

Welcome to MS TEAMS Remote Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 7:30pm, April 5, 2022

Attendance

Those is attendance via MS Teams were:

Jennifer Woodfine

Laura Zonta

Alison Mason

Nicole Sirtokin

Heather Govender

Stacey Birett

Wendy Teed

Denise Minardi

Laura McCannell

Sarah Robinson

Motion to Approve March Meeting Minutes:

Laura 1st

Nikki 2nd

Principal's Report

Ms. Minardi - See Attachment

Teacher's Report - Alison Mason

Mrs. DiToro – Kindergarten: Excited to be able to share our digital book for visitors inspired by author/illustrator Christian Robinson “You Matter”.

Mrs. Bailey – Kindergarten: In the middle of Animal Inquiry. Lots of fun learning! Student teacher Ms Heslop finishes on Friday.

Mrs. Frizell Grade 1: No update

Mrs. May – Grade ½: In Language working on main idea and penpal letters. In Math working

on money/coins and in Science working on animals and living things.

Mrs. Price – Grade 2/3: In Language working on Persuasive Letters from point of view. Reading our stories to the other classes. In Math working on linear measurement/area/perimeter and in Social Studies Grade 2s are working on Global Communities and Grade 3s are working on Communities in Ontario.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3: In Language working on Inferencing and using evidence from the text to support our answers. In Math working on time and money. In Social Studies working on our projects “Living and Working”

Mrs. Leach – Grade 4: In Language, April is Poetry Month. We’ll be learning about various forms of poetry and writing and publishing our own Poetry books by the end of the month. Book Talks have also begun. In Social Studies, working on Ancient Civilizations. Ms. Elgersma is doing a wonderful job teaching this unit. An exciting “home project” will be sent home soon to showcase our learning at the end of the month. Students are also beginning their own research projects on their research question of choice. In Math finishing Probability and have made connections between fractions and probability which is great! 2D/3D geometry is up next! Eco Club is up and running! Hooray! Each class will be given a pot with seeds to nurture for the next couple of weeks and then we will plant them outside the week of Earth Day (April 19th-22nd). We are planning a community clean up walk on Earth Day to make Millgrove beautiful.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5: In math, working on geometry (measuring angles using a protractor and drawing and measuring triangles using a compass. In science working on human organ systems and constructing our own paper models. In Music working on recorders and sounding great but kids need to practice at home too.

Mrs. Mason: Introduced grades 1-5 to Gagaball, a safer form of Dodgeball. Working on Dance is grades 1-3 “if you can move, you can dance” and teaching different movements. In FDK working on centres. Jump Rope for Heart coming up! Dance Club and Air Band 2x per week.

Empower: approaching lesson 80, on track to finish in a good time. Reading groups are continuing with a focus on decoding awareness. IEPs, please return signed IEPs or call the

school if you have concerns.

Mrs. MacCuish – French – Beginning a unit on wayfinding and giving and receiving directions which will culminate in an escape room (in the back playground). Grade 5s have been looking forward to this since we couldn't do it last year!

Ms. Davey – Remote Grade 5 – In language working on poetry. In math, area. In science, energy. In music, recorder and chrome lab and in media, podcast.

Budget:

Rural Schools = \$4600

Account Balance = \$3834.27

Deposit of \$1200 from Cobbs fundraiser

Debit of 1069.14 for Raz kids and Pink Cat Studio

Go For Green: -

Currently planned for May 27th or 30th

Blackboards - \$500 for 4 blackboards

Sand is \$600 from Dirt Depot for sandbox. long jump, etc.

Looking at quoting for a "teaching stone"

Regarding stumps, there are a few willing to donate, picture look blurry, appear to be soft wood.

The board prefers hard wood as soft wood rots quicker.

There was a request for paths. However this may be problematic with the lawn care contract

The plan is to have "pumpkin" size stones that would be a marker to indicate the terry fox route and could be painted

Rocks should be big and heavy to avoid students picking them up

Denise will check and confirm whether there is any issue with the lawn contract

Mrs. Mason will review the path and give approximate number of rocks

PVC piping for a music wall, will put out a request to see if any families have PVC piping that can be donated

There is \$1100 on the table for go for green spending

\$500 for 4 blackboards in kinder space, motioned by Nikki and Laura M - Approved

\$600 for sand – motioned by Laura M and Sarah R

Grade 5s are asking for a gagapit

School Spending Requests:

- The quote for gagapit is quite high 1 quote came back at \$7000 and a 2nd quote came back at \$4300. The more expensive option is moveable and the less expensive is permanent. Ideally looking to put on the pavement. Balaclava has 2 of them and the stand up well to the weather so far.

Denise will check with Balaclava school to see what approvals are required for parents to build the gagapit.

- There are no immediate requests by the school
- It was mentioned that we could donate funds to a school in need, will look to defer this decision until May meeting
- Agendas will be covered out of school funds
- Grade 5 graduation, we reserve \$500 for medallions, a year book and a reception
- Typically, the grade 4s would bring food items for the grade 5 farewell. There is still discussion required to determine graduation
- Agreement to reserve/spend \$500 for graduation, motioned by Sarah R and Laura M

Fundraising:

Little Caesars:

- tentatively have a date in May. All done online. There is a lot of interest for families. Assuming no changes to mandates/public health should have no problem with pickup at the school. There is a 2 week turn around from the cut off of orders.

- Look to complete orders by May 12th – 13th .
- Start selling after easter.
- Look to handout orders on same day as open house (May 27th or 31st) in the gym.
- Will need parent volunteers for pickup day.
- Laura to find out whether delivery can be arranged for later (4:30) that gives 1 hour to unload and organize.

Pizza Days:

Looking to start up pizza days.

- It is OK with school to begin pizza days and have a parent volunteer confirmed for Thursdays
- Volunteers will need their police checks
- Denise is OK
- Pizza is done through school cash online and ordered for the period (3 months ish)
- Will work with Rose to open school cash for pizza next week and start on April 21st
- Will have to ask if there is a dairy free option

Other Discussion Items:

- Air bank going well
- Jungle Sport has been contacted but not receiving a response. Were supposed to be scheduled for end of May. Will continue to contact Jungle Sport.
- Wendy would like to join kinder orientation
- Regarding May meeting, would like conduct in person/hybrid
- Looking at a 6:30 time slot for the May meeting and hybrid online/in person but will ensure to inquire with missing members.
- Need to get an update on scholastic book fair from Donna via email.
- Members are reminded to think about Dinner and Skate as planning will need to begin right away in September

Motion to adjourn – Nikki and Wendy

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3, 2022 @ 6:30pm

