

John Martin Junior High School Advisory Council

Currently looking for community members to join the SAC- advertised on JMjH X (Twitter) account and on JMjH website

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Minutes: October 19th, 2024.

1. Attendance (names and positions held)

- Michelle Kavanaugh Principal
- Christine McKenna Vice-Principal
- Diana Hatchette Teacher
- Angela Murphy Parent
- Amanda Dowling Chair(Absent)
- Michelle Garcia Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker
- Tyrell Grosse Grade 8 student representative
- Dre Beals Grade 7 Student Representative
- Katrina Kerr Grade 9 Student Representative

2. Call to order: Chair absent- call to order by Principal Michelle Kavanuagh;

Call to order time: 5:00 pm

3. Approval of agenda: Approval provided by SAC members:

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4. Approval of previous meeting's summary: first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year

5. Business arising from the meeting summary:

Principal's Report:

- School enrollment currently at 318 students
 - two grade 6 classes, four grade 7, four grade 8, three grade 9
- MusiCounts Grant- \$18,000 grant received by JMjH
- Reviewed Staff:

- Junior high intervention 50% and Learning Centre 50%, one 100% Learning Centre Teacher, one 100% Resource Teacher
- Math Coach- Joann Sanford
- Literacy Coaches- Martha Mather and Crystal George
- YMCA settlement support worker- to support newcomer positions
- Learning opportunities being provided:
 - Milk Sports Fair (grade 7's)
 - Kirk Sabean- North Grove with the 8's (continued partnership with North Grove)
 - Soccer season was successful- Boys Soccer made it to the Championship
 - Pep Rally- first pep rally for JMjH
 - Volleyball- season has begun, lots of interest from girls for volleyball
 - LOVE Group- run by Finley Tolliver- focus on feelings for male identifying students, approx. 25 students who attend regularly
 - WrightFit Program- run by Wade Wright and ANS SSW for African Nova Scotian students- for 15 students at the grade 9 level
 - Multicultural Club- every Thursday at lunch
 - November 5, 2024- assembly from MADD Canada for grade 9
 - November 20, 2024- Cyberbullying presentation for grades 7 and 8
 - Remembrance Day Ceremony- November 8th, 2024.
 - Le FloFranco- date to TBD
 - GuysWork and GirlsWork through SchoolsPlus and Kirk Sabean with 801- 10 weeks
 - SchoolsPlus- beginning a study club to be run on Thursdays after school. Program will run for four weeks.
 - ANS Math Support Grant- Isaac Sawa (25 days)
 - Turkey dinner will occur this December 18, 2024

6. School improvement plan update

Student Achievement:

- SSP-literacy, math and student well being goals based on Student Success Surveys from last May
- Grade 8 continues to be a priority provincially - Grade 8 Provincial Assessment in Spring 2025
- Support time within teacher's schedules to target literacy and mathematics
- Baseline assessments conducted at each grade level with support from literacy coaches
- Targeted instruction being used in instructional practices
- Strategies and actions set for short cycles of 6-8 weeks

Provincial assessment results:

- RWM8 data- 8% increase in comparison to last year's RWM8 results

7. New business

- Reviewed impact of policy on students' use of electronic devices during class time.

8. Next meeting: Dec 5th, 2024.

9. Adjournment: 6:00 pm