

January 16th, 2024 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

Approval of December 2023 Minutes – 1st – Kathryn , 2nd – Kat All in favour.

Principal's Report -

- Personal care items for January are toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, sanitary items, toilet paper, tissues, soap.
- Snowman in the office. Challenge the children to bring items of tissues and toilet paper and try to build it as high as the snowman.
- February we will be supporting the Grace Anglican Church and the food share prep. Will need parent volunteers to drive a couple of children on Monday mornings from 8-10am to help set up the room for the food bank.
- Report Cards will go home February 16th. There will now be one mark for language and one for math. Teacher will break down the subjects further in the comments.
- Kindergarten Registration will begin February 5th online. JK Open House will be May 15th at 5pm
- Equity – Lunar New Year on February 10th. Celebrating on Friday February 9th. Year of the Wood Dragon. Books, art, red lanterns, dragon parade.

Teacher Report – Alison Mason

Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK –Working on goals and determination. Working on making flying machines (based on book about determination). Testing designs and problem solving.

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK –Reading about flight and making own parachutes. Very excited about Jungle Sport.

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2 –In math, measurement. In language making connections and phonics. In Social studies, finishing unit on changing roles and responsibilities and changing family and community traditions.

Mrs. May – Garde ½ - Students loving penpals and gingerbread pals. In Language, persuasive writing and point of view. In Math mapping and directions. In Science living things and animals. Dioramas have begun.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3 –In Literacy, reading responses and descriptive writing. In Math, finishing data management and coding (Dance Party). In Social Studies, changing families and traditions and early communities.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4 –In Language, folklore and story structure. In Math, operations and financial

literacy. In Science, machines and structures. In Social Studies, Early Societies.

Mrs Leach – Grade 4 –We surveyed the school and we have a new popcorn flavour. We now have buttersalt, low fat caramel and salt and vinegar. Grade 4s did an amazing job and were very prepared. Healthy Eating – planning menus and daily discussions.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – Martin Luther King Jr – literacy, watching videos and reading about life and work. Responding through writing and art activities. In Math, 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication. Club starts tomorrow for those who haven't mastered it. Next up: Measurement. In Science, changes in and properties of matter.

Mrs. MacCuish – French – Working on a travel unit (4s – airport, 5s – hotel) in preparation for celebrating Carnaval de Quebec.

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – Empower and Lexia going well. IEP, BSP, SIP come home with report card.

Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance – JK/SK doing different skills at centres (throwing, crawling, marching, and building). Grade 1 – 4 Straddle and Stinker Ball. Working on striking, basic rules of the game, understanding fair play, good sportsmanship if eliminated etc. Newcombe Ball was a hit. Starting Pin Ball.

Mr DeLottinville – Learning Commons – Continuing the solfege scale and applying beat and rhythm and some “Get to know you activities” as I’m new at Millgrove.

Movie Night -

- Thursday January 25th prior to PA Day
- Doors open 6:15pm. Movie starts at 6:30pm. Donation to the food bank.
- Will offer two sizes of popcorn (single serve and family bucket) with a discount to keep bucket and refill. Also have chips, cookies (Ena to look into), juice and water for sale. Cash only.
- Sent home flyer with movie theatre etiquette reminders. Parents to accompany children in hallway and to washrooms.
- Georgina and Kat will look after food purchases.
- Chantal to look after AV equipment and getting cash box for the concession
- Set-up starting at 5:30pm.

Jungle Sport -

- will need volunteers with police checks to help out throughout the days.
- Halloween dance, plus deposit and carry-over from last year made it possible that we covered the entire expense of Jungle Sport for all students

Education Appreciation -

- March 1st on the PA Day.
- Council will provide lunch for staff. Potluck
- More discussion next meeting

Budget –

\$18,005.84 balance

- \$1980 pizza cost until March
- \$2745 sub cost until March
- \$714.50 teacher spending still to come out
- \$75.00 hot chocolate and cookies from Holiday movies to still clear
- + \$600
- = approx. \$5400 available to spend

Spending Requests –

- Lindsay would like to request \$225 for craft supplies for Lunar New Year crafts for all classes. Dragon hand print and dragon masks.

Lindsay 1st

Donna 2nd

ALL IN FAVOUR and passed.

Equity Update -

- Wednesday January 24th is next meeting at 7:15pm
- Welcome to any parent of the school, not just Council

MacMillians -

- Early Bird special Feb 26-March 17 where you get an additional 5% profit
- Thursday or Friday before March Break ideally.
- Sell from 2nd week of February onwards
- Booklets and online ordering options
- Try to line up with Book Swap if possible

Cobbs -

- Can't have Family Day or Mother's Day
- May 3-5 is the weekend we will do
- Look at doing a banner or something at location

Book Swap -

- Look at lining up with MacMillians pick up
- Similar to last year's event
- Re-use the posters
- Open it up to the public for last hour (Millgrove families for first couple of hours)
- Had a lot of left over donations from last year
- Volunteers needed to sort books into categories ahead of time

Subsidizing Food Items -

- approx. 6 students in need
- Could subsidize pizza, subs and smoothies. Laura will double check costs and email out for vote

PRO Grant Application -

- \$1000 for parent involvement
- Chantal to look into Indigenous ideas
- Also will inquire about paint night

Next Meeting – February 13 2024 – 6:00pm

Motion to Adjourn – Kathryn 1st, Chantal 2nd – All in Favour!

Stay Warm!