

Welcome to the Parent Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 6:30pm, December 15th, 2022

Attendance

Those in attendance were:

Principal Mochrie
Laura Zonta
Katie Ego
Donna Gerritsen
Jenny Niddrie
Jennifer Woodfine
Marissa Taylor
Kat Putoczki
Kelly Kachuik
Chantal Kemp
Wendy Teed
Kathryn Stenhouse
Lindsay Dale
Sarah Robinson
Alison Mason
Heather Govender
Allyson Attridge Riedel
Georgina Vant

Motion to Approve November 2022 Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made by Donna
 - Seconded by Chantal
- All in favour.

Principal's Report:

- Welcome to Principal Mochrie
- December is a season to celebrate family and time together and multiple celebrations
- #1 job will be safety and communication
- Subscribe to NewsFeed for school updates. Sign outside will also be updated regularly.
- Follow on Twitter @Millgrove_hwdsb and @pmochrie
- EQAO Results – Math 62% (Board 44%, Province 59%), Reading 83% (Board 66%, Province 73%), Writing 46% (Board 55%, Province 65%)
- The format for EQAO has changed. Leading up to EQAO in Spring, the team will focus on supporting the students for this new format.
- Report Cards to go home February 17th
- Respond & Rebuild Document – inclusion, equity. Respond and educate students to the world we live in.
- Revisit Millgrove Code of Conduct. We have a climate of high expectations: safe, kind, respectful, responsible, inclusive. Would like to focus also on manners (please, thank you etc). Encourage staff to slow down. We want high levels of academics, but also social responsibility.

Teacher's Report:

Mrs Bailey/Mrs Hayward – JK/SK – Been loving hearing different versions of the Gingerbread Man. Went on a Gingerbread hunt. Class was beyond excited. Collected over 100 items for food drive. Targeted literacy instruction.

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs Coakwell – JK/SK – The holidays are in full swing. Our dramatic is a bakery. Loving the Gingerbread story. Sent home new decodable “books” with all SKs and some JKs.

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1 –In Language working on phonics, and working with word wall words. In Math working on data (sorting, tally marks, concrete graphs, pictographs). In Social Studies finishing up unit on Relationships, Roles and Responsibilities.

Mrs. May – Grade ½ - In Language working on letter writing and pen pals. In Social Studies, working on global communities, holidays around the world. In Math, working on data management research.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 2/3 – In Language working on perspective and bias and point of view. Social Studies working on map reading, coordinates. Also working on holiday crafts and read alouds. Sentence “I thought” generating.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3 – In literacy working on Pen Pal letters to school. Finishing Desk Pet journals. Working on Olive the Other Reindeer. In math working on data, pictographs and bar graphs. Social Studies working on living and working in Ontario. In Science finished Forces.

Mrs. Leach – Grade 4 – Working on Regions of Canada presentations. We took a tour of Canada on an imaginary train. All Aboard! Measurements in math, area and perimeter. In Science working on experiments with mining and fossils, rock and mineral projects next week. In Phys Ed focusing on team games and being a team player.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – Food Drive has been all encompassing. Counting, sorting, graphing, line graphs, bar graphs, presenting data in tables. Food Drive song – Flash Mob. Nutrition – learning how foods are packaged, reading labels, recognizing best before dates. In Writing doing responses to Dinner and Skate. In Music, recorders being handed out December 14th. In Science working on Prop. Of Matters. We will try and blow something up next week. Just kidding, only a balloon.

Mrs MacCuish – French – Just finishing our JeMe Presente (All about me) project, and will be doing fun French review activities leading into the break.

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – Continuing Empower. In-class support schedule continues.

Mrs. Mason – Phys. Ed – Discussed the safety guidelines for skating. Equipment needed and concussion awareness. Taught students how to get up safely on the ice. Grade 1-3 Jingle Bell fitness dance. 8 Christmas Stations with various skills, pushups, crunches, catching, receiving etc. Holiday Related Activities.

