

School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting: January 9, 2019

2019

Welcome

- Meeting started at 6:33 pm by Laura Zonta.
- **Motion to accept December minutes made by Laura McCannell. Seconded by Becky Galer. Motion Carried.**

Principal's Report

- See Attached Handout
- Wondering if parents would want to come in and read with their children during Read-a-thon. Time would be approximately 9:00 am to 9:15 am.

Staff Report

- **Mrs. Bailey/Mrs. Zuzek:** discussing New Years goals and resolutions
- **Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell:** Exploring patterns and shapes; talking about and writing our New Years resolutions
- **Mrs. Frizell:** Language: making connections; Math: finishing linear measurement...next, money; Science: Four seasons and the Sun
- **Mrs. Price:** Language: persuasive letters; Math: measurement and 2-D shapes; Science: solids and liquids
- **Mrs. May:** Writing: procedural writing; Math: measurement; Language: inferring; Social Studies: Early Settlers
- **Ms. Dahmer:** Math: Data Management; Literacy: Poetry/Letter writing – persuasive writing; Science: grade 3's – Forces causing movement, grade 4's – light and sound; Grade 4 trip to Medieval Times – in April, approximately \$60.00
- **Mrs. Leach:** Reading Challenge all month – tracking minutes read (goal is 140 minutes per week); Language: inferring/author's message/Book Talks begin next week; Math: Data Management; Science: Rocks and Minerals; Health: tracking our healthy eating
- **Mrs. Nedelko:** Math: 2-digit x 2-digit multiplication and estimation strategies – word problems; Language: spectator serial story starting next week – themes – courage/friendship/Black history – Martin Luther King Jr./Lincoln Alexander/Viola Desmond (reading and writing); Science: Matter
- **Mrs. Mason (Phys. Ed.):** Spirit Wear Sales – February; Mason Athletic – small local business – no online sales through company but athletic wear will be paid using School Cash online; heat is fixed in the gym
- **Madam MacCuish (French):** completed oral language assessment this week (semi-spontaneous conversations); starting "Bal de Neige" (grade 4's) and "Carnaval de Quebec" (grade 5's) units in the coming weeks
- **Miss MacCuish (LRT):** Re-organized small group reading support to better address needs; continuing grade 3 writing group; Empower and LLI going well and on schedule
- **Other:** African Lion Safari – June 21, 2019

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Recent Events

- **Kin Club Breakfast:** worked out well – fun event; volunteers stayed until 10 am; pancake breakfast was served; \$500 donation to school to help cover Dinner and Skate

Future Fundraisers

- **Little Caesars:** Order Time: March 18 – April 1, 2019; Pick-up April 18, 2019 at Movie Night; Cost Range: \$20 to \$30
- **Pizza Days:** Next grouping February and March– closing online cash January 21; sticker in student agendas January 18 for reminder; Last grouping April to June – closing online cash March 25. We make approximately \$130 for each grouping of pizza days.

Upcoming Events

- Movie Night: Thursday, January 24, 2019 – movie to be announced; Jackie will do flyer; need a few volunteers – 2 to sell food and a few to help clean up
- School Gear – will be for sale in February
- Presentations: "Find your Magic!" – February 13; "Paper Bag Princess" – March 26; each are approximately an hour in length and great for all grades.

Parent Engagement Survey

- A handout will be going out to parents for feedback on how they would like to keep up to date on the happenings at Millgrove; first 50 forms returned are entered into a draw to win a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card
- **Motion made by Heather to purchase gift card. Seconded by Allison. Motion Carried.**
- Forms to be returned by January 24
- Suggested that "survey monkey" is another way to get feedback

Remind App

- There are new changes to the Remind app, if messages are received via text message, there will now be a charge to Bell and Rogers (and affiliates) customers; receiving via text message can be turned off in the Remind app settings (gear symbol)

Wish List

- Rocks and Rings (Curling program) good for all grades - \$300/day
- **Motion made by Jessica to pay the \$300 for Rocks and Rings. Seconded by Julie. Motion Carried.**
- Kindergarten: Wonder Wagon (foldable wagon) and sleds; PVC pipe for outdoor play; other outdoor equipment requested in previous year.
- Gym equipment: snow paint, hula hoops
- Library – books, technology, coding - Junior Innovators – could have someone come in and teach coding, OSMOS - \$80, Dash and Dot, Spheros; requested to get more info from teachers
- French books (picture books)
- Gym – if stage is taken away – new curtain system; new sound system – current one does not work well anymore
- Follow up on what we need for sound system
- **get pricing and specifics for next meeting**

Budget

- \$7000 to be allocated by June 1; would like to carry over \$3000 into next year
- Items still to come out of budget: Grade 5 graduation, plays, trips and Spring Go for Green
- have approximately \$3000 to spend by June 1.

Spencer Valley Update

- Paul Tut (School Trustee) was at Council Meeting
- New school bids came back 30% over budget – will go out for re-tender again
- Tendering on just the school portion will go out again in March; tendering with the city will go out again in March as well; companies not unionized can now bid on the project
- Plan is still to have the school ready to open September 2020; which means shovels need to go in the ground by this Spring.

Open Discussion

- Would be nice to do a Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – February 13 – Gina will send out an email
- Grade 5 graduation – Tuesday, June 25

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Adjournment

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019**
- **Motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm made by Laura Zonta. Seconded by Jessica. Motion Carried.**

Attendees: Principal Denise Minardi, Mrs. Alison Price, Laura Zonta, Laura McCannell, Gina Allen, Allison Blain, Wendy Teed, Jessica Zylstra, Julie Hunter, Lise Ciavarella, Becky Galer, Donna Gerritsen, Amy Spencer, Heather Whitehall, Katarina Putoczki

Regrets: Jackie Parry, Alison Van Alten, Victoria Keith, Angela Betts, Maegan Guerette, Jennifer Zapparoli, Kirsten Lukasko