

Welcome to MS TEAMS Remote Council Meeting

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

Attendance

Those in attendance via MS Teams on December 7, 2021 were:

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

Motion to Approve November Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made by Stacey Birett
- Seconded by Nicki Sirotkin

Principal's Report

Ms. Minardi - See Attachment

Teacher's Report - Alison Mason

Mrs. DiToro – Kindergarten: Learning about shapes! Kids are excited about the holidays as we are seeing it in their play!

Mrs. Bailey – Kindergarten: Started Art Club with Grade 4 class. Will do the other classes in the New Year. In class focusing on Holiday Celebrations around the world.

Mrs. Frizell Grade 1: In Social Studies working on relationships, roles and responsibilities. In Math working on data. In language working on using the word wall and blends.

Mrs. May – Grade ½: Working on Celebrations around the world. In math working on coding and data management. In language, working on connections, global communities and local communities.

Mrs. Price – Grade 2/3: In language, working on procedural writing. In math working on addition strategies, word problems and rounding numbers. In social studies working on world celebrations (Grade 2) and early communities in Canada (Grade 3)

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3: In math working on data management. In literacy working on procedural writing. In Drama doing Olive and the Other Reindeer. In Social Studies working on early communities in Canada.

Mrs. Leach – Grade 4: We have Mr. Kimberly with us until December 17th. Reading Challenge this month – shared book – Barren Grounds. In Social Studies working on

provinces and territory presentations. In Science working on rocks and minerals. In math working on data management. Henry the Elf has visited the class and is here all December.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5: In Math wrapping up data literacy. Long multiplication strategies next. Starting to play recorders. Sorry moms and dads!! In Science starting Properties of Matter. Reading the Barren Grounds.

French – Ms. MacCuish: Feedback for Prof du Jour is on the HUB. Wrapping up All About Me Presentations.

Physical Education – Mrs. Mason: Grade 1 and ½ are doing parachute. Grade 2 and 3 are doing throwing and catching. Doing festival activities for Hanukkah and Christmas.

Empower: Continuing with groups. Empower families are encouraged to practice the materials sent home.

Ms. Davey – Remote Grade 5 – In language working on writing a Recount. Reading a shared book “A Fish In A Tree”. In Math working on decimals and in Science working on the human body.

Budget:

- Halloween Dance-A-Thon total was \$4243.75
- \$440 was spent on playground mulch.
- Balance in account is currently \$4684.20
- Another \$4600 from Rural Schools
- Look at possibilities of murals in the Spring for approx. \$300-400.
- Will also need to look at sand in the Spring for sandbox and fixing the wood around the rim of the sandbox.

Teacher's Spending Requests:

- Classes would like to have Scientists in Schools back into the classrooms at approx. \$230/class. May look at this for Springtime if can do it in-person versus online.
- Request for \$800 for guided-reading texts
- \$350 requested for new trike
- \$300 requested for new large parachute
- Many smaller items requested.
- Nicki and Sarah will look into pricing for the wood surrounding the large sandbox.
- Motion to spend \$75 per classroom (\$875 total) to give to teachers to spend on smaller items they need/want, as well as \$250 for parachute and \$350 for trikes. Motion made by Donna Gerritsen. Seconded by Jennifer Woodfine. Approved.
- Motion made by Jennifer Woodfine to spend \$800 on Guided Reading/Decodable Texts (41 books for grades 1-3). 2nd by Nicki Sirtokin. Approved.

Go For Green: -

- If anyone would like to help out, please reach out to join the committee.
- Will post on Facebook to get other families and parents involved as well.

Greensville Update – Donna Gerritsen

- Will be doing a Little Caesars fundraiser in January.
- Updating their music room
- Pick-up and Drop-off is running smoothly.

Fundraising:

- Cobbs can run a one day event where a proceed of everything sold that day goes to the school. Can advertise via Facebook, a sticker home in agendas etc. This would be a very hands-off fundraiser. Can discuss in January.
- Look at doing Little Caesars maybe for April.

The Scholastic Book Fair sold \$999 in books (107 books) which earned the school \$199 in rewards to use. We have two years to use these.

Other Discussion Items:

- Spirit Wear – is a GO! More details to come from Mason Athletics.
- Will discuss ideas for a Spring AirBand at January meeting
- Dinner & Skate – let's discuss ideas of maybe a Skate Night with Food Truck etc.
- Each class now has an iPad per child (grades 1-5) and kinders have 5 per room.
- Families are open and free to purchase gifts for teachers this year if they wish to
- Teachers preferences for Gift Cards include: Amazon, Walmart, Dollar Stores, Indigo etc.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 4, 2022 via MS Teams @ 7:30pm