

Welcome to MS TEAMS Remote Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 7:30pm, April 6, 2021.

Attendance

Those is attendance via MS Teams on April 6, 2021 were:

Katie Neve
Donna Gerritsen
Laura Zonta
Denise Minardi
Alison Mason
Amy Spencer
Georgina Vant
Laura McCannell
Sarah Robinson
Jennifer Woodfine
Deena Klodt

Sarah Robinson motions to approve March 2021 minutes.
Laura McCannell seconds.

Principal's Report

Ms. Minardi - See Attachment

Teacher's Report - Alison Mason

BAILEY/CORBEANU – JK/SK –Having a virtual Art Gallery of Hamilton visit on April 21st.
Finishing up Space Inquiry.

DITORO/COACKWEEL – JK/SK – Talking about Spring (changes outside). Have been bringing their learning outside a lot since the weather has improved.

STEVENS – GRADE 1 –Finishing Stories as well as finishing up the Structures unit.

MAY – GRADE ½ - Working on Communities and Global Communities. Also working on persuasive writing and Point of View text. In math, finishing area and grid.

PRICE – GRADE 2/3 – Have wrapped up publishing their stories. In math, working on 3-D shapes.

DAHMER – GRADE ¾ - Finishing story writing and Ancient Civilizations units and First Nations Presentations. Working on movement on a grid in math. Ms. Henderson has finished her placement.

NEDELKO – GRADE 4/5 –The Grade 5s are working on Human Organ Systems and Constructing Paper Models. The Grade 4s are working on Habitats and made rainforest

habitats before Easter. Working on basic music theory and hopefully drumming on the buckets soon.

MACUISH – FRENCH –Finished Pauvre Michel (Poor Michael) and have started a directions/way finding unit.

MASON – P.E. –Will try and do P.E outside from now on unless poor weather. Grades 1-3 finished goal setting and hula hoops/skipping. The DPA new equipment is being enjoyed by all. Big Crunch was a big success. The whole school did the Bunny Hop before Easter.

BOECKH – LRT – Empower Reading have learned the last two strategies: vowel alert and spy strategy. Primary Health is finishing up Personal Safety and Injury Prevention. The next unit is Substance Use, Abuse and Addiction.

Budget:

- Currently sitting at \$3448.58.
- Raz Kids will come out soon.
- We will need money for the playground next year if we are able to open it as well as Go For Green, so looking to not spend more at this point and save for these items.
- Would like to use the Rural School Funds for additional equipment and outdoor activities for the children. All in favour to do so.

Spencer Valley Update: -

- Parking remains an on-going issue
- Nothing else new to report

Upcoming Events: -

- April 26th we have the guest speaker via online – Ann Douglas, The Mother of All.... More promotion will be done leading up to this event via Facebook. This event will continue whether schools are in-person or online learning at the time of it.
- Spirit Days on many Fridays thanks to Ms Dahmer and her class committee

Other Discussion Items:

- **Go For Green:** will look at doing the Adopt A Garden again for families this spring. Will look at getting it in order in May/June
- **Survey Questions:** We were asked to discuss the following questions as a Council.

What do you feel our community needs are? Council discussed that Millgrove is a school that utilizes a large amount of parent/grandparent volunteers for events, trips etc and has a lot of community cross-over.

What priorities do we have for school improvement? Millgrove continues to advocate to have additional staff for reading programs. The school works for equity and inclusion so no child feels left behind. We have reached the technology goal of 1-1 ratio of iPads to students

but have the goal to continue to build on Science Kits and Science-related workshops and music.

What are the desired qualities and attributes we'd like in our principal? Some of the main criteria/qualities Council (both as members of Council and as parents) felt were needed in a principal were continuity and the lack of constant change in leadership, someone who prioritizes community and volunteer roles within the school, as well as a principal who prioritizes the outdoor area and play space and realizes the need for constant investment and upkeep to it. In addition, qualities such as someone who is budget-aware and fiscally responsible, as well as someone who prides him/herself on active involvement in all classrooms and with the parents/families. Council also felt that attributes such as experience, being safety cautious and someone who is approachable are also key to a principal.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Laura McCannell. 2nd By Georgina.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 11, 2021 @ 7:30pm via MS Teams