

Joseph Howe Elementary School Advisory Council

MEETING SUMMARY

18th March 2025, 6pm

1. Attendance (names and positions held)

- Michael MacDonald – Principal
- Phill Thomas – Vice Principal (Acting)
- Sara Jennex – Teacher
- Julie Tannous – Teacher
- Laura Hutt – Schools Plus Outreach
- Samantha McPhee – Parent
- Sheleema Flint – Parent
- Chloe Talarico – Community Member
- Whitney Clayton – Community Member

- Adrian Malloy – PALS - apologies

Apologies

- Jade Paris - Parent
- Paula Adams – Community Member
- Marika Paris – Parent
- Fatima Hussain– Parent
- YouthNet community representative

1. Call to order.

2. Introductions

- Welcomes
- Adrian Malloy - PALS

3. Approval of January minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved
 - All members agreed minutes to be true and correct reflection

4. Business arising from earlier meeting

- Approval of Purchases

5. School success plan

- P – 6 Reading data collected by March 21, 2025

- Grade 3 LM3 Assessment May 2025
 - Literacy support for the

6. New business

- PALS
- Staff Absenteeism
 - Have high absenteeism
 - Has impact on classrooms
- Playground update
 - Chloe has sent list – needs clarification on grants etc
 - Letters to ask for funding to be approved
 - People can donate direct – MM noted that a % is taken off
 - Can take to PALS
- Staff Survey
 - Completed SAC survey – submitted by Principal

7. Finances

- SAC grant - \$937.50
- Student Support Grant - \$434.00
 - Materials for students e.g. whiteboard markers, outdoor equipment
- Healthy Schools Grant - \$15.35

Next meeting to discuss how to we should use SAC grant

8. 2024 – 2025 Registration

- Total population – 348
 - We are currently looking at registration for the 2025 – 2026 school year. It looks like we will begin the year with between 340 – 350 students.
 - Registration is low but usually pre-primary numbers are not accurate
 - SAC raised concerns for newcomers registering
 - Possibly able to have posters for library to signpost to the Newcomers centre at St Agnes.

10. Special Reports/School Events

- Lunch
 - Choir Friday, Imhotep – Dal on Tuesdays, YMCA youth transitions program Wednesday (Grade 5)
 - Thursday LEGO club
 - Tunnel Vision running now
- Soccer is back (Grammar Volunteers)
- Basketball is wrapping up
- Assemblies
 - African Heritage Month
- Popcorn Wednesday

- Underground Spirit Week
- EPA allocation meetings
- Grade ½ teacher (Sharon Perez) returns from leave as does Ms Brown (Ash) tomorrow
- Literacy consultant working with grade 3 Teachers
- Pizza Fundraiser – this ongoing
- Rotary Club International Visitors
- Push Fitness Donation
 - Joel is working with donation to

11. AOB

- Now have translation service available, instant access
- Volunteer tea
- To be organised for May
- Library – Summer reading – staff will come to promote it at school
- SM- Possibility of having “Square” payment – JT/PTA to investigate renting one to try
- Possibility of a book fair – Admin to ask Joanne (LSS)
- SJ to organise JHS branded clothing

12. Next meeting: May 20th, 2024

9. Adjournment: 7.00pm