

Welcome to MS TEAMS Remote Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 7:30pm, May 11, 2021.

Attendance

Those is attendance via MS Teams on May 11, 2021 were:

Katie Neve
Donna Gerritsen
Laura Zonta
Denise Minardi
Alison Mason
Allison Price
Georgina Vant
Wendy Teed
Sarah Robinson
Jennifer Woodfine
Deena Klodt
Stacey Birett
Becky Galer
Nicole Sirotkin

Sarah Robinson motions to approve April 2021 minutes.

Stacey Birett seconds.

Principal's Report

Ms. Minardi - See Attachment

Teacher's Report - Alison Mason

BAILEY/CORBEANU – JK/SK – We are trying to engage more children with lots of hands on activities because we know how difficult it is for these little ones. We have been covering fairy tales, bugs, flowers and weather. They have enjoyed doing crafts and movement songs.

DITORO/COACKWEEL – JK/SK – Our students and parents are rocking online learning! We have a high participation rate for our morning sessions and it is going fairly well, of course with some tech bumps! We have a new lto in for Mrs. Coakwell, Ms. Galvin who is great! The kids have adjusted well to online and to our supply. We are learning about house pets and the kids have enjoyed showing off their animals at home.

STEVENS – GRADE 1 – The grade 1s are doing a really great job with online. They are working hard and doing a wonderful job participating. We are just finishing up our Energy unit.

MAY – GRADE ½ - Science: simple Machines/ structures. Writing: informative writing. Lots of great structures and simple machines built at home. We just wrapped up writing a story. Will begin music next week

PRICE – GRADE 2/3 – I am impressed with the participation and attendance (almost every child daily). Very respectful and are following the "norms" for the meetings. Like social time at the end of the day for mental wellness. A lot of children just like to have someone for company while they play.

DAHMER – GRADE ¾ - Literacy-Novel Study and Making Inferences. Health/Media-Stay at Home Diary-Presenting May 18. Science- Grade 4-Habitats; Grade 3-Plants; will be starting research project. Math-Just finishing multiplication/ division. Starting fractions next week.

NEDELKO – GRADE 4/5 – As part of our transition to grade 6 at Greenville, grade 5s have been paired up with a Greenville grade 5 student and we are writing pen pal letters. We wrote first and many were mailed last week. We are eagerly anticipating their response.

The pen pal letters we all wrote to a school in St. Lewis, Newfoundland were received, and replies mailed April 8. Little chance we'll get them as I understand all mail is tied up at the Board Office and I can't even go pick it up.

We're working on Fractions and using online apps found at www.mathlearningcenter.org (they're free, fun and even I can manipulate them) Mr. Groenewegen is helping use these apps to support our learning.

To this point in Literacy, we have been responding to oral texts - The Jigsaw Puzzle King by Gina McMurchy Barber and Sunwing by Kenneth Oppel.

Kids started novel studies today. Grade 4s still studying Habitats and Communities - food chains - plant and animal adaptations - today each grade 4 was assigned a Habitat to research. Grade 5s finishing up our study of the Human Body. Next will be Social Studies – Grade 5 - First Nations and Europeans in New France and Early Canada. Grade 4 Early Societies 3000 BCE-1500 CE

MACUISH – FRENCH – In French, we're working on some mini (week long) units. This week we're working on pet peeves. We will be going back to SMASH education soon, but are taking a break until I can get support with the technical end of things. Overall remote learning is going very well in French, and attendance has been good.

MASON – P.E. – We review the safety guidelines every class and we do a warm up each day. The moves change weekly and are learning new fitness skills each week. It has been fun being so creative for online physical education. Earth Week, Pokémon, Star Wars and Classic Games such as being a human Bop It. Everything is posted on the Hub in under Physical Education. Very hard to access how everyone is doing in Phys Ed. since many students are not turning on their cameras during class and are not reply when called upon. Working on keeping the students engaged and active.

Budget:

- Currently sitting at \$2550.25.
- Raz Kids cleared at \$767.30
- Kinder supplies cleared for \$131.04
- The Rural Schools money was spent on outdoor playground equipment/supplies
- 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.

- Graduation options would be online or in person if allowed. Will look at doing the medals again and maybe a year-book again. If still remote learning, we will want to do something special for the Grads, including those that are full-time online learners this year. Medals cost approx.. \$150 and will need funds for June.
- Motion to spend \$150 on Graduation made by Jennifer Woodfine.
- 2nd By Nikki Sirotkin
- All in favour.
- Brings budget to \$2400.25

Spencer Valley Update:

- Nothing new to report

Go For Green: -

- Working on an ad to go to families for an Adopt a Garden again this year, as well as a Facebook post
- Becky: A Huge Thank You for all of your incredibly hard work with Go for Green over the last several years!!!
- The history of the event and Millgrove was sent out via email. Angela Betts is an amazing community resource for history on Millgrove and all of our events. May want to look at having her come in and talk to us once we are able to do in-person again. She is also the lady who painted the murals on the front of the school.

Other Discussion Items:

- If we are still doing remote learning at the end of the school year, we will do the same thing as last year and give families a time-slot to come to the school, collect their items and see the teachers.
- Grade 5 Farewell is set for June 22nd.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Donna. 2nd By Georgina.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 8, 2021 @ 7:30pm via MS Teams