

### Welcome to MS TEAMS Remote Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 7:30pm, January 25, 2022 (this meeting will represent both the January and February 2022 meetings).

### Attendance

Those is attendance via MS Teams on January 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
Sarah Robinson  
Georgina Vant  
Weedy Teed

### Motion to Approve December Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made by Jennifer Woodfine
- Seconded by Nicki Sirotkin

### Principal's Report

Ms. Minardi - See Attachment

### Teacher's Report - Alison Mason

**Mrs. DiToro – Kindergarten:** Happy to be back! Working on getting back into routine. We are doing lots around snow; books, experiments etc

**Mrs. Bailey – Kindergarten:** Focus is on problem solving; thinking, questioning and documenting our learning. Lots of review of routines. The children are doing great.

**Mrs. Frizell Grade 1:** In Math working on measurement (length). In Science working on the four seasons and the sun. In Language working on making connections. The class is doing a good job settling back into the classroom routines.

**Mrs. May – Grade ½:** Working on persuasive writing. In Math working on addition/subtraction (grade 2s with regrouping). Also finishing media literacy and communities.

**Mrs. Price – Grade 2/3:** In language, working on RAPS (open reading responses). In Math working on subtraction strategies and 2-D shapes. In Science the Grade 2s are working on water and air/liquids and solid and the Grade 3s are working on Forces.

**Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3:** In math working on subtraction and measurement (length, perimeter and area). In literacy working on Valentine's for the Vets letter writing and

descriptive writing. In Social Studies working on early communities and Indigenous communities.

**Mrs. Leach – Grade 4:** In language we are beginning our Inferring Unit, a variety of read-along texts and media and determining the author's message. In writing we are focusing on editing and proofreading our work. In Math working on mental math, fractions/decimals, financial literacy. In Science working on Rock/Mineral inquiries.

**Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5:** In Language working on Rhyming Couplets (MLK – discussion and Reader's Theatre Play) and tying it into art with Winter Fun and Toboggan Kids. Online and last week wrapped up multiplication strategies (kids should have mastered a strategy for doing 2 digit x 2 digit multiplication). Next unit is measurement. In Science, working on properties and changes in Matter. Finished the oral reading of the Barren Grounds.

**French – Ms. MacCuish:** We are wrapping up our food truck unit next week. Then we will be starting our festivals unit about Bal de Neige in Ottawa and Carnaval de Quebec in Quebec City.

**Physical Education – Mrs. Mason:** Grade 1 and ½ are doing throwing and catching. Grade 2 and 3 are doing sending and receiving with your foot. Starting dance next month with Grades 1-3. FDK are working on skill centers.

**Empower:** Settling into routines with group. Updated IEPs going home with reports. SPARK reading and flyleaf publishing are two resources to support home reading.

**Ms. Davey – Remote Grade 5 –** In language working on Reader's Notebook (Fish in a Tree). In Math working on Time (elapsed time) and number talks. In Social Studies working on New France and in Music working on composing for video games.

### Budget:

- Currently have \$3612.96 as the balance
- A cheque for \$388.21 came out in early December (audio/films copyright)
- On January 19<sup>th</sup> purchased the parachute (\$242.58) which has not cleared yet.
- The \$75 per teacher/classroom will be spent on Raz Kids subscriptions and will come out in March.
- The \$4600 for Rural Schools funds will disappear if not allocated and spent within the same year. We should price out the rebuild of the outdoor large sandbox, new sand and the outdoor chalkboards. We need solid quotes on these for March 1<sup>st</sup> with the current supply-chain hold-ups and lumber costs.

### Go For Green: -

- Keeping hopeful that we may be able to have an in-person Go For Green in the Spring (in some capacity), even if we send the children out in their cohort groups to do yard activities.
- Having volunteers for the event would be the question as we get closer to that time
- Sarah and Nicki will discuss possible dates
- Look at putting a call out to other parents (especially JK/SK parents) for help with a Go For Green Committee

### Greensville Update – Donna Gerritsen

- They will be getting a new principal after February, as their principal is retiring.
- Unsure what they are doing with regards to their Little Caesars fundraising and pick-up of pizza items at the school with current restrictions.

### Fundraising:

- We are good to go ahead with the **Cobbs Fundraiser**.
- We were given the dates of Feb 18-20 as our donation days (Family Day Weekend), with a back up of March 4-6 if those dates have poor weather.
- Any bread bought at the Waterdown Cobbs location on those days, \$1 per loaf will go to Millgrove.
- They will do balloons and Denise will take a school sign over to the location as well.
- Will promote via Facebook group.

- **Little Caesars Fundraiser:** can we go ahead and how could pick-up of the items be facilitated? We can order directly through Little Caesars website, so only pick-up coordination would need to be addressed.

### Teacher Appreciation:

- We usually do something mid-February.
- Last year we did tulips and a giant cookie around Valentine's Day
- We can do something similar this year.
- Stacey will try to figure out where local we got the cookies last year
- Reach out to Northland Nurseries for local flowers (Millgrove greenhouse)

### Events:

- We are hopeful that by spring we will be able to have more in-person events happening outside.
- **Skating Event:** Not going to be able to go ahead with this right now and by the time we may be able to, skating season might be over.
- **Air Band:** Are there video options? Could we hold it outside with a stage and sound system? We may have to limit it to children participating with a sibling or a member from their own cohort only. Could parents attend outside? Mrs. Mason mentioned practice times and scheduling so that the different classes didn't practice together. May is usually the time frame with try-outs before March Break. Will start looking into ideas and discussing options.

### Other Discussion Items:

- Discussion around teachers having to remain in the classrooms while the children eat (and are without masks on) to ensure they are not up and wandering. Is this giving the children enough time to eat?
- We are giving the children 40 minutes outside at one break to burn off energy, get fresh air etc.
- **Spirit Wear:** We are going ahead. Can order directly through Mason Athletics Website and pay with School Cash online. Orders must be in by March Break. New items this year such as track pants, zip-up hoodies and options for embroidery or screen prints.
- **Graduating Class of Grade 5s:** Can we look at ordering tshirts for the Class of 2022 with their signatures on them?

- Heather spoke on **Outdoor Classrooms**: A log theatre type set-up would be approx. \$4000-\$6000 and then they can become more expensive if looking at a full outdoor set-up with seats, planters etc (upwards to \$15,000). May be able to apply for funding options. Heather will email options and pricing to the Council members and Denise can present to the staff and then we can rediscuss.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday March 1, 2022 via MS Teams @ 7:30pm**