

April 11, 2023 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm by Laura Zonta

Attendance: Laura, Donna, Kat, Jennifer, Alison Mason, Ms. Mochrie, Marissa, Wendy, Katherine, Lindsay, Heather, Katie

Approval of March Minutes – 1st – Marissa, 2nd - Donna

Principal's Report -

Courage Day – International Day of Pink, April 12th. Mr Kimmerly's class is running lead on some announcements. Sea of pink is expected.

Student Spirit Leadership – first day is Friday April 14th. Sock Day is first spirit day. Small action, big impact is the slogan the Grade 3s came up with. Students are encouraging each other to wear fun socks and bring in new or used socks for the City Kids donation. Through City Kids, donations will probably end up at Martha House.

Socks in April. Fishy and Granola Bar Drive in May. June will have a spirit day as well, but every class will fill one backpack with school supplies.

Air Band – Dress rehearsal April 24th. Performance is April 25th – 1:30. 4 guests per performer. Parent note will be going home this week. 3 medal places will be rewarded.

Millgrove Open House – May 2nd – 5-7pm. Scholastic book fair. Optimist Club will be coming back, same prices as September. Hamburgers and hotdogs are \$5 each. Fries are \$4 each. Pop and water are \$1. Parents can enter classrooms to celebrate learning. Going to show parent supports – virtual libraries, online math resources, mental health awareness etc so parents can help students continue to learn all summer long.

EQAO – Grade 3 will be June 5th-9th. Practicing now. Grade 3s will write in Ms. Dahmer's room and the corner resource room.

Teacher Report – Alison Mason

Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK – Hamilton Fire Department visiting the kinders and Grade 1s on May 4th. Continuing to make gains with UFli

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK – We are excited for our Hamilton Art Gallery Trip. We are learning about new artists. UFli is going well.

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1 – Math working on adding and subtracting. In language working on phonics and word families. In science working on energy and in social studies working on local community.

Mrs. May – Garde ½ - In math working on 3D shapes. In media literacy working on creating cereal boxes. In writing working on persuasive writing.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 2/3 – In math working on capacity, and multiplication/ division. In language working on paragraph writing and brainstorming. In social studies working on early communities.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3 – In literacy working on EQAO Fridays and persuasive writing. In math starting 3D geometry unit. In social studies working on early communities and indigenous and inquiry into artifacts. In science working on growing plants.

Mrs Leach – Grade 4 – Social Studies projects are underway (early civilizations). We plan to share our learning on April 26th. Language working on poetry month and the focus will be the spoken word and incorporating drama. In math working on 2D geometry and Earth Activity Bingo.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – In math working on spatial sense, translations, reflections, rotations and long division starts next. Literacy working on novel studies. Poetry and persuasive writing is up next. In science wrapping up energy conservation and starting the human body.

Mrs. MacCuish – French – Building our augmented reality airport to practice oral/conversational French.

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – 2/3 through Empower. Spring IPRC finished. Lexia now in grades 3-5.

Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance – FDK are working on centres. Garde 1-3 are doing dance. Doing different movements connected to a book, poem and communities around the world. Enjoying different types of music.

Mr. Ellis – Learning Commons – ECO Club Assembly on April 19th. See announcements for water, ocean and litter awareness. Clean up April 21st, Please bring in forms. Very Keen Eco Leaders at Millgrove. Teacher spending – teachers are appreciative with the generous offerings so far so they will not be putting any other requests forward at this time.

School Communications – Trying to bridge the gap between how the school would like to communicate with families mostly online, versus how many of the parents receive information (paper). Re-do the survey from 2019 asking families to detail how they would like to receive information from the school. In the past most families found out their information via facebook and agenda newsletters and stickers. Would like to drive more traffic to the website as Tara does weekly posts with important dates etc.

Budget – Previous minutes we estimated we had about \$6000 to spend but did not account for 11 weeks of pizza expenses, pita pit and sub day. Realistically we actually have approx. \$2400 to spend. Will have Cobbs, and more Pita and Sub money coming in plus Book Swap, Movie Night etc (approx. \$1500 etc). So we are looking at \$3400-\$3800 available to spend. Will need to restock the wood chips in the playground in the fall. Usually, we carry over \$2000 to the next year to cover early expenses, deposits for Dinner and Skate etc.

Fundraising –

Which fundraisers do we want to stick with for next year?

What are our goals with fundraising moving forward?

What will we need to spend on next year?

Little Caesars is already asking about a fall date. Movie Nights we can get back into full swing all year next year. Halloween Dance a Thon (dedicate it towards an event like Jungle Sport), Cobbs, Pizza Days etc.

Need to get some ideas for a kick-off fundraiser to raise some money right off the bat. Brainstorm ideas for next meeting on a kick-off fundraiser (pie in the face of council members at fall open house). Another idea was Krispy Kreme donuts.

Pizza Days down from 140 to 130. Still may get some stragglers in.

For fall, do we continue with both subs and pitas, or just one and how do we set it up to be most efficient.

Calendar once a month to show all of the dates and deadlines for ordering etc. Add that to the communication survey to see if parents would appreciate a monthly calendar of events and ordering deadlines.

Movie Night meeting for the movie-night coordinator group to decide the movie (shorter). June 2nd movie night.

Cobbs – white and blue balloons. April 21-22-23. All set. Need to have a flyer to send out.

Book Swap – 508 books (101 adult books) as of Council meeting. Could use some more, and some others that are known to be coming. Started sorting the adult books, could use some more help with sorting. Gym after 2nd nutrition break on day of. Reading nook and café with coffee in gym corners. Extend the deadline and just open it up for donations until Tuesday the 18th. Can we open it up to the community for donations and to shop to get more books and also encourage people to come by and shop?

Create an Eventbrite to open it to the public. Can we open it up to community via the Millgrove, Freelton and Strabane FB groups only. Going to offer drop off or pick up via a volunteer. Kathryn will post to Millgrove and offer to pick up. Lindsay will do Freelton FB and pick up.

Coffee Corner – run by Grade 5s and would take donations to go towards the grade 5 grad. Have to purchase tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Tent with lights. A few tables for the café. Cash only on all flyers. Get a small float for change.

Go For Green – Flyer out asap. Just tweaking a previous flyer to reintroduce the event to families. Going out soon. Working on schedule with Ms Leach. Hoping for \$500 to spend on supplies, plants and some dirt/mulch. Will discuss spending next meeting.

Open House – Table at open house. Need volunteers. 5-7pm. May 2nd.

Kinder Orientation – May 9th. Same day as council meeting. Council talks for a few minutes about what we do in the school, how to get involved, how to get information. 5-6.

Spending – Ipads, Grad medals and yearbook and food for graduation (\$600-\$800), ½ of the agendas. Last year the Grade 5 parents paid \$10/each for the yearbooks. Council in the past has covered cost of medals for each student (approx. \$500 from council). Hold off on spending until May meeting to see

where we are at with our budget.

Jump Rope for Heart – June 1st.

Next meeting – May 9, 2023

Motion to Adjourn – Everyone! Have a good evening!