Mr. Ellis – In Library – Students can look forward to reading our new Forest of Reading

2022/2023 books and vote on favourites. Please send in all library books ahead of break. In Health continuing to learn about healthy eating habits.

Eco Club – Litterless Lunch challenge was a success. Winning class will be announced on Monday as well as draw for Eco Prize.

Pro Grant:

- \$1000 to apply for to be used for Parent Engagement at the school.
- Could also invite parents from neighbouring community schools to attend.
- Dr. Deana (University of Guelph), speaks on Resiliency and Mental Wellness (she is relatable, cancer survivor, mom of 4 etc). Principal Mochrie to send link to her videos for everyone to see.
- She can speak in person and people can also join in virtually.
- Finalize details at January meeting in terms of cost, availability etc.

PIC Funding:

- Parent Involvement - \$500/school
- Discussed volunteer shirts or pinnies for events (Katie to reach out to Mason Athletics)
- Also discussed using for a portion of the agenda costs
- Side bar discussion until next meeting

Movie Night:

- January 26th (Thursday before the PA day)
- Food bank item required to enter.
- New posters will come from movie company to advertise.
- Draw at end of the night to give out posters.
- Doors open at 6:15, movie starts at 6:30
- Kids bring blankets, stuffies, pillows etc.
- Sell water, juice, popcorn, candy (Sour keys)
- Rental permit needed for gym

Lego Wall:

- The surround and ledge have been added and the bins have been purchased.

Pizza Days:

- Were up on School Cash online for January-March days until Monday December 19th for purchase by families

Dinner & Skate:

- Lindsay, Kat and Donna will discuss feedback and tweak some ideas for next year
- Overall a huge success
- Came in under budget with the donations
- Food preparation program went really well.
- Thoughts moving forward: should we keep the Grade 5s doing the potatoes (or outsource that has well – could we purchase peelers for the class). Could we add other “holiday” celebrations in terms of decorations at the arena. Should we look at doing it on a Thursday or a Friday instead of a Tuesday because the kids are so hyped up afterwards.

Fundraising:

Earth Day Book Swap: Eco-friendly/budget-friendly. Collect books before the event to sort and have ready. Drop off and earn tokens and then use those tokens to swap books. Extra tokens earned can be given for other families.

Fundraiser aspect – pay what you can to enter.

Doing the event in the gym versus the library so school books aren't accidentally taken.

Tokens should be reusable such as poker chips.

Must separate kids books and adult books, and use separate tokens. Need to encourage the appropriateness of certain children's books.

Should involve the EcoClub in event.

Take place April 17-21 during Earth month/week

We could partner with an inner city school and give extra books to them.

Could we allocate the money earned to Go For Green?

Budget:

- Dinner - \$800 credit and skate donation

- Halloween - \$2424.19 balance

- Pizza - \$950 pending, \$4710.57 balance

- School Council Account - \$571.31

- In School Enhancement - \$337.13 (movie license)

- Skate Sharpening - \$50.87 – repayment

- Kelly (Dinner and Skate expenses) - \$47.52 – repayment

- Katie (Dinner and Skate expenses) - \$50.94 – repayment

- Trip Subsidy - \$112.94 – safe food handling

- \$13828.34 minus \$950 (pizza) minus \$2000 (ipads) minus \$1120 (dinner and skate).

Approx. \$9700 remaining.

- Headphones, ipad cases and lego bins were approved at last meeting and pulled from funds last year.

Spending:

- Easel for Kinders - \$259.95 – Marissa motions to spend. Lindsay seconds. All in favour.

- Families of Little People for Kinders - \$159 – Kat motions to spend. Chantel seconds. All in favour.

- Guided Reading/ Flyleaf Books - \$248 – Lindsay motions to spend. Donna seconds. All in favour.

- Per Classroom Dollar Amount - \$200/each (total of \$2200) – Lindsay motions to spend. Katherine seconds. All in favour.

Sing A Long:

- Ms Mason addresses that there will be a school sing-a-long for the children, not a holiday concert this year.

Motion to Adjourn – Everyone!

See you next time!