

**Welcome:**

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 6:35pm, October 15, 2019.
- Motion to accept September meeting minutes made by Laura McCannell, seconded by Amy Spencer. Motion Carried.

**Constitution Review:**

- Suggested that in portions of Constitution it lists “secretary” and “treasurer” and in other portions it refers to these roles as “Director of Communications” and “Director of Finance”. Suggested that we amend Constitution to use Director titles throughout.
- Laura Zonta read Section 9.7 of Constitution out-loud. Wendy voiced that this section was very formal and has never needed to be used, so should we continue to have it included.
- Decided Council will hold off on reviewing the Constitution and making any changes until members have had more time to review.
- Laura McCannell and Wendy Teed will review and suggest amendments at next meeting.

**Introductions:**

- All council members present introduced themselves and shared what age/grade/class their children were in and why they chose to join council this year.

Those in attendance included:

Victoria Keith  
Laura McCannell  
Wendy Teed  
Jennifer Woodfine  
Katie Neve  
Donna Gerritsen  
Amy Spencer  
Georgina Vant  
Becky Galer  
Katie Adams  
Deena Klodt  
Laura Zonta  
Nikki Sirotkin

**Upcoming Events:****Go For Green:**

- To be held Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> with Thunder Date as Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Becky has 7 adult volunteers that have volunteered for the entire day (9:00-2:00) and a few others that have shared they could be there for portions of the day.
- Still would like more volunteers, even for small portions of the day.
- Will need extra volunteers for the JK/SK time-slots for making pine-cone bird feeders.

- Will do extra Facebook posts and sticky note home in agendas to Kindergarten families explaining the history of Go For Green, what we do, and ask for more volunteers. Hopefully encourage new families to attend and help out. Ask Kindergarten teachers to also post about Go For Green on Kinder class blogs.
- Becky will need wheelbarrows, pinecones, rakes etc.
- Katie will provide pinecones

**Dinner & Skate:** Date Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Donna has talked to the City and has applications to submit
- Expects a response within 7-14 days of application going in
- Donna will contact and arrange for buses next week
- Forms will be going out to the teachers to send home with students by November 5<sup>th</sup> so the students have two weeks to return and allows for one week to arrange skate/helmet fitting prior to event
- Must check on availability of Santa again this year
- Donna will send out an email about a 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting at Carlisle Tim Horton's for all those wanting to help with event. Meeting to be held Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30pm.
- Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, day prior will be set-up and prep day. Will need volunteers for that as well as help on day of event.
- Will also need volunteers for skate and helmet fitting the week prior
- Donna will check with City about the 1/2 off rental fee and procedure to get that completed.
- Donna will contact the Optimist and Kinsmen for donations
- Discussed helping with Kinsmen Santa breakfast in exchange for donations.

**Halloween Dance-A-Thon**

- Katie, Julie and Georgina visited all classrooms on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> to give out Orange Envelopes and pledge forms. They explained the day, the prizes, and what the money went to in order to try and hype the kids up about the event.
- Need to check to see if the Grade 5s are doing Pumpkins for decorations
- Katie and Georgina will arrive on Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm to do set-up in the library. If anyone wants to volunteer to help, they are more than welcome to.
- Will also decorate window outside of caretaker office.
- Don't need a lot of decorations, because of fear of kids taking down (and do not want to stick onto freshly painted walls). Streamers was agreed upon.
- Prizes this year are: 1. Samsung Tablet (half of which will be donated), Movie Gift Pack, Mastermind Gift Card and Indigo Gift Card. Total value of \$400.
- Katie motioned to spend \$500 on Halloween Dance-A-Thon. Seconded by Laura McCannell. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Cobbs Fundraiser:**

- Laura McCannell has set up Cobbs fundraiser for November 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
- All money collected will go through School Cash Online. Families can collect cash from others, but should submit their totals through School Cash Online.
- Orders will be submitted November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Blackout period from November 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- Cobbs cards will have a \$50 value of items, but cost only \$20.
- All proceeds will go directly to the school.

- Customers with a card can only use at Waterdown Cobbs location, with one item and one visit per day limits. Several items to choose from.
  - Laura McCannell will put together a take-home flyer explaining the fundraiser along with a simple explanation of how to pay on School Cash Online and an order form to submit (will be sent home with students on November 4th).
  - Laura Zonta will put on Facebook page
  - Rose must know one week prior to fundraiser to get it onto School Cash Online
  - At this time, no extra volunteers needed. Will request if tasks arise.
- Movie Nights: All in favour of delaying movie nights until January.

