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School Council Meeting  
Thursday, March 12, 2026

## In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal  
Amanda Bennie- Teacher Representative  
Suzanne Hall - Chair  
Brittany Hunter - Secretary  
Floriane Schroers - Treasurer  
Trish Rayner – Voting Member  
Joanna Seymour - Voting Member  
Laden Milsome - Voting Member  
Wendy Tanner - Voting Member  
Jennifer Valente-Voting Member  
Shiny Thomas-Voting Member  
Sarah Ewing- Voting Member  
Danielle Pacey  
Amber Mitchell

Meeting Started at 6:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order

- Welcome
- Establish Quorum
  - Quorum met with 9

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

### 3. Staff Update

- Looking at Math and Reading to update practices, how to have them enjoy it more
- Extra Curriculars, floor hockey is happening, drama is in full swing, yearbook, band and robotics, library helpers, just about to start swim team (senior 6-8),
- Question, track and field, June-ish

### 4. Principal's Update

- **Round Table**
  - Question: School trips, being brought to attention,
    - Answer- factors related to risk and responsibility, volunteers are not an issue, money is not a challenge if it is reasonable, location can cut down the options we have



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- Going to take it away with the staff and let them know that it has been a question from the parent community
- Question- How to respond to parents asking about where the funds for the current fundraisers are going?
  - Answer- Going to push out in the email of the buckets we fundraise for, as it is not something specific but more to an overall of school enhancement
- **Updates**
  - PA Day learning on March 6th where we focused on learning more about Indigenous Wellness, Education and Reconciliation. Mme Melanson is our 'runner' and we are looking at booking a school -wide learning opportunity for the Moccasin Identifier.
    - A group that comes in to the school and allows kids to learn more
  - Looked at Mental Health and Well-being as well
  - We also learned more about Erin's Law (Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Reporting) and professional responsibility of Duty to report
  - We learned and explored more with Artificial Intelligence and using Co-Pilot as educators for lesson planning/assessment purposes
  - We worked with Public Health to ensure all students attending our school have up to date immunization. It is in the Education Act. The process of notifying parents began in January
  - Parking continues to be a challenge, I get it. I did reach out to the city of Hamilton to install no stopping signs between the driveway; however, the city decided to add more no-stopping signs, I will continue to advocate
  - I have spoken with facility about alternative ways of picking up and dropping off students in the morning and after school—stay tuned
  - Website Refresh coming in April
  - Looking forward to the Evening at MJ event
- 5. **Treasurer's Update (Floriane Schroers)**
  - POPCORN went well, made 218.19
  - Current total: 1154.71
- 6. **Fundraising Update**
  - Krispy Kreme
    - Miscommunication, flyer was sent out a little late, extended the end date to the 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Jen Valente will contact the organizer on the 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Kernels
    - Kids were super excited
    - Timing for classroom delivery so it goes into the proper kids hands



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## 7. Ongoing Business

- PRO GRANT
  - Evening at MJ
  - Well underway with planning
  - Biggest thing that we can do to help is to come,
  - Arrival for volunteers and council, 5:45, as the event is 6:15-8:00
  - Look to spread for name tags/family so assign rooms
  - 15-20 minutes per station
  - 7:50- Wrap up and thank you
  - 8:00-8:15- tidy and reset
  - Possible, Carafe purchase for hot drinks,
  - Look to just have pre-packaged snacks that way if it does not get eaten it can be added into the snack bin
  - Numeracy- M. Hopkins, Yoga- owner studio 65 in Binbrook, Truth and Reconciliation- Suzanne and Mme. Melanson, French Literacy- Mme. Strong

## 8. New Business

- Silent Auction each grade group would create a themed basket
  - **Motion-** The Michaëlle Jean school Council will plan and organize Silent Auction Fundraiser with themed baskets to be auctioned at the open house May 14<sup>th</sup> (Laden Milsome)
  - Seconded: Trish Rayner
  - FOR: 11

## 9. Future Meeting Date

- Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 @ 6:30 in the Learning Commons

## 10. Agenda Item suggestions for next meeting

## 11. Adjournment

- Motion: MJ School Council is to adjourn the March 2026 meeting (Suzanne Hall)
  - Seconded: Jen Valente
  - For: 11
  - MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 PM