

Welcome to ZOOM Remote Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 7:30pm, November 10, 2020.

Attendance

Those is attendance via Zoom App on October 20, 2020 were:

Katie Neve
Donna Gerritsen
Laura Zonta
Denise Minardi
Wendy Teed
Laura McCannell
Becky Galer
Sarah Robinson
Allison Price
Alison Mason
Amy Spencer
Jennifer Woodfine
Nikki Sirotkin
Stacey Birett

Nikki Sirotkin motions to approve October 2020 minutes.

Jennifer Woodfine seconds. All in favour.

Teacher's Report – Allison Price

Bailey/Corbeanu – JK/SK ~ Learning about 2D/3D shapes. Love the stumps outside – thank you! Students are doing amazing with wearing masks!

DiToro/Coakwell – JK/SK ~ Student teacher started (Ms. Sawl). Thanks for the playground update! Students are loving the time spent learning outside.

Stevens – Grade 1 ~ In language working on making connections and opinion writing. In math working on data management. Kids are loving making surveys.

May – Grade 1/2 ~ In language working on making connections and thinking about my reading. In math working on numeration and money. In science, grade 1s are working on seasons and grade 2s working on air and water.

Price – Grade 2/3 ~ In language working on finishing procedural and starting paragraphs. In math working on data management. In science the grade 2s are working on animals and grade 3s are working on plants. Also have a student teacher (Ms. Robles)

Dahmer – Grade 3/4 ~ In literacy working on descriptive writing. In math working on alegbra and patterning and starting money next week. In science the grade 3s are working on soil in the environment and grade 4s are working on rocks and minerals.

Nedelko – Grade 4/5 ~ In language working on a novel study of HOLES and responding to texts in writing. In math working on decimals to the tenths (grade 4) and to the hundredths (grade 5). For Remembrance Day put together a video and all classes watched during ceremony.

MacCuish – French ~ Finished Prof du Jour with Dahmer's class (Teacher of the Day).

Finished a grammar unit last week and the students did very well. Will pick-up and finish Prof du Jour with Nedelko's class soon.

Mason – P.E. ~ The video of each class doing their Halloween Witch Dr dance is on the Hub in each class' page. Working on different skills with each class. Grade 1s are working on skipping/hopping. Grade 1/2 working on parachute and teamwork. Grade 2/3 working on throwing and Grade 3/4 is working on striking.

Boeckh – LRT ~ Empower reading group (Grade 2 in May's class) learning sounding out strategy and rhyming strategy. Reading intervention groups from Grades 1-5 (all classes) meet 2-3 times a week in LRT room. In Health (Grade 1-3) working on finishing up mental health.

Principal's Report

See Attachment

School Photos

No go-ahead has been given yet. It may be coming, but no idea of when that will be as Board is approving items month to month. Unlikely they will be available for Christmas.

Constitution Review

A group of Council members worked to put together a simplified version of our Constitution. Kept 90% of simplified Constitution they worked from and included Millgrove-specific aspects such as members losing their voting privileges if miss 3 meetings in a row, any concerns/issues will be sent to the Chair to be added to the meeting agenda ahead of time, also changed the names of Secretary and Treasurer to Direction of Communications and Director of Finance.

Motion to approve Constitution by Becky Galer. 2nd by Sarah Robinson. All in favour.

Budget:

- Halloween brought in \$285 worth of donations through School Cash Online and have about \$1275 worth of cheques that need to clear from the Board. (approx. \$1600 total)
- \$1897 currently in account, not including Halloween donations mentioned above.
- Fundraising still not approved/allowed for this current school year.
- Donations/fundraising must be allocated and spent during the year in which is was generated.
- Suggesting to open up donations again in possibly February and May for specific causes (ie. Tech for students, Go for Green)
- Suggested that in lieu of teacher's gifts this year that families could donate to school for needed supplies. Teacher's could make a wish list of what they need/want.

Go For Green:

- Several families spent Saturday November 7th cleaning up and raking leaves outside at school. It looked different than "typical" years, but it was effective.

- Suggested that we describe what Go For Green is, it's mission, history etc. So that as we have turn-over in families and staff at the school the program can be continued.
- Will look at the sandboxes as a project for Spring
- We will need extra help, so it would be ideal to try and reach out to new families

Spencer Valley Update:

- "Greensville" was approved as the name of the new school
- Lots of questions on what things will look like for the transition for January
- Hoping to receive more answers at next Council meeting to be able to pass on

Board Kick Off Meeting:

- Discussed lots of Covid policies, symptoms of Covid for students etc
- Discussed protocols for trips, fundraisers, photo days etc (all are being discussed and approved month-to-month)
- If schools have Home & School councils they are running fundraisers because these are different from School Councils

Other Discussion Items:

- Noted that it is hard to get parents involved when they cannot be in the school physically through volunteering, open houses, events etc.
- Open to suggestions on how to get more families involved
- Suggestions include: virtual newsletters, list of upcoming in-school events on Remind and Facebook, create a virtual flyer, create virtual posts of artwork in hallways of school.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 8 @ 7:30pm via Zoom

- Jennifer Woodfine motions for meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Nikki. Motion Carried.