

October 17th, 2023 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Donna, Jennifer, Laura, Lindsay, Katie, Janelle, Kelly, Marissa, Robert, Heather, Georgina, Lucy, Lisa, Chantal, Lara, Wendy, Ena, Kathryn, Christina, Alison Mason, Priscila Mochrie

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

Email Vote for Cross Country Bus Spending – An email vote was conducted and approve to spend \$208 for a bus subsidy for Cross Country busses. Rob motioned to spend the funds, Kat 2nd and we had 14 additional email votes of YES received and quorum was reached. Zero “no” votes were received.

Council Overview -

- Laura holds Chair position
- Lindsay is Co-Chair
- Jenn is Director of Finance
- Katie is Director of Communications
- Wendy is Community Rep
- Sitting at 21 people in attendance and can only have 19 voting members. Laura will give up her vote. Marissa will also give up her voting privileges to get to our general membership of 19 voting members.
- If you miss 3 consecutive meetings, you lose your voting privledge

Principal's Report -

- EQAO from our Grade 3 students last year – amazing results!
- #11 in HWDSB for math results. 20%+ over the average across all subjects.
- Millgrove Results as follows: Reading – 79% (province at 65%, HWDSB at 62%), Writing at 83% (province at 59%, HWDSB at 53%), Mathematics at 88% (province at 55%, HWDSB at 42%)
- Fire drills and lock down drills are now all complete. Won't be doing a bomb drill until Spring.
- Report cards will go home November 14th. Teacher interviews are back! They will be held Thursday November 16th and Friday November 17th (PA DAY)
- Oct 20th is a PA Day, will be digging into the new Language Curriculum
- Book Fair Dollars – purchase non-fiction decodable books with the book fair dollars we earned.

Teacher Report – Alison Mason

Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK –Started UFLI lessons. Really working on turn-taking. If anyone has any games they are looking to get rid of we would love to take them for you (simple board games)

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK –We are doing well with the intro UFLI lessons. They are so proud!

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2 – In science working on Living Things and Animals. Trip to Brantwood Farm Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 25th. In Language working on phonics, blending and predicting. In Math working on number estimating and number patterns.

Mrs. May – Grade ½ - In Language working on monitoring comprehension while reading and making connections, as well as long vowel sounds. In math working on graphing. In Science working on seasons, air and water. Pumpkin Patch trip Oct. 25th.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3 –In Language working on Conventions of Writing/Paragraphs and Journals. Circling reading groups have started. In Math finishing number science and numeration and started patterning. In Science building structures and creating simple machines.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4 –In Language editing personal writing and parts of speech. In Math multiplication, division and fractions. In Social Studies living, working and physical regions of Ontario.

Mrs Leach – Grade 4 –Welcome to Ms. Hannah! She will be with us two weeks in October and all of December (from Laurier). Our trip to RBG was amazing. Creating a display of our learning for the hallway. In math, addition and subtraction with regrouping and multiplication/division. For extra math practice, use KnowledgeHook (logins are at front of agenda). Science working on habitat presentations.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – In Math working on decimals to the 10s and 100s. In literacy working on summary writing. In social studies working on Canadian government, the three levels, who and their responsibilities.

Mrs. MacCuish – French – Prof du Jour Grade 5s done, Grade 4s half way through. Learning about position prepositions (on, under etc) in Halloween unit.

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – IEPs/BSPs went home today. Reach out to teacher or LRT with Questions or Concerns.

Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance – Almost done the physical activation lessons for Reimagining Wellness. Having fun doing the Halloween Dance “Time Warp”. Cross country last week, great weather. Took 40 students and everyone finished and tried their best!

Mrs. Holden – Learning Commons – Music working on creating and echoing rhythms with quarter rests, quarter and eighth notes and using percussion (body and instruments)

Gaga Pit:

A huge thank you to Gavin’s grandfather. His years of volunteer work around Millgrove awarded him a gift from his company, which he has graciously donated back to the school (\$500). The company also offers grants every 3 months so we have applied and will learn in December if we receive it. Funds will go to building a permanent Gaga Pit in the playground.

Budget – Everything has cleared from last year.

- \$115 profit from 1 month of Smoothie sales
- \$928.12 profit from Pizza to date
- \$687.50 profit from Subs to date
- Agendas, mulch, jungle sport reserve, Go For Green and Cross country bus are all still pending.
- \$4400 approx to spend
- Keep in mind Dinner and Skate, Jungle Sport and Playground Upgrades coming up.

Halloween Dance –

- Committee has been formed.
- Rob built a stand up bean bag toss
- Mummy bowling and witch toss also happening
- 1:05 crew to set-up day before (no police check required)
- Day of event crew (police check required)
- Parent volunteers have been coming on Fridays at 2nd Nutrition Break in costume to remind classes of collecting donations and prizes
- Prize – headphones, tablet, movie pack, flying squirrel pack, \$50 Indigo card, scooter, camera, sports balls, DQ \$5 gift cards, hockey table-top game, science kits.
- Class that raises the most will get a pizza party lunch.
- Motion to spend \$387 on the value of ½ of the tablet, the flying squirrel pack and the scooter. Rob motions, Kathryn 2nds. All in favour. Some of this may be donated and not need to be spent.
- Donations close November 1st. Draw on November 3rd.

Other Items:

- Could use parent volunteers to help with Smoothie Days and distribution of the smoothies to classes.
- 1st Monday of each month, 2 people needed.
- 2nd Break from 12:30-1:05
- Will do a schedule for parents to sign up. Laura will send out an email to those interested and set up schedule.
- Council Kick off was last week. Attended by Laura and Lindsay and Priscila. Recap of other Council Chairs from HWDSB and chat about resources. Very grateful for the team we have at Millgrove!
- Meet the Educator was a great turnout.
- Day of Reconciliation cooked squash and all kids tried it
- Cross Country was a huge success. Everyone finished and tried their best!
- Terry Fox was amazing! Fantastic fundraising results.
- Jane Goodall presentation at RBG with the Grade 4s was amazing. Thankful for the opportunity.
- Teacher requests for spending in the next month or so
- Fibar has gone into the playground (cost of \$1660). We received a family donation of \$500 for the playground.
- General volunteer request forms to go home inquiring about interests in volunteering, skills etc.

Fundraising:

- Little Caesars – let's try something new instead.
- MacMillians – perhaps before Christmas or March Break. Donna to look into.
- Book Swap again in the Spring

Movie Night -

- Looking at Jan. 25th, Feb 29th and June 7th (Thursdays before PA Days)
- Katie will email out for anyone interested in joining the Movie Night team for various roles.
- Look at movie options at upcoming meetings.

Go For Green -

- Heather will look at activities for the kids and be in an advisory role
- Laura will handle admin for this one
- Looking at November 6th with rain date of November 9th
- Streamline volunteer process, list of who has supplies, who is coming etc
- Chantal interested in volunteering for an admin role, as is Ena.

Dinner and Skate -

- Used equipment will need to be inspected.
- Donations of turkey and ham will be dated when arrive and put in freezer
- Tara will be getting the info going for School Cash Online for helmets
- Forms will go out November 1st, due back November 10th
- Grade 5s will peel potatoes
- Busses have been donated

Next Meeting – Wednesday November 15th – 6:30pm

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

HAVE A GREAT HALLOWEEN!