**Mount Albion Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

September 29, 2016, 6:30 pm – 8:00pm

**Attendees:** Kelly Ames (KA), Stephanie Blanchard (SB), Kirsteen Cannell (KC), Andrea Daw (AD), Judy Davidson (JD), Cindy Goebel (CG), Judy Haskell (JH), Victoria Llewllin (VL), Amber Mayne (AM) Raji Mundi (RM), Carol MacKenzie (CM - Principal)

**Regrets:** Jennifer Vogel (JV), Julie Young (JY)

**Introductions**

**Minutes:** Minutes from May 26, 2016 were reviewed and approved by School Council

**School Council Executive Nominations:**

* At end of School Year Last year, Treasurer Julie Young resigned.
* Raji Mundi was elected as Treasurer
* Stephanie Blanchard was re-elected as Secretary
* Amber Mayne is returning as a Co-Chair with Victoria Llewllin

**ACTION** 🡪 SB to inform School Administrator Lily Quinn of successful candidates.

**ACTION** 🡪 RM to obtain Treasurers report before each meeting (request from Lily Quinn)

**ACTION** 🡪 AM and VL to create Agenda and circulate to attendees before the meetings, and to moderate each meeting.

**Treasurers Report:**  A detailed treasurer’s report was not available due to school website updates locking the program, so a summary was provided. Currently the Opening balance of the account is $709.05. It is unknown whether this reflects all debits from Grade 8 Graduation and deposits from the School Clothing sale from June. A detailed report will be provided at the next meeting.

**Teachers Report:**

* Sports: **Boys 3 pitch**: Senior boys have won their HWDSB championships - Congratulations boys and Coaches! **Girls 3 pitch**: Senior girls 3 pitch performed well, represented well for Mount Albion, and improved with each game. Great job! Swimming for Grades 4-6 will begin in November at McMaster.
* Initiatives: Girls group will be starting soon as well as Homework club. Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Cumming’s classes are selling cookies for $1.00 to help raise funds to help supplement high transportation costs of their class trips. (post meeting note: Mr. Duffy sold 186 cookies!). The Terry Fox run was postponed due to rain.

**Principal Repor**t: Please see attached. Of note:

* New Year: Several students enrolled while other students left during the summer months. Our total student population currently is 353 students.
* Reorganization: With the additional influx of new students, a 3rd FDK (full day kindergarten) class was opened with a new Teacher and DECE. A new Grade 4/5 class was created, with teacher Stephanie Waldron; classes were rebalanced so that all junior classes were under 25 students and Intermediate classes were under 30. Although these changes are hard, the teaching team have worked extremely hard to try to make this transition as easy as possible. They have also gotten approval for additional supply teachers for the first day so that the previous teachers can help facilitate the transition for the new teaching staff as well as the students. The Mount Albion teaching team will continue to watch students as they adjust to their new classes.
* Meet the Teacher Night: Will take place Thursday October 6th, 5:30 – 6:30
* EQAO: The preliminary results of the EQAO tests from last year are out and Mount Albion has made great leaps in their results, by increasing scores in 5:6 of the assessments (level 1 results – All students who are in grade 3 or 6, regardless if they have been exempt. Any exempt students are scored as a 0 on level 1. Level 2 results removes exempted students from the scores). Congratulations to all Staff and Students on this great accomplishment!!!!
* South Field Update: The School Board has approved the re-grading of the South Field and contracts have been awarded. However, due to the upcoming anticipated frost in late fall, the project has been deferred to Spring 2017. The South field will be closed for a few weeks in May, and the 2nd baseball diamond will not be replaced. A letter to the community will be circulated at a later date.

**Community Report:** Currently there are 56 children enrolled in before and/or after care at Heritage Green Mount Albion, with only 4 remaining spots available. There are less students in the A.M (approx. 50). If another 10+ kids are in need of daycare, the possibility of a 3rd class may be opened [either Mr. Black / or Music Room].

**Clothing Sale Update:** Sale of Mount Albion School clothing was a great success. Gross sales were approx. $2200. We are currently sorting out billing issues with the clothing provider and will have a more detailed report in the near future as to any profit amounts. It was decided in the 2015/2016 School Year that any profits that may be made will go to updating Mount Albion School uniforms for competing teams.

**Other Business:**

* *Open House:* It was decided that Mount Albion School Council have a presence at the Meet the Teacher night and sell Water Bottles for 2$ / bottle to try to deplete our stock.

**ACTION** 🡪 SB to circulate a sign up sheet for water bottle table

* *Movie Night(s):* Movie nights were discussed, with the possibility of Secret Life of Pets in December. To be discussed at a future School Council meeting
* *Turtle Jacks Night at Mount Albion:* SB indicated she had contacted the General Manager from Turtle Jacks about a possible fundraiser. Any family that eats at Turtle Jacks on the designated Mount Albion night will have 10 % of the sale donated back to the school. All attendees were open to the idea. Dates suggested were October 18th or October 25th

**ACTION** 🡪 SB to contact General Manager and finalize details and draft flyer.

* *Feedback Survey:* AM discussed a possible feedback survey to circulate to parents and teachers. Since the meeting was about to adjourn, it was suggested that she forward the survey to each attendee or print off enough copies next time so that each person can review fully and provide their support / comments.

**ACTION** 🡪 AM to circulate the survey to all attendees

Next Meeting: Thursday October 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment**