

Welcome to MS TEAMS Remote Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 7:30pm, November 2, 2021.

Attendance

Those in attendance via MS Teams on November 2, 2021 were:

Katie Ego
Donna Gerritsen
Laura Zonta
Denise Minardi
Alison Mason
Wendy Teed
Sarah Robinson
Nicole Sirotkin
Laura McCannell
Heather Govender
Jennifer Woodfine
Leanna Duncan
Neelan Govender
Stacey Birett

Motion to Approve October Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made by Stacey Birett
- Seconded by Neelan Govender

Principal's Report

Ms. Minardi - See Attachment

Teacher's Report - Alison Mason

Mrs. DiToro – Kindergarten: This group loves to write and colour. We brought many math and literacy experiences into Halloween. Many families are using the HUB.

Mrs. Bailey – Kindergarten: Finished up assessments and is starting to work with focus groups to help with intervention for literacy.

Mrs. Frizell Grade 1: Class is doing very well reading at home and returning reading logs. Lots of students have received their first prize and others are close to getting their second. Check out the class HUB page, prodigy, mPower and Raz Kids if you haven't already. Login info was sent home. In science, finishing up Living Things. In Math, moving on to number patterns.

Mrs. May – Grade ½: In language wrapping up connections and moving into inferring. Penpals in December. In Math there is a quiz next week and review is going home. In science, working on air and water. In art, made texture pumpkins. Please send in headphones. Dress for the weather and please wear what your parents send you in.

Mrs. Price – Grade 2/3: In language, starting paragraphs. In math, patterns and data management. In science, completing animal habitats and mini gardens and most have gone home. Presenting to the class.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3: In Literacy doing a novel study on “The Wild Robot” and desk pet adventure stories. In Math, finishing patterning and starting data management. In science, learning about Forces in Nature.

Mrs. Leach – Grade 4: Presented our Spooky Stories and they were awesome! Also exploring iMovie trailers to complement our writing. In Math, finished up patterning and are practising multiplication and division daily. Next science unit is Rocks and Minerals and is starting soon. DRA levels sent home. We are getting a student teacher this month.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5: In Language, working on Remembrance Day. Two resources are: “Tales of Animals in War” and “What we Remember”. Preparation for the Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony. In math working on patterning and the multiplication timetables are drilled daily.

French – Ms. MacCuish: Continuing Prof du Jour. Haunted houses are on the HUB – very cute! Starting Je Me Presente (All About Me). Will be doing Remembrance Day activities.

Physical Education – Mrs. Mason: Continue to do Phys Ed outside so dress for those cold mornings. The grades 1-3 did an amazing job on their Ghostbusters Fitness Dance (video on the HUB). Doing lots of activities like catching/throwing/flee and chase. Dance-A-Thon was a hit – thanks Parent Council!

Empower: Groups are running for Reading Recovery. IEPs/BSPs/SIPs have gone home. Please call with concerns, sign and return if you haven’t already done so.

Ms. Davey – Remote Grade 5 – This group is an amazing group of grade 5s from across Hamilton. We are enjoying our daily number talks. Class has just completed place value.

Budget:

- Halloween Dance-A-Thon raised \$4103.75
- Dirt for JK/SK boxes was delivered at a cost of \$120
- Sand will also be delivered at a cost unknown (less than \$200)

Go For Green: -

- Modified Go For Green takes place November 4th where children in their classes will clean up the yard, plant bulbs for spring to attract butterflies and do some weeding.
- Sand and dirt for Kinder areas delivered.
- Will need sand for the large sand box/pit area probably in the Spring.
- Will discuss modifying Go For Green in the future to possibly leave more leaves on the yard for insects to have safe spots to lay eggs
- Sunday November 7th will be a parent yard clean-up day

Halloween Dance -

- We had about 6 or 7 parents stay and help decorate the yard in the morning of the event
- The weather held off and the children were able to dance outside in their cohorts
- It was a lot of fun for the kids
- Raised \$4103.75 from the event, which surpassed our goal

Greensville Update – Donna Gerritsen

- They are doing spirit wear at the school
- Greensville will be doing the Waterdown Cobbs Bread fundraiser in April.
- They are looking for Lego donations for their Lego Wall

Fundraising:

- Laura posted about a Bulb Fundraiser. A portion of each purchase goes back to the school. Can discuss promoting this more as a Spring Fundraiser as well.
- Council should start discussing options instead of Dinner and Skate event, perhaps maybe just a skating fundraiser or Winter Carnival event in the New Year?
- Another suggestion was a School Pizza Night where families all go to one pizza location to purchase dinner, take home and all log-in to watch a movie together.
- Donna will look into a virtual Scholastic Book Fair where a portion of sales comes back to the school for books and supplies. Doing this prior to Christmas allows families to purchase books as gifts.
- Council should investigate also doing Cobbs Fundraiser prior to Christmas so these can be used as gifts. Denise will message Cobbs to find out available dates and details.

Other Discussion Items:

- Spirit Wear – schools are not allowed to have items brought into the building for distributing to families. Options of doing curb-side pick-up not at school. Options discussed for families ordering direct and paying online.
- Katie Ego and Mrs. Mason will discuss options for Mason Athletics for Spirit Wear.
- The movie license was donated by the Millgrove Children's Center for this year.
- Photo Day will be Monday November 15th. They will be taking individual photos only and then doing a class composite.
- Facebook group (Current Families of Millgrove Public School) advertising rules were discussed. Suggested that we remove the last line from the rules as to what is allowed and not allowed to be promoted on that social media page. Consensus of entire council was this group should be kept as only school related posts and NO advertising whatsoever.
- The murals outside of the school may be able to be done this year in the spring if the artist can paint outside with the students. Thoughts on where to hang these as wall space is now taken up by the ventilation systems.
- Board restrictions are changing as to what is being allowed under Covid protocols. Currently council must remain virtual and not in-person.
- Spending requests from the school should be brought to next meeting.

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