

**Mary Hopkins Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2025**

**(Virtual Meeting)**

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
2. Attendance (Members at Large)

Quorum Achieved (yes/no): Yes

*(note: must have 6 members at large or more to achieve quorum (50% +1))*

Carley Casey	✓	Marissa Saunders	✓
Lindsay Cleverdon	✓	Veronica Robinson	✓
Colleen Knapman		Meredith Hazaras	✓
Karina Budhrani		Jessica Knutson	
Nina Hansra		Jeanette Szabo	✓

3. Approval of Minutes – Approved by Veronica, Second Jeanette
4. Principals Report
  - Ms. Thomas looks forward to working with our school, getting to know everyone, etc.
  - Staffing March/April
5. Teachers Report
  - Jan/Feb:
    - o Whole school bingo
    - o Wellness Wednesday: Every Wednesday afternoon would join on teams and do some sort of mindful or active activity together
    - o Cozy winter sweater day, snuggle up and read, reading buddies, bookmark made for buddies
    - o Undercover spirit week: teachers dressed in different outfits, etc. to see if the kids noticed
    - o Neon Glow dance is on Friday – Bracelets were purchased by council again this year, there is a schedule so that each class will get to enjoy the dance for 1 period during the day
    - o Next week: pink shirt day, snuggle up and read, kindness notes with buddies for random acts of kindness week
  - March:

- Ms. Chambers is doing a march music madness – each day kids exposed to two different songs and the class will vote on which they like most, this will continue throughout the month and at the end there will be a final winner
- Whole school bingo the Friday before March break as well as Jersey day
- After March break we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by wearing green
- Wellness Wednesdays will continue throughout March
- Down Syndrome Day: Wear mismatching socks
- April:
  - World Autism Day: Wear Blue
  - International Day of Pink
  - World Book Day & Earth Day: Snuggle up and read buddies will join with bring your favorite book to school
  - We will do an Earth Hour, and an Earth week clean up
  - Reading buddies will be changed up

## 6. Financial Report

### Carry Forward Funds 2023/2024 Allocations (AFP)

Fundraiser	Amount Raised	Allocation as per AFP	Amount Spent	Notes
Pizza Day Funds 2023/2024 Carry Forward	\$ 23,781.58	Technology/Games/Graduation	\$ 11,354.88	Funds Spent
		Kindergarten Penn	\$ 12,426.70	Pending Board Construction
Silent Auction 2023/2024 Carry Forward	\$ 5,703.55	DPA	\$ 2,000.00	Allocated - to be spent in Spring
		Black Top	\$ 3,703.55	Pending Board Construction
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$ 29,485.13</b>		<b>\$ 29,485.13</b>	

### Parent Council Funds Allocated as per Annual Fundraising Plan 2024/2025

Fundraiser	Amount Raised	Allocation as per AFP
Winter Art Walk & Raffle	\$ 470.00	
Pizza Day #1	\$ 9,510.90	Winter Art Show \$2,500
		SPEC ED Items \$5,000
		Library Books \$3,000
Pizza Day #2		

Spring Fling		
Total to Date	\$	9,980.90

This year funds:

- Pizza day round 1 - \$9,510.90
- Art Walk and Raffle - \$470 (approx. - not yet run through account)
- Purchased - Glow sticks approx. \$500 from misc budget
- Pizza day funds to fund art supplies for Art Walk, library books and sensory items.
- Art Supplies - Amount spent TBD - Mrs. Thomson to look into
- Move to vote - \$3000 to be used for Library books - Lindsay, Meredith, Veronica, Jeanette, Marissa, Carley - Yes
- Move to vote - allocate \$4000 to sensory items - Meredith, Jeanette, Tanja, Lindsay, Veronica, Marissa – Yes

#### 7. Other Business

- PRO Grant - Save the Date: Tues, April 1st @ 6pm -> Dinarii Financial Education Academy presentation for Parents. Snacks, Drinks and presentation will be about 1 hour - childcare? Who can we have watching the children? Circling back to childcare if it's feasible. Mrs. Thomas to look into requirements from Board. Jeanette offered her daughters babysitting services for additional support and additional volunteers for community service hours.
- Pizza Day - will be switching to TWO month ordering increments. Since March ordering is done, we will make the final ordering period of 3 months (April/May/June)
- Spring Open House - Save the Date: May 1st - 4pm-6pm Book Fair, 5pm-6pm Open House, 6pm-7:30 pm Spring Fling. Combining Spring Fling and Open House + Book Fair but there will be no Silent Auction/Raffle. All those interested in volunteering are to send Carley a note to join the planning committee.
  - Vendors are interested in coming back food wise, Jeanette offered to assist in organizing
  - Maybe look into a 50/50 draw or small raffle instead of silent auction/raffle
  - Book Fair - teachers had provided wish lists last year, request to potentially have that organized again this year

- Volunteers - 2 opportunities at the school
  - Sorting popcorn - meet every other Friday @ 12:45pm
  - Sorting food for nutrition program - Tues-Fri - small commitment in mornings.  
Reach out to Mrs Kennett/Mrs Thomas if interested

**Next Meeting - March 20th @ 6:30 pm in the MH Learning Commons**

Main Focus will be Spring Fling, bring your ideas, old favourites and new!