

# February 13th, 2024 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Donna, Katie, Kathryn, Lucy, Kendra, Priscila Mochrie, Alison Mason, Lara, Marissa, Chantal, Kelly, Wendy, Jennifer, Laura, Janelle, Heather, Ena, Rob, Christina

Approval of January 2024 Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> – Chantal, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Donna. All in favor.

## Principal's Report -

- Lunar New Year parade went really well. Lots of excitement in the school and the students learned lots.
- HWDSB Strategic Direction – BE YOU, BE EXCELLENT.
- 5 year strategic plan, growing together, sense of belonging, values: dignity, compassion, trust, joy.
- Upholding human rights, providing equitable quality education, collaborating with families, reinforcing Indigenous learning.
- Focused are literacy, numeracy, preparedness for future, engagement and wellbeing.
- Roots of Empathy: Baby Amber, both Kindergarten classes experience this.
- Personal Care Drive: 700 personal care items collected for drive. Donated to Flamborough Food Bank and Grace Church.
- In February and March will be taking students in Grade 3 and 4 to help prepare on Mondays to support food share prep.
- Air Band May 7<sup>th</sup> during day and then Top three perform at Open House that night. Book Fair, BBQ and Open House all on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Report Cards go home February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten registration opened February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- JK Open House May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- Nutrition Break Opportunities: Eco Club, Upstanders Club, Pinball (January), Little Jammers Guitar, Intermural with Katie Ego and Jeff Cowan
- April 19<sup>th</sup> will celebrate Eid, March 10-April 9 Ramadan

## Teacher Report – Alison Mason

**Mrs. Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK** –Currently in the middle of a bear inquiry. Connected with Grouse Mountain in BC and we are going to do an MSTEams call in April when the bears wake up. Connected with Indigenous contact at HWDSB to see if someone will come in and share about the significance of the bear.

**Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK** –We are into Penguins! Loving Jungle Sport and Roots of Empathy. We've been spending lots of time outside in the sun.

**Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2** –In Language working on making connections, digraphs and blends. In Math working on measurement and financial literacy. In Science grade 1s working on daily and seasonal changes, grade 2s on air and water in the environment.

**Mrs. May – Garde ½** - In Language working on Point of View and Persuasive writing. In Math working on measurement and in Science working on animals and living things.

**Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3** –In Language working on APE Reading Response. Finishing descriptive writing. In Math working on multiplication. In Science working on growth /changes in animals and plants.

**Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4** – In Language working on folklore, paragraphs and persuasive writing. In Math working on measurement, perimeter and area. In Science working on rocks and minerals. In Social Studies working on Ancient civilizations in Canada 1700-1900.

**Mrs Leach – Grade 4** – We’re sharing our Deskpet communities with our Kinder buddies. Next step – to teach the class iMovie and film the community in action and share with the buddies. In Math working on measurement, perimeter and area with multi-step problems.

**Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5** – Valentine’s Day Lucky Dip draw. National Flag of Canada Day – Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. How old will our red and white maple leaf flag be? 59!! Choral reading and fact finding research. In Math working on metric conversions (larger units to smaller)

**Mrs. MacCuish – French** – Finished airports (grade 4) and hotels (grade 5). After Jungle Sport we will have the other classes visit. Learning more about French festivals.

**Mrs. MacCuish – LRT** – IEPs/BSPs/SIPs going home with report cards.

**Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance** – Students loved the first week of Jungle Sport. Couldn’t do it without all of the volunteers, especially with Kinder classes.

**Mr DeLottinville – Learning Commons** – Working on mental health unit for Grades 1-2-3. Please look at home for any overdue books. We have lots of books not being returned.

GAGA Pit is coming with full donation to cover it. Will need Screening (Crush and Run) for underneath pit.

#### Movie Night -

- January Movie Night went very well! No candy was great. Implemented so many changes that made it successful.
- Katie to send out emails to determine dates and options for next Movie Night. Looking at April.

#### Educator Appreciation -

- PA day was moved to April 8<sup>th</sup>, so will move this event to that day as well. Discuss at next meeting.

#### Pro Grant Request -

- Chantal has put feelers out to Indigenous leaders and elders to come in and do dream catchers

with parents. Will talk about dates at next meeting, along with space. Preferred number is 30 or less, but could go higher if bring an assistant.

#### Book Swap -

- Run similar to last year
- Open it up to the public in the final hour.
- lots of books left over. Need volunteers to help sort.
- Drop books at office.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> to correspond with MacMillians pick up
- Heather to send email for volunteers for coffee, book worms.
- Nut free snacks – food items to give out. Will need a volunteer to man the tongs.
- Pillow fort.

#### Inclusion, Diversity and Equity -

- had a meeting. Putting it out to the school community to get input.
- Next meeting Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

#### Photographer Discussion -

- Ms. Mochrie will follow up with companies to ask additional questions regarding servers and how photographs are stored and Board Policies on keeping photos.
- Will discuss again at next meeting

#### MacMillians -

- Approx \$500 profit. Ended at midnight February 13<sup>th</sup>. March 5<sup>th</sup> Delivery.

#### Cobbs – First weekend in May

#### Booster Juice -

- sizes were similar, so a little tricky to hand out. Will use a sticker system next time.
- Quality was great. Kids loved them

#### Spending -

- Slide had a crack in it at the end. Thought we could fix it, but a replacement piece was installed (approx. \$2000). Will approach Optimist Club for donations if possible. Vote at March meeting if need to cover this expense.
- Gaga Pit – need \$725 for screening. Hoping to install after March Break. – Chantal 1<sup>st</sup>, Donna 2<sup>nd</sup> – all In favour of spending.
- \$1105 for lunch subsidy until end of the year – Rob 1<sup>st</sup>, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup> – all in favour of spending.
- For Go for Green Chantal will donate soil and Heather seeds.
- \$778 has to be paid back for Dinner and Skate from 2022.

#### Budget -

Balances:

Booster Juice +\$ 36.50  
Dinner & Skate -\$ 2876.05  
Halloween Dance +\$ 5840.00  
Pita Pit +\$ 416.75  
Pizza +\$ 4697.17  
School Council -\$ 755.48  
Mr Sub +\$ 2989.25  
School Enhancement +\$ 2478.82  
Student Subsidy +\$ 2080.03  
  
Total \$14 906.78

Pending costs:

Pizza \$1320.00  
Subs \$1512.50  
Teacher Spend \$647.80 (this one may be off a bit)  
Jungle Sport \$7800  
  
Total Pending \$11,280.30  
  
Remaining balance \$\$3626.48

**Next Meeting – March 19, 2024 – 6:30pm**

Motion to Adjourn – Kathryn 1<sup>st</sup>, Chantal 2<sup>nd</sup> – All in Favour!