

# March 19, 2024 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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

**Attendance:** Donna, Katie, Kendra, Priscila Mochrie, Alison Mason, Lara, Marissa, Chantal, Wendy, Jennifer, Laura, Janelle, Lindsay, Kat

**Approval of February 2024 Minutes** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Donna, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lindsay. All in favor.

## Principal's Report -

- Winter Carnival was Friday before March Break. Huge success with ice sculptures, pretend skiing etc.
- Pink Shirt – made it into the Hamilton Spectator as a school about “why we wear pink shirts”. Language around kindness, respect etc.
- Thank you to parent volunteers for Mondays at the Waterdown Food Bank with students from the Spirit Club.
- April/May will be doing a cereal and oatmeal drive. June will be a Fill A Backpack drive.
- Board Improvement Plan(HWDSB) – literacy achievement for every student, numeracy achievement for every student, preparedness for the future for every student, well-being for every student, engagement for every student.
- UFLI marriage to new curriculum for literacy and the growth in reading and writing amongst students has been huge.
- MathUP is a virtual math curriculum. 2 free licenses were given, one more has been purchased. Goal for next September is to have one in every class.
- Climate of High Expectations is giving a sense of identity to the children.
- Equity at Millgrove – Eid from April 9-11. Celebrate at Millgrove on April 11<sup>th</sup> with a rice dish and dessert to have students sample schoolwide. Ramadan from March 10-April 9<sup>th</sup>. Resources for the classrooms, daily announcements and lantern display in the office.
- \$200 needed to purchase food, spoons, dixie cups for Eid celebration on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Lindsay motions to spend, Chantal 2<sup>nd</sup> – ALL IN FAVOR.
- EQAO – Grade 3s will be writing from June 3-12, 2024
- JK Open House on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- Millgrove Open House – May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Book fair, airband top performances, Optimist club BBQ.
- Student Opportunities – Little Jammers Guitar on Wednesdays and have 20 students signed up. Volleyball for grades 4 and 5s starting in April on Fridays. Mad Science offered May 13-June 17 on Mondays from 3:05-4:05pm. \$110 for 6 weeks, Parents would have to pick up their students.

## Teacher Report – Alison Mason

**Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK** –Working on story telling and book making. Connecting with Grouse Mountain staff early April to meet via Teams to see bears out of hibernation.

**Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK** –Working on self love, noticing and naming our best selves. Book

making going on as well.

**Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2** – In Science working on energy in our lives and properties of liquids and solids. In math, addition and subtraction. In Language phonics, controlled vowels, punctuation and writing more.

**Mrs. May – Grade ½** - Welcome to student teacher Dayna Templeman. Thanks to all parent volunteers for helping on Maple Syrup trip. Class is doing a DVSA partnership, an artist will be visiting the class.

**Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3** –In Language opinion writing, in math ratios and fractions. In Science growth of animals and plants.

**Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4** – In Language, formal writing. In math geometry and spatial sense. In Science habitats and plants. In drama, theatres around the world.

**Mrs Leach – Grade 4** – Welcome to Miss Whelan-Moriarty to our class until April 15<sup>th</sup>. She is very excited to work with us. In Language, starting poetry soon. In social studies doing early societies. In Science doing light and sound and solar eclipse learning.

**Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5** – In Language word study this week is all words related to our science unit on Conservation of Energy and Renewable and Nonrenewable Sources of Energy. In Math finishing up Measuring and drawing angles and using protractors and compasses. Next is transformational geometry – describing and performing translations, reflections and rotations on a grid.

**Mrs. MacCuish – French** – Starting a favourite unit – food trucks! The 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Carnival at Millgrove went well. No snow, but a great success.

**Mrs. MacCuish – LRT** –No updates

**Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance** – Finished a unit on yoga. Learned breathing and the different names for the poses. The class set of yoga mats did not survive. Students did fitness centers before the break. Have started bowling this week. Air Band Practices Tuesday and Thursday. Big Crunch went well for Nutrition Month.

**Mr DeLottinville – Learning Commons** – Health lessons in Frizell, May and Dahmer classes. Some new Forest of Reading books are being introduced.

### **Movie Night -**

- Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> is date.
- Katie will email out options to email vote on Movie choice.

### **Educator Appreciation -**

- April 8t. Lindsay will email out to get food donations and volunteers for the day.

### **Pro Grant Request -**

- Indigenous local to Hamilton can run a Dream Catcher program. Two date options: April 12 or 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30. Cost per head unknown.

- Chantal to follow up, as a Friday evening not 1<sup>st</sup> choice and the timing right at bus drop off/pick up might not be ideal for parents.

### **Book Swap -**

- Similar amount of money raised to last year. More books were taken.

- Note for next year – need to have a donation bin on baked goods as well as book tables. Baking items need to be more organized to allow take-home baggies or containers.

- Save books and put out for Open House night and then store rest for next year.

### **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity -**

- Next meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

### **Photographer Discussion -**

- Lindsay motions to keep Edge as current photographer. Donna 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour.

### **MacMillians -**

- 270 items sold

- \$2289.60 profit to school.

- Look at doing it more than one time next year. Will discuss 2024/2025 fundraisers in upcoming meetings.

### **Cobbs –**

- May 3-5

- Put out balloons with Millgrove banner

- Guarantee of \$1000

### **Lunch Days-**

- Booster juice going well. Sub orders are down. Pizza is consistent. Will keep these items for remainder of this year and then decide on what to offer for next year.

\*\* Idea for Open House night to put post it notes on gym walls with giant questions above: Other lunch ideas? Why do pizza days work so well for your family? Do you like Sub days? etc

### **Dates -**

- Open House/Book Fair / Optimist BBQ – May 7 from 5-7pm. Will have table at front for Council. Donna needs an extra set of hands in the Book Fair.

- Kinder Orientation – May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. Need a volunteer to speak with Laura on behalf of Council.

- Go For Green – May 30<sup>th</sup> with rain date of May 31<sup>st</sup>

- Jump Rope for Heart – May 24

- Gaga Pit install – April 8th

**Budget -**

- \$20,175 balance
  - \$12,500 to come out
  - \$3500 approx to carry forward for Dinner and Skate and maybe playground
  - \$4200 approx left. Pizza and Sub days until May 1<sup>st</sup> pending. Jungle Sport still to come out.
  - \$500 for grad and \$100 for agendas
  - Go For Green expenses – waiting for quote on sand.
  - Cobbs amounts and pizza to still come in.
- Access spending and carry over at next meeting.

**Next Meeting – April 9, 2024 – 6:30pm**

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