

**Welcome to the Parent Council Meeting**

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 6:30pm, January 17, 2023

**Attendance**

Those is attendance were:

Principal Mochrie  
Laura Zonta  
Katie Ego  
Donna Gerritsen  
Jenny Niddrie  
Jennifer Woodfine  
Marissa Taylor  
Kat Putoczki  
Kelly Kachuik  
Chantal Kemp  
Kathryn Stenhouse  
Lindsay Dale  
Alison Mason  
Heather Govender  
Nikki Sirotkin

**Motion to Approve December 2022 Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Principal's Report:**

- The library has received a donation of navy chair and will be adding Ikea stools. Will also be adding large pieces of paper and writing tools for the children.
- Progress reports will go home February 17<sup>th</sup> in paper form to all families.
- School will be beginning to practice lockdown and shelter in place drills. Start on January 25<sup>th</sup> at noon and will roll one out per month.
- Encouraging a culture of high expectations at Millgrove (manners, please and thank you etc). Making small moves and the children are responding.
- Respond and Rebuild Document – focused on the world we live in (words such as bias, equity, racism etc). Will be using the “ism” words to define actions and language used and then using it as a teachable moment about “why” we shouldn’t say or do that. The key is progressive discipline.
- Family Literacy Day is January 27<sup>th</sup> (PA Day). The week leading up to the day school will be celebrating literacy and the “power of reading”. Will also be using Barbara Reid resources and those linked to equity (“What is your Heritage”).
- Setting up a staff library that will be accessible to staff. Will take donations of books.
- Also encouraging the ramping up of home reading and stretching literacy day into the entire week.

Teacher's Report:

**Mrs Bailey/Mrs Hayward – JK/SK –** Tower inquiry – lots of learning around community. Shapes and measurement.

**Mrs. DiToro/Mrs Coakwell – JK/SK –** Working on a shape interest. We are learning to blend letters and exploring sounds through fun games.

**Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1 –**In Math working on data and then measurement. In language working on making connections and DRA. In science working on four seasons and the sun.

**Mrs. May – Grade ½ -** In Math finishing up data management and moving on to measurement. In Language working on asking relevant questions as a reader and penpal letters. In Science, grade 1s are working on living things and grade 2s are working on animals.

**Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 2/3 –** Working on mental math and data management. Also working on reading comprehension, paragraph generating, decoding and the science of reading. In social studies working on people and environments, places and jobs in Canada.

**Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3 –** In literacy working on descriptive writing and DRA. In math working on adding/subtracting, mental math and problem solving up to 1000. In Social Studies working on living in Ontario and an Inquiry Project. In health working on processed and unprocessed foods and oral health.

**Mrs. Leach – Grade 4 –** In language working on reading responses, a variety of read alouds, determining the author's message, finding proof in the text and Lexia project is underway. In Math working on data management and surveying the school for Kernels fundraiser. In health, working on healthy eating and vitamins and minerals.

**Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 –** In literacy/drama working on writing and reading about MLK, Reader's Theatre – March on Washington. In Math working on 2 digit by 2 digit – most have got it! Judging reasonableness of answers. In Science working on Physical and Chemical changes in matter. In PE working on Basketball.

**Mrs MacCuish – French –** Food truck unit starting. Historically loved by students.

**Mrs. MacCuish – LRT –** Lexia licenses in use in Grade ¾. Empower continuing.

**Mrs. Mason – Phys. Ed –** Grade 1 – working on striking with hand. Grade 2 – understanding basic rules of game. Grade 3 – understanding fair play and elimination etiquette. FDK – doing different skills at 4 centres (crawl, throw etc). Spirit wear – called to get started. All grades are reviewing PE rules and expectations.

**Mr. Ellis – HAT –** Bell Let's Talk Mental Health – Jan 25th

**Pro Grant:**

- The application has been completed. Dr. Deana is on board.
- Looking at March 21<sup>st</sup> possibly as date and hold event from 7-8pm in person or via Zoom. Will correspond with council meeting. We will hold council from 6-7pm.

**PIC Funding:**

- Parent Involvement - \$500/school
- All in favour of using these funds towards paying for ½ of the agenda costs.

**Movie Night:**

- January 26<sup>th</sup> (Thursday before the PA day)
- Food bank item required to enter.
- Volunteers are organized, flyers are out, Mike is ready with equipment.
- We are collecting boxes for the food donations,
- Discussion around litter – Katie will bring large recycling bins to encourage water bottles etc go into recycling and she will take it home with her.
- Discussion around sour keys and maybe looking at alternative options for the next movie night.
- Popcorn should not be “cooked” in gym due to danger to the floor. Prepare in hallway and then serve with other concession items in the gym.

**Jungle Sport:**

- Will be running February 6-10
- \$10/student cost
- Cash online

**Go For Green:**

- Set date for Spring event – May 25<sup>th</sup> with rain date of May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion around murals again, earmarked for future council meeting.

**Teacher Appreciation Week (Feb 5-11)**

- Discussed various options and decided on a parent council supplied potluck on March 3<sup>rd</sup> (PA Day) where all staff can attend while in the facility for the day.
- Lindsay will help to organize,

**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.

Event will take place April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

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

- Use a disclaimer to the effect that school does not “endorse appropriateness” of the books and parents should browse at their own discretion.

- Heather to start an email thread to organize volunteers etc.

**Plants** – Katie will reach out to Sara at Northland Nursery to see if there are options for Spring plant fundraisers,

**Cobbs** – Lindsay will reach out

**Mr. Sub** – Sub days once per month. Approx \$4.75/sub our cost. Lindsay to collect more details.

**Kernels** – Grade 4 fundraiser with funds going towards technology.

**Book Fair** – run another one in the Spring to coincide with Spring open house. Will discuss dates at next meeting.

**Budget:**

- Currently have a balance of \$15012.41 (in this amount, the items approved at December meeting for spending, the pizza expenses (approx. \$710.97), and dinner and skate expenses like bus (\$612.96) have not been removed yet)

- Approx \$9000 will be remaining after these are removed, along with extra pizza and Dinner and Skate rental amount.

- Should discuss field trips at next meeting along with other spending requests. Need to spend this prior to the end of the year.

Next Meeting – February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm!

Motion to Adjourn – Everyone!

See you next time!