

# Mary Hopkins School Council – December Meeting Highlights

*Approved minutes will be posted once approved.*

- Ms. Buck recommends that we think of inviting our Trustee and (NEW!) Superintendent to an upcoming meeting as this is who can really support us facilities-wise and should be in the know about our great school!
- November PA Day focused one half of the day on Safe & Inclusive Classrooms; the other half, on School Improvement Planning (students, not the building)
- MDI (Middle School Survey) available for Grades 4 & 5 and up to complete during school; this informs school around student feelings and connections with staff and can reveal deficits
- Student Census, Grades K-4 to complete at home with adult help. Access via [Parent Portal](#). Grade 5 to complete during school.
- In-school monthly assemblies focus on topics like joking and teasing; intention versus impact. Classes have the opportunity to enter comments or questions in the chat, making these virtual assemblies very interactive and engaging!
- Safe school drills under way (there are 3: Lockdown/Hold & Secure/Shelter in Place)
- PLEASE stay updated on Covid protocols, especially when returning to school and before- and after-care following the Winter Break
- There will be a quick 100th anniversary kickoff meeting Wednesday, Dec. 8th at 4:30pm. Ms. Buck will send an invitation out to staff and community members this weekend
- Fundraising still on pause for Council but not forgotten!
- There will be 2 Spirit Days in December: "Winter Spirit Day," where the school will dress/bundle up warm and cozy, and then "PJ Day" on the last day of instruction
- Council looking at ways to leverage the [Parents Reaching Out grant](#); if we have a shared interest here, and can match the criteria in any way, we stand to receive \$1K!
- Next meeting, Wednesday February 2nd at 6:30pm. Always the same [MS Teams link](#), and comments or suggestions for the agenda are always welcome!