

September 19, 2023 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Donna, Marissa, Kendra, Janelle, Ena, Robert, Lucy, Wendy, Laura, P. Mochrie, A. Mason, Katie, Lindsay, Heather, Kat, Jenn, Georgina, Christina, Chantal, Kathryn

Approval of June 2023 Minutes – 1st – Chantal , 2nd – Lindsay

Council Overview -

- Typically council meets the 1st or 2nd week of the month.
- Have been meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings, for approx. 1.5 hours
- Council is held every month from September-June
- The Constitution will be approved the 2nd meeting of the year.
- Currently our Executive positions are: Laura (Chair), Jenn (Finance), Katie (Communications), Wendy (Community Rep), Lindsay (Co-Chair)
- Council can have 19 voting members. Members have to attend one of the first two meeting to keep their voting privileges. Next meeting will form the general membership. If you are not able to attend a handful of meetings, consider being a non-voting member.
- Any parent can attend any meeting, but not vote.
- Volunteers hoping to volunteer on trips, special days, in classrooms need to have Vulnerable Sectors check every three years.

Principal's Report -

- Many curriculum connections are being made with the 3 Sisters Garden that was planted by last year's Grade 3 class. Lots and lots of squash and corn have grown. Big moment for our Eco Club.
- Thank You to Go For Green and our summer volunteers for looking after the flower beds and gardens over the summer so students could come back to a beautiful space.
- 4 trees in the outdoor area will be removed over the next month or so for Health and Safety reasons. Approaching various sources currently about replacing those trees.
- Gerry Smith, Superintendent of Student Achievement is moving to Family of Schools and taking on the Safe Schools Protocol
- Nicole Lee will be joining HWDSB as the Superintendent of Student Achievement for Family of Schools 4, effective Sept. 25th.
- Currently our Millgrove Staff is as follows:
DiToro/Coakwell – FDK
Bailey/Hayward – FDK
May – 1/2
Frizell – 1/2
Kimmerly – 3/4
Dahmer – 2/3
Leach – 4
Nedelko – 5

Mason – Phys.Ed and Dance
MacCuish – LRT and French
Holden – Learning Commons
Rush / Johnston - EA

- The Culture of High Expectations remains at Millgrove. Focus on manners, patience and volume. Incredible start to the school year.
- The first 6 weeks of School focuses around Reimagining Wellness and Bullying. Focus on specialized services, mental health, safe schools, equity, Indigenous Education, teaching and learning and human rights.
- Pizza Days will start September 22nd
- Sub Days will start September 27th
- Smoothies will start October 2nd
- Meet the Educator Night – October 3rd - along with Book Fair and Optimist Club BBQ
- Picture Day – October 11
- Parents should look at forms on the portal and fill out. The Media Consent form allows flexibility to post photos around school events. Will send this form via paper form.
- Volunteers needed for the library – Donna volunteers.
- The Millgrove website is constantly updated with parent resources, minutes, staff lists, announcements etc. www.hwdsb.on.ca/Millgrove
- The monthly calendars being sent home are a huge success and families love them.

Teacher Report – Alison Mason

Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK –Continuing to work on classroom expectations and routines.

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK –Working on classroom expectations and routines. Working on “what does it mean to feel welcome?”. Lots of name work and all about me talk.

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2 – Practicing classroom routines and bucket filling. Language – phonics. Math – numeration.

Mrs. May – Garde ½ - Language – reading groups and home reading. Science – gr 1 seasons, gr 2 air/water. Math – patterning.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3 –Great start. Lots of practice with routines. Reading logs and weekly words have started. UFLI phonics screener. Math – representing numbers, reading and comparing numbers. Science – gr. 2 simple machines, gr 3. Strong and stable structures, Spirit club starts next week!

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4 –Language – personal narratives, paragraph building. Math – place value, rounding and +,-,x. Drama – classroom community building. Science – personal interest research project.

Mrs Leach – Grade 4 –We’ve had a great start! Home reading and weekly word work has started Check

out our classroom HUB for photos from our learning, logins at the front of the agenda. Grade 4s are really excited for Habitat Research Projects. Excited that our class has been selected from only 3 schools to go to the RBG and see Dr. Jane Goodall for FREE! More details to follow.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – Learning routines and working on listening. Taking on responsibilities throughout the school like lunch monitors, bus monitors etc. Math – representing numbers to 100,000. Social studies – mapping/writing about Terry Fox.

Mrs. MacCuish – French – Prof du Jour started. Learning about school words/phrases (4s), “er” verb conjugation and pronouns (5s)

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – Started Empower. IEPs/BSPs go home after 30 days of school. SIPs have been sent home.

Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance – Grades 1-3 doing reimagining wellness lesson for Physical Activation. Great way to discuss safety, expectations and getting to know new classmates. Terry Fox Run, Walk, Roll is on Friday, raised \$650 so far, first time selling t-shirts and sold 46. Cross Country starts soon – Oct 12th meet.

Mrs. Holden – Learning Commons – Working on beat and rhythm and differentiating the two. Keeping a beat or rhythm in unison with body percussion and movement

Upcoming Dates for Spirit Club:

October – Cereal Drive – bring in boxes of cereal. October 27th will be TWIN DAY and hope to do a Domino Event down the halls of all of the boxes of cereal.

November – Warmth Month – hats, socks, mitts donations. November 24th will be WACKY HAIR DAY

December – Food Drive – for Flamborough Food Share – December 22nd – HOT CHOCOLATE & MOVIES

January – Toiletry Items – toothpaste, soap etc. January 25th – WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR DAY

Budget – Have \$5200 carried forward from June. Some of this has been allocated for agendas, mulch, Go for Green etc.

\$1900 for Jungle Sport – assistance to help offset cost to parents (Halloween fundraiser will also go to this)

Arena Rental from December 2022 – still not charged. \$1300

Currently every student grades 1-5 has a working iPad

Playground mulch has to be done before Go For Green date. Work order is in. Some additional playground fixes are being quoted on for safety of keeping playground open moving forward.

Halloween Dance –

Funds will go to Jungle Sport event in February.

- Tuesday October 31st will need 6-8 people for volunteers for entire day
- Monday October 30th will need a few volunteers for set-up after school
- Lucky Draw for prizes for top fundraisers – ideas to be discussed
- Top fundraising class will get a pizza party.

- Forms go home before Thanksgiving weekend

Next Meeting – Wednesday October 11th – 6:30pm

We will approve the Constitution and form our General Membership at this next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn – 1st – Lindsay, 2nd - Jenn!

HAVE A GREAT SEPTEMBER!