

December Parent Council Meeting
December 12, 2024

In Attendance:

Chantal Kemp
Donna Gerritsen
Wendy Teed
Janelle Beacom
Kelly Kachuik
Danielle Lerchner
Ena Roosimagi
Alison Mason
Tracy Walsh
Lindsay Dale
Heather Govender
Robert Regan
Mihaela Niculae
Steph Becker
Marissa Taylor

Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

Rob 1st

Lindsay 2nd

All in favour

Teacher Report

- ➔ Thank you for all of the hard work that went into Dinner and Skate! It was a wonderful day – Mrs. Mason
- ➔ Medieval Times is booked for May 22, 2025. 24x Grade 4s, 2x Educators and 8x Volunteers. We plan to take the GO Train like last year and we will be fundraising in the spring. – Mrs. Leach
- ➔ Gr. 5's are leading the Festival of Lights. They will be helping students in each class and leading rotation – Mr. Kimmerly
- ➔ Gr. 1-3 Maple Syrup trip to Westfield – March – More info to come. – Mrs. May
- ➔ Holiday excitement! The Gingerbread Man Story is taking over our classes! – Kindergarten.

*****Principal's Report is attached to these minutes as an addendum**

Updates and Events:

- Dinner and Skate was a big success. Faculty had some constructive feedback that is contained in the Principal's report and will be discussed later in the spring as the preparations for 2025 DNS ramp up.

- Chantal gave a small recap on the rural schools meeting, addressed additional funding this year and where those funds could be allocated (Last year we used funds to repaint the playground – we could use funds this year for play structure maintenance our possibly Sand / Fibar) – To Be discussed.
- Front hallway mural – the board needs more directives on what we want to do for the mural. Tracy is working with them to understand what they require from us. In short – we would want the kids involved and we might be able to approach Mr. Billyard to help lead the project. To be discussed further in the spring.
- Teacher Appreciation lunch is a go – Looking at February PA Day. Organizing in Jan.
- Jungle Sport is a go for next year – 1 week. Rob to look into how much the deposit will be this spring.
- Pro-Grant – have come back to Tracy with additional questions. She is updating them and will have more info hopefully at the Jan meeting.

Budget:

- \$4716.86 in accounts (December and Jan Booster Juice and Pizza Orders, and Purdy's not included in this total)
- Outstanding expenses to be deducted - \$485 (movie license), \$1200 (teacher spend), \$2000 (Dinner and Skate – Arena and misc expenses), \$200 (Cozy Day)

Fundraising:

- Purdy's was really popular - \$943.45 profit
- Additional food days: Lindsay to look into more details on Subway. Will run Subway in Feb / March and see how it goes. Might change it up in Apr/May/June with Boston Pizza or Garcias. Samosa's could be monthly, or bi-weekly as well.
- Cobb's – Moving back to pre-pandemic model and providing gift cards. We could run this in April
- Macmillan's was popular, could run in April or May as well.

Spending:

- Jungle Sport Deposit – how much and when? Rob to look into.
- Teacher requests – they have \$1200 allocation, and will start to spend in Jan. (a note that expendables / consumables like Kleenex, glue sticks, etc are always a welcome donation)
- Trip subsidy requests could include: Grade 5 Mac Trip, Medieval Times / Track and Field Bus / Maple Syrup trip – More details at the Jan / Feb Meetings.

Adjournment – Next Meeting – Jan 16, 2025 @ 6:15pm

Lindsay - motion to adjourn

Donna 2nd

Principal's Report -School Council Meeting
Thurs. Dec.12, 2024, 6:15pm, Millgrove Learning Commons

People

- Ms. Balazs in LTO EA role until end of June

School Annual Plan

- Collaborative Conversations to support student success with staff and families
- *MathUP* PD refresher/introduction to support connections with curriculum & high impact instructional practices
- Support groups for literacy and math continuing, Math Academy afterschool wrapping up

Plant/Facilities

- Brighter learning spaces: removal of exterior metal screening on windows (gr 4/5, staff room, office)
- Learning Commons Library books -completed please continue to check at home
- Power outage Dec 9th -hand wash stations, toilet maintenance by caretaking, water cooler for drinking

Health & Safety

- Lockdown practice held Dec. 9th -went really well
- Please make sure students have proper winter attire for colder weather- HWDSB will notify schools if we are staying inside due to temperature -some students hiding in bathroom stalls to avoid outdoors

Partnerships (Families & the Community)

- Holiday Community Food Drive & Tree of Warmth Dec. 2nd -13th – Flamborough food bank picking up food and tree of warmth items on morning Monday Dec. 16th (Grade 5 tallying totals for data management)
- Asking families to please pre-arrange end of day changes in routine prior to arrival at school with child(ren) -pickup vs bus, parental home change etc.- parent portal, student agenda, teacher email, school email * School calls to office prior to 2:30pm if possible to avoid confusion, missed messages
- Dinner & Skate Dec. 3rd -staff wonderings: last week before holidays December 2025?, Alternative candy cane delivery/safety concerns on bus, allergies at food table/seating arrangements closer to kitchen/labelled spot?, primary skate shorter timeframe?, choice of planned alternative activities for those not participating?, adult staff only for food serving?, guest of honor arrival and departure, fee for stu
- PRO grant application has been submitted and Board wants some clarification -Adult De-escalation techniques/self defense wknd seminar
- Mural for school -we need to submit details of ideas, content, supplies, to various departments for Board approval