

John MacNeil Elementary  
School Advisory Council

Chairperson:

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John MacNeil Elementary

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**Meeting on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> , 2026**

Attendance:

Present: Ewi Jr, Lenufere, Melissa, Elizabeth, Emily, Neil, Jan

Absent: Velda, Megan, Robyne, Meenakshi

**AGENDA**

1. **JMES Jan 2026 –**
  - **Follow up AI literacy sessions for all classes grades 2-5 happening in Early March with HRCE AI Consultant.** *Happy this is happening and students from grades 2-5 are receiving the training.*
  - **Switch to door usage to improve heat in the building** – *Overall this is going really well and overall consensus is that we should remain this way moving forward.*
  - **Attendance Policy – SAC input on Attendance Letters** – *SAC really liked the letters drafted and wanted to add a quick questionnaire to ask families about ways the school can support an attendance improvement.*
  - **School Photo contract for 2026** – *we reviewed the yeah and it being good, however there are some rising concerns of LifeTouch being affiliated with the Epstein files. The RED also requested info about photography contracts. We will investigate and make a decision once we hear from the regional center.*
2. **Student Achievement Data Review:** A brief look at recent formative assessment trends to see where we might need to pivot our support. – *Overall, the school continues to work towards supporting student success. We did discuss the major concerns around attendance impacting some students' success and that this will continue to be a process towards improvement.*
3. **SSP Update:** A quick status report on our primary goals for the term. – *we reviewed the term 2 goals in Math, Literacy and Well being, sharing the work being done in classrooms and grade level professional learning groups on planning, supporting and assessing around these goals. Great work is being done in classrooms to support math and literacy and an awesome focus on well being with support from our school counsellor.*
4. **Budget & Resource Allocation:** An overview of the remaining SAC funds and any upcoming "wish list" items from staff.
  - 2 requests for classroom items to support student learning and well being
  - Current Funds available - \$3393.76 (\$266.62 will be subtracted to reimburse school visa for SAC approved purchases).

*All items approved for requests with exception of S.Striteman. We have approved the purchase of 3 kits with SAC funds and will purchase the other 3 with HSG funds as it*

*aligns with that grant and allows us to approve all funds for requests including having funds for the end of year picnic.*

5. **Community Engagement:** Discussing potential dates or themes for the spring community event. – *Will discuss in March meeting to set date and plans.*
6. **Safety & Wellness:** An update on the latest school climate initiatives or any facility safety concerns. – *No concerns brought forward*

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting dates – March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>