### **Facebook:**

- Discussion of Facebook rules/protocol for Current Families of Millgrove Public School page.
- Issue last year of Spencer Valley parents wanting to be added to our page to arrange play-dates so children entering Grade 6 would know each other. Also issue of outside interests being posted on page such as business interests, products, community events/leagues etc.
- Agreed that all guidelines/rules should be posted to top of page for all to see
- All council members in favour of rules including absolutely no business, no selling, no community posts. All posts must be related to the school only. No rants, complaints etc.
- Facebook admin will have ability to offer warning and then remove posts (and/or members if needed) should rules not be adhered to.
- Issue of photo consent on Facebook. Decided that a sticker inside agendas will be sent home asking parents to agree or not to Social Media Photo Release specifically (parents can sign directly in agenda and teacher's will keep a list). Allows ease of posting photos of students after events, trips etc without asking parental permission each time.
- Katie Neve and Laura Zonta will come up with some guidelines, rules for Facebook page to have approved at next meeting.

### **Spencer Valley Update:**

- Nothing to report. No one has attended a SVS council meeting as of yet
- Julie may be passing along our fundraiser information to them so we do not double-up on local fundraisers.

### **Teacher's Report:**

- Mrs Minardi gave teacher's report for Mrs. Price who couldn't be in attendance

**Ms. Bailey/Ms. Zuzuek** (JK/SK) – Excited for planned trip to Brantwood Farms on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ms DiToro/Ms. Coakwell/Ms. Tuinstra** (JK/SK) – Also excited and looking forward to the fall trip to Brantwood Farms.

**Ms. Frizell** (Grade 1) – In Language they are working on predicting. They have finished DRA and book bags with levelled books are now going home. Started literacy centres and reading

groups. In Science they are working on Living Things. In Math they are finishing up number sense and next are working on sorting and graphing.

**Ms. May** (Grade 1/2) – In math they are working on larger numbers and graphing. In Language they are working on meta-cognition (thinking about our thinking). In Science they are working on Living Things and Seasonal Cycles.

**Ms Price** (Grade 2/3) – In Language they are finishing DRA and have started Procedural Writing. In Math they are working on Representing numbers and graphing. In Science they are using Explain Everything Research to discuss Rain Forest Plants or Animals.

**Ms. Dahmer** (Grade 3/4) – In Literacy they are starting Centres (Interpretive reading and Descriptive writing). In Math they are working on patterning and numeracy. In Science the Grade 3s are doing Forces and Grade 4s are doing Light Centres (Sound). In Social Studies they are working on non-fiction reading and inquiry).

**Ms. Leach** (Grade 4/5) – Eco Club has started (Litterless Lunch October challenges). In Language they are working on DRA, making connections and mind webs. In Math they are working on place value and patterning.

**Ms. Nedelko** (Grade 5) – Student Vote is this week on Friday for Grade 3 and 4). The Grade 5s are learning about the election process in Canada. In Literacy they are working on DRA, and writing meaningful descriptive sentences. In Math they are working on money to reinforce decimal to the hundredths. In Music the notes were sent home about recorders last week.

**Ms Mason** (Physical Education) – Cross Country went very well. 42 students went. 2 finished in Top 10 and 6 finished in Top 20. Terry Fox raised just over \$2100, just \$33 short of our \$2200 goal. Ms. Mason attended the Ontario Physical Literacy Summit on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> and came back with great ideas.

**Ms. MacCuish** (French / LRT) – Started Prof du Jour. Check the HUB (LRT and French) and login with student info.

## **Principal Report – See Attachment**

### **Annual Fundraising Plan / Budget / Spending Ideas**

- Must be looked over and submitted to the Board next week
- If we make more money on a certain fundraiser, we can spend on what it was originally allocated for or we can carry it over into the General School Fund.
- We are supposed to spend the money made in the year that it is made.
- Suggested that we add “technology” under the Classroom Enrichment in case we are to make extra money on Cobbs Fundraiser (suggested that we projected low for that fundraiser

- projections based on each students selling only one card).
- Looking at additional ideas under Arts, Plays and Performances to spend some money that has been made. Quartet and Rocks & Rings suggested.
- Funds left over from last year as of October 1<sup>st</sup> was \$6005.79. Tabled until next meeting to decide where to allocated those funds to.
- Suggestions included portable sound system for gym and stage curtains.
- Also requested for curling set for gym equipment (approx. \$400)
- Ms MacCuish would like additional Ipads (approx \$500 each)
- Suggested trips included Binbrook Tree Top Treking (0-5 age group activities and 6-12 age group). Georgina will look into cost for this trip.

### **General Discussion:**

- The school is moving to paper recycling only. Kids are having trouble with sorting recycled items and bins are a mess.
- Litterless lunch campaign aimed to help with garbage/recycling issues
- Students encouraged to avoid non-reusable containers
- None of the school has heat currently. Issues with boilers just identified earlier in the day of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Heat had been fine prior to this week.
- Strike potential: 5 days notice to strike. Will be a Work to Rule first. No way to know at this point whether potential for a strike is high or not. If Strike, Go For Green will continue as planned.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Bring ideas for spending fundraising dollars.
- **Next Meeting Set for Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- Laura motions for meeting to be adjourned at 8:15pm. Seconded by Victoria Keith. Motion Carried.