

Welcome to the Parent Council Meeting

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 6:30pm, February 24, 2023

Attendance

Those in attendance were:

Laura
Donna
Wendy
Lucy
Lindsay
Marissa
Kelly
Mrs. Mason
Mrs. Mocharie
Kat
Katie

Motion to Approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes:

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

Principal's Report:

Bell Let's Talk - spent a lot of Time and commitment around wellness including bell lets talk day. Student writing and artwork has been posted on the walls around the school

Announcements: There is a banner on the Millgrove website that is being updated every few days including the announcements. The school sign out front has been updated. At 10:20 the O' Canada is played daily.

Jungle sport: Thank you Allison for all of your support with jungle sport. Jungle sport is tentatively booked for next year for the week leading up to family day weekend 2024.

Term 1 report cards will go home this Friday in paper form. Updated IEPs will also be going home this week, requirement to be updated 3x per year.

Pink Shirt Day: Will be Feb 22nd. Mar. Kimerley's room will take leadership around pink shirt day.

Practice lockdown - hold and secure will be March 22nd at noon. Shelter in place test was successful. This will be included in the news feed, information will be shared with students in advance about the reason, location within the classroom and ensure quiet.

Open House: May 2nd 5-7pm Tuesday evening, Greensville open house will be the Thursday (4th). Book fair is booked. Optimist club has been contacted. A publisher will be in attendance and helping with the book fair. Air band will also be performing that evening.

JK Open House: May 9th at 5-6pm. Council will be given time at this open house.

Culture of High Expectations: Continuing to manage the culture here at Millgrove. Manners are getting better. Also managing interruptions, both verbal and non verbal interruptions Looking towards validation for next month.

Literacy: The hockey jersey book brought into T he grade 3 class, introducing students to things like privilege, poverty, skin colour,etc.

Oral Language: Word reading fluency, going back to phonics, decoding, long vowels, short vowels and determining for each class what the skill levels are. All teachers have copy of manual.

New Phonics resources:

Scholastic School & Home

Opportunity to purchase 52 books (5 of each book in each series) total cost of ~\$1600

There is also a license for \$400 to get the books virtually

Sets is 1-13

The books would be placed in the learning commons

There is another series called Bob and a series called laugh a lot

Non fiction will be available soon

Would leverage open house book fair to earn credits to purchase non fiction

Donna to check if there are existing credits available in the scholastic account

The Manual for decoding/teaching using the resource has already been purchased

The lessons will be done on white boards which have already been purchased

Jungle Sport:

\$9400 for 2 weeks

Previously council paid the deposit

Rural school funding paid for part \$1883

Students paid \$10 equating to \$1700 toward cost

For 1 week it is \$4900

Looking at rural schools funding for next year as well as outdoor/experimental funding to contribute to jungle sport in 2024

- A virtual email vote to council will be done to request spending of \$1600 for the books as well as deposit for Jungle Sport for next year.

Teacher's Report:

Mrs Bailey/Mrs Hayward – JK/SK – Focus is starting UFLI targeted lessons. Students are still interested in towers. The dream center continues to be a veterinarian,

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs Coakwell – JK/SK – Starting UFLI lessons. Lots of talks about friendship. Making friendship soup (measuring, counting, adding)

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1 –In math working on measurement (length, mass, area) and then money. In language working on phonics, making connections, and word families. In Science working on daily and seasonal changes – four seasons and the sun. Also revisiting bucket filling with kindness and listening.

Mrs. May – Grade ½ - In language working on inferring, UFLI reading intervention. In Science grade 1s are working on energy and grade 2s on animals. In math finishing measurement, length, mass and time.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 2/3 – In math working on probability and data. In language working on media, advertising, drama, phonics (vowel sounds). In science working on strong and stable structures and simple machines. Also working on listening skills and kindness.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3 – In math working on measurement, length, perimeter, area. In literacy working on descriptive writing and phonics. In science working on structures. Starting music with hand bells and mood + music.

Mrs. Leach – Grade 4 – In language working on Black History month resources, read-a-louds and inferring continues. In math working on fractions, problem solving and daily number tasks. In science working on pulleys and gears – going to be designing and experimenting.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – In Science working on Conservation of Energy/Renewable Resources versus non-renewable. In Math working on perimeter and area and next will be metric conversions. In Reading, starting a novel study using Literature Circle format.

Mrs MacCuish – French – Finished food trucks with a fun festival attended by the kindergarten students. Moving on to learning about French-speaking communities in Ontario and Quebec.

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – Empower is just past the ½ way mark. IEPs coming home with reports.

Mrs. Mason – Phys. Ed – At beginning of the month explored sequence with the hover soccer ball. Loved when it got to be in the dark. Jungle Sport was a big success. Lots of predictions were correct. Check out twitter @PEMillgrove. Doing Valentine/Friendship/Kindness activities this week.

Mr. Ellis – Forest of Reading 2023 is live. Students are challenged to read this year's selections. Voting goes live in April.

Teacher Appreciation - Lindsay

Menu is looking good. Will be picking up some small grocery items, coffee, etc. Will ask all staff to bring in their own mug. Notebooks have been purchased. Will need to still purchase the centrepiece. Heather will supply plates and cutlery. Happening March 3rd during PA Day.

Movie Night:

Next movie night is scheduled for March 2nd on Thursday prior to PA Day. New poster to be put up. Ask Tara to put out stickers a few days before to put in the agendas to remind families. Laura will post to facebook. Sign outside of school will update with new date.

Go for Green:

No updates this month. On schedule for May 25th with rain date as May 26th.

Pro Grant:

Deadline for applications has been extended. Our event with Dr. Deena planned for March 21st. Start advertising once approval comes through, plan for beginning of March. Coordinate as a group around refreshments.

Fundraising:

Book Swap - scheduled for April 20th 4-7pm

Plan to bring books beginning at the start of April. Heather to coordinate volunteers and roles.

Plants - Katie to follow up with Sara at Northland Nursery to see if there are fundraising options.

Cobbs - Scheduled for April 21st and 22nd

\$1 per loaf goes to the school. Laura to check with Jackie on an ad for us. Cobbs usually puts out balloons and sign for school.

Mr. sub - Will do subs for \$4.75 Turkey, Salami, Ham, veggie, cheese and no cheese
Tara already has a template for this. Juice box add on is .75? Not needed, can be messy and sticky.

Have also checked with Pita Pit which is \$6 chicken, back, ham, veggie and toppings and sauce options. Add on chocolate milk for \$1, berry smoothies for \$1 juice box and chips. Add-ons not needed.

Plan to do subs and pita pit every other Wednesday

Starting March 22nd

No parent volunteers are needed, as meals come wrapped for classes.

For Mr. Sub \$6 no add ons

For Pita Pit \$7 no add ons

Will ask for a falafel option for pita pit

Money will go under Technology and school Enhancements

Budget:

- Dinner and Skate \$187.04 Surplus. Still don't have final from City

- Halloween \$2424.19

- Pizza \$6378.62 (approx. \$1600 left to come out)

- Little Caesars \$1078

- Council paid \$2000 for ipads and \$307.53 for headphones

- Trip Subsidy \$3591.88

- Current balance approx. \$13,495 with approx. \$6170 still to come out. Leaving balance around \$7000 with next round of pizza, Cobbs, Book swap, subs etc still to bring in money.

Spending

Will revert to April meeting for spending discussion

Spirit Wear

Profits from spirit wear will go towards equipment in the gym

Next Meeting – March 21st, 2023!

Motion to Adjourn – Everyone!
See you next time!