

John MacNeil Elementary
School Advisory Council

Chairperson: Diana Quinn
c/o John MacNeil Elementary
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Meeting on March 5th, 2025, at 3:00pm

Attendance – Neil Finley, Jan Gillespie, Megan Douglas, Robyne Gorman, Diana Quinn, Lunefer Yeasmin, Elizabeth MacPherson – Meet took place in the LC

MINUTES

Welcome and review of SAC Agreement – Agreed with no amendments

JMES:

Attendance - Lates continue to be a challenge. Staff have been encouraging families to prioritize getting kiddos here – teachers/Admin have also been reaching out to families to review the attendance policy. We will be mindful of attendance around Ramadan and fasting. We have also created a space for students to go during snack and lunch who are fasting. This has been well received.

Student Success Planning – Our goals are focused on Phonics and how it supports reading and writing. Math is a focus on fact fluency and well being on safety in shared spaces (Washrooms, gym, playground)

Costco readers – 6-8 week reading focused program – we are focusing on our Students of African ancestry as a priority> Costco is also donating 385 backpacks for the school in June and the potential of a food donation program.

Operations

- a) We are getting a new washer/dryer – location will be in the staff room.
- b) Blinds will be repaired – the process has begun. Portable blinds are replaced, and repairs will take place soon.
- c) Fire Marshall – Teachers working on addressing concerns flagged

Finances

Current funds \$7878 (\$2000 to pay off my visa for \$100 classroom items) so 5878 remaining.

- d) Purchases – teachers loving and appreciative of the \$100 purchases

- e) 2 requests – Wendi/Alanna

Wendi approved with an increase in request from \$50 to \$200 for purchasing items.

Alanna approved with some adjustments to items purchased (looking for a more affordable pricing for the auditory whisper phones)

Other:

Playground update – HRM is anticipating a replacement of our playground in the 2026 fiscal year. They are aware we have \$6000 to contribute to an inclusive swing to be added.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting date – Tuesday April 29th at 3PM

