

# December 12th, 2023 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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

**Attendance:** Katie, Ena, Janelle, Lucy, Kathryn, Marissa, Kendra, Jennifer, Donna, Laura, Heather, Lara, Rob, Kat, Wendy, Principal Monchrie.

**Approval of November 2023 Minutes** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Kathryn , 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marissa All in favour.

## Principal's Report -

- Dinner and Skate was a HUGE success and ran like a “well-oiled machine”. Check out hallway by gym for pictures and writing the students did to say Thank You, also pictures on the Newsfeed.
- Tree of Warmth – mittens, gloves, hats, socks were delivered to the Grace Anglican Church. Over 200 items that filled 80 stockings. Grace Anglican Church has given permission for us to send a couple of children and a parent volunteer to help set-up for the food bank.
- School Action Plan – 20 kids in Lexia, which is an online learning resource for reading. Starting writing portfolios and using a consultant to fine-tune writing skills.
- Winter Celebration – December 20<sup>th</sup> – families can come and participate with their own child. Baked goods and hot drinks for adults to stay and mingle.
- Equity Journey – Lunar New Year – Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Year of the Wood Dragon. Books, red envelopes, gold chocolate coins, dragon parade, red lanterns.

## Teacher Report – Alison Mason

**Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK** –Thank you to everyone involved in Dinner and Skate. Our class loved this special tradition.

**Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK** –Focused on winter fun and all of our schools events.

**Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2** – In math, data. In language, phonics and writing. In Social Studies, changing roles and responsibilities and family/community traditions.

**Mrs. May – Grade ½** - Celebrations and holidays around the world. Math, larger numbers adding and subtracting. In language, Penpals for letter writing.

**Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3** –In Language, desk pet/point of view journal writing. In math, data management and coding. In Science research presentations and testing of structures/simple machines.

**Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4** –In Math, fractions and decimals. Reports are being worked on. In Science, forces and rocks/minerals.

**Mrs Leach – Grade 4** –Region of Canada Presentations. Rocks and Minerals experiments. Math, data management. Kernels popcorn survey to determine best flavours.

**Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5** – FOOD DRIVE until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Dinner and Skate Reflections. Government Test this week. Science, Matter. Recorders, painful by fun!

**Mrs. MacCuish – French** – Thank you for all of the hard work that went into Dinner and Skate. It was a wonderful day!

**Mrs. MacCuish – LRT** – Schedule interviews with me if your child is in Lexia or Empower. IPRC in December.

**Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance** – Dinner & Skate was great! Worked on how to get up when fell. Lots of skate helpers and trainers made a huge difference. Learning about different celebrations in Phys. Ed.

**Mrs. Holden – Learning Commons** – Learning the Scale and applying their knowledge of beat and rhythm to it. So-Mi-La.

#### **Budget –**

- Still pending - \$5800 Jungle Sport + \$1900, \$1800 Dinner & Skate, 1075 Teachers Spending
- \$11,575 to come out of current balance of \$12,812. Approx. \$1000 to spend.
- Hold off on spending until January.

#### **Rural Schools –**

- Spend this funding iPads, transportation, trips, guest speakers, events, outdoor equipment – approx. \$1700
- our buses are great this year – not very late for our schools

#### **Other Items:**

- Food Drive going on until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>
- Playground – Eton – potentially \$5000, looking into it. Would use for a Gaga Pit.
- Playground – start putting money aside for the future
- Jungle Sport – February
- Educator Appreciation – March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Class Spending – requests approved over email vote. \$75 was given to each teacher that didn't request something specific
- Subsidy for smoothie/subs for families in need – Tara is looking into it
- Movie license was purchased
- Hot Chocolate and Oreos for last day of school prior to Holiday Break for Movie and PJ day. Need \$75 to spend on these items. Marissa 1<sup>st</sup> to spend, Kathryn 2<sup>nds</sup> – all in favour.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – Photo Presentations – three photography companies to present their products/services
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – start Council meeting at 6pm to finish prior to photography presentations.

#### **Greenville:**

- Principal came to our Dinner & Skate and loved it.
- Scoreboard was found and installed.

- Had holiday concert which was great

### **Movie Night -**

- Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> prior to PA Day.
- Decided on Super Mario
- Chantal to look after AV equipment
- Wendy has bought a second popcorn machine, and will start making popcorn earlier
- Food and price list to be discussed in January.
- Movie Theatre Etiquette handout to go home prior

### **Inclusion/Equity -**

- IDEA – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility
- Sense of community at Millgrove
- Parent engagement and input on incorporating other cultures into classrooms
- Guest speakers at current events to increase awareness
- Use the words AND and YET as we incorporate into Millgrove

### **Dinner and Skate -**

- Had to fit a lot of kids the morning of that came without skates, or skates that are too small
- Gloves – need to have extra to give out
- Parent reminders to have helmets
- Families that brought skating aids was a huge help
- ½ bag of garbage was produced only
- crayons and draw-on table cloths are a huge hit
- little kids on ice a little too long
- lots of helpers to help tie skates
- more skate donations of the larger sizes of skates
- more ham needed, less turkey

### **Fundraising-**

- Waiting to hear from Cobbs
- MacMillians will email in January with details for the Spring
- Book Swap – post on FB over holidays to save books and not donate

### **Next Meeting – January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 6:00pm**

Motion to Adjourn – Everyone!

Happy Holidays!

