John MacNeil Elementary
School Advisory Council

Chairperson:
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Meeting on October 29th, 2026, at 3:00pm

Attendance: Present – Lenufer, Kylie (Secretary), Ewi Jr (Chair), Robyne, Elizabeth, Neil, Jan, Andrea Redmond

Absent – Emily, Megan, Minakshi

1. Welcome and intros with Ms. Redmond

Andrea was able to help us understand her role in the Government – Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage and the access to grants we can explore around community engagement and building programs to support families to move, celebrating culture in our community etc.
She shared resources and gave feedback around examples of grants being approved provincially. We discussed the possibilities of Collaboration with the North Grove on building programs. There is potential for collaborating for a larger grant proposal with other neighboring schools.

2. Discussion on potential grant funding for Library refresh or Multicultural Night

This was not applicable to the work Andrea can help us with as schools as a solo are often not considered for grants outside of the EECD funding.

3. Plans for Multicultural Night

Ewi will create a poster for us to print and send to families the week of Nov 2nd. We will host a potluck and family talent show 6-7:30pm. Families will email the school to confirm the food/culture they are representing as well as any possible talent show performances they will do. We will meet the week before to finalize plans. SAC will purchase water, plates, cutlery.

4. Finances: Requests for approval:

1 – Primary Greenham – 130.97 for items to improve learning in the classroom

2 – 4/5 Dutton – Word origins kit 420$ to start using in support of literacy in his classroom.

5. Other:
   - Kylie looking for a donation letter to approach sportstores in donating equipment for outdoor play.
   - Kylie looking into info on indigo grant for school.
   - Kylie will look into Glow promotions for free access to bouncy castles for our spring fling.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting date – Nov 19th – 3pm