**Mount Albion Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2017, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Attendees:** Kelly Ames (KA), Stephanie Blanchard (SB), Natasha Carter (NC), Judy Davidson (JD), Andrea Daw (AD), Bob Ellis (BE), Cindy Goebel (CG), Nenad Keric (NK), Stacey Keric (SK), Silvie Marshall (SM), Victoria Miller (VM), Amber Mayne (AM), Raji Mundi (RM), Angela Giardino (AG - Principal)

**Regrets:**

**Call to Order / Introductions**

**Review of Previous Minutes**: Minutes from May 25, 2017 were reviewed and approved

**Call for Agenda Items:**

* Baseball diamond status
* Water bottles
* ProGrant

**Elections:**  The following people were voted in the below positions:

* Co-Chair 🡪 Victoria Miller and Amber Mayne
* Treasurer 🡪 Raji Mundi
* Secretary 🡪 Stephanie Blanchard and Sylvie Marshall

**Treasurers Report:** In one account there was $637 and in the other School Council account there is $617, for a total of $1254.

**Principals Report (Of Note):**

* School Upgrades Complete: Over the summer holidays, the following projects were completed: new washrooms, newly painted hallways and doors, grading of the back field, 3 portables, music room upgrades
* School Upgrades to be done The following projects will be completed at Mount Albion: science room upgrade with double sink, and eye wash station, Art room refresh (panels on ceiling and sinks), library updates, and snoozelen room (a quiet space for special needs students). These projects are anticipated to be begin in November.
* Capital Funding Request Mount Albion has been informed that they are third on the list for a large capital project for a school addition. There will either be a 6, 8 or 10 class addition.

**Teachers Report (Of Note):**

* Sports: **Baseball –** varsity girls, Sr. Boys and Jr. boys baseball is currently in their baseball season and doing well. **Terry Fox** – the Terry Fox run will commence and entire school will be running. A 2$ donation towards cancer research would be appreciated. **Capture the Flag** – for grades 4-8, **Volleyball Season** – volleyball will be starting soon, with 4 teams participating. **Cross Country** – grades 3-8 will compete city wide on October 13. **Swimming** – will begin in November.
* Other initiatives: A **milk program** will be launched soon. **Pizza days** will be beginning shortly. A **food program** will also begin shortly with donations from Tastebuds, Lococcos and MZ’s. Support from the school community would be greatly appreciated.

**Community Report (Of note):**

* There are 3 classes of before and after school programs. The Heritage Green before and aftercare program runs from 7am – 8:40 and 3pm – 6pm.
* Currently there are 71 students with 5 staff
* Heritage Green also provides PA day care, Winter Break, March Break and Summer daycare programs.
* There is currently a waitlist for grades 3-6.

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

* *Pro Grant:* Mount Albion has been awarded the ProGrant for the 2017/2018 school year. Possible option for funds is having a social media safety speaker come.
* *Fundraisers:* Possible fundraising opportunities for next year include Indigo, Kelseys/Montana’s Family Diner nights (instead of Turtle Jacks), Poinsettas, Pita Pit, Dominos, Movie Nights. Possible Movie night date: November 3

ACTION 🡪 VM to investigate movie options for a November 3 movie night.

**New Business**

* Water bottles: Mount Albion was approached about the possibility of purchasing City of Hamilton water bottles to sell as a fundraiser. Since School Council was only able to sell the last batch of water bottles in 2016 after a few years of storing them on site, it was decided to decline the option to purchase Mount Albion reusable water bottles at this time. This option may be revisited at a later date

ACTION 🡪 CG to decline the purchase of fundraiser water bottles to the City of Hamilton.

* *Baseball Fields:*  It was noted that the baseball diamond is in need of repair. The netting has holes which need to be mended and the diamond itself has many weeds, due to the mesh being installed improperly. Having roots and weeds grow up on the diamond could become dangerous to students and community children who may use it. Getting the ball field fixed, could cost upwards of 2000$. If it was fixed to prevent large weeds from growing up on the diamond, it was felt that the staff and students may be able to maintain the baseball diamond for a minimal yearly cost. School Council felt that having the baseball field fixed was a great idea for the school and the surrounding community, but that 2000$ was cost prohibitive for the School Council budget.

Next Meeting: October 26 2017 at 6:30 pm.

**Adjournment**