany Hunter – Secretary

Floriane Schroers – Treasurer

Trish Rayner – Voting Member

Rajdeep Bahra- Voting Member

Joanna Seymour - Voting Member

Laden Milsome - Voting Member

Wendy Tanner - Voting Member

Jennifer Valente-Voting Member

Shiny Thomas-Voting Member

Meeting Started at 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

- Welcome
- Establish Quorum
 - Quorum met with 10

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Principal's Update

- **Round Table**
 - **Parking**
 - With the snowbanks it has been a little unsafe
 - Areas people are parking is unsafe, across the street busses turning halfway in
 - Mr. Hopkins would like to try and encourage parents to have their children take the bus and use the bus stops when available
 - **Lunch Box Program**
 - Question was asked about the program being cancelled
 - At this time it was a lot of food coming into the school, and did not provide a lot back to the school.
 - Mr. Hopkins was not opposed to having extra food days once we can figure out how that can be run
- **Updates**
 - Sr. Basketball teams have completed their seasons. A great year of improvement, teamwork and hustle. Thank you to Elisha Szafran for coaching the Sr. Boys and Mme Bennie and Mme Mizzi for being staff representatives
 - The Grade 6 training teams will begin in early March, pull some students from the senior team to be able to mentor and have them gain skills
 - School Improvement—Data Based—Focusing on students who have not met the bench march in Acadience Reading for Grade 1 and 2 and using small group instruction to help build skills



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- Mark is focusing his instructional leadership on Junior Math and Problem solving. Additional learning opportunities, working on moderating student work (leveling) and determining next steps for improvement. Our EQAO results show that we need more practice with multi-step problems
 - John C. Holland Awards, we nominated one grade 7 student for a Rising Star Award, Ainara Alleyene award, name not shared at this time
 - Anti-Black Racism Strategy (Gathering Student Voice), how does the school know what the black students in the school are thinking, are they comfortable, do they want to come to school, do they feel like a part of the school community. There will be an open forum to talk and ask questions with black identifying students.
 - Grab and Go, aka Saisir et Partir has begun, thank you to Mme Osmond, Mme Simpson and our grade 6 helpers. Great news we got approved by Tastebuds for \$7000 grant to help run our nutrition programme. It's a work in progress and we are enjoying the learning.
 - Musical, Peter Pan has started, Mme Flett, Mme Holden and Mme Beaudin are leading the way
4. **Treasurer's Update (Floriane Schroers)**
- The Poinsettia fundraiser made \$27.84
 - We paid \$391.17 for holiday craft day
 - Our current balance is \$935.80
5. **Fundraising Update**
- Krispy Kreme
 - Must decide a cost for the boxes
 - MOTION: The MJ School Council will sell the Krispy Kreme boxes for \$17.00 per box for the fundraiser (Suzanne Hall)
 - Seconded: Trish Rayner
 - For: 10
 - MOTION CARRIED
 - Kernals
 - Motion: The MJ School Council approves the flyer for the Kernals popcorn fundraiser (Suzanne Hall)
 - Seconded: Jen Valente
 - For: 10
 - MOTION CARRIED
 - Dates were also changed to abide by what the school needs, and school cash online requirements are
6. **Ongoing Business**
- Santa Claus Parade Update



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- Kids had a great time!
 - Suggestion for next year: wood posts to hold the banner
 - PRO Grant Update
 - We were approved for \$500 and preparations are underway
 - We will call it “An Evening at MJ” and it will be held on the evening of Thursday March 26th from 6:15pm – 8:00pm
 - Mr. Hopkins is looking into possible child care options
 - Parents will have to RSVP
 - Events of the evening include:
 - Social time with light refreshments
 - 4x20 min break out sessions including French literacy, Numeracy, Mindfulness/Meditation and Truth and Reconciliation
 - It will end with a 10 min wrap up and looking into preparing swag-bags for people who attend
 - Will need volunteers to help run the evening
7. Future Meeting Date
- Thursday March 12, 2026 @ 6:30 in the Learning Commons
8. Adjournment
- Motion: MJ School Council is to adjourn the February 2026 meeting (Suzanne Hall)
 - Seconded: Floriane Schroers
 - For: 10
 - MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 PM