

January School Council Meeting – via Microsoft Teams
January 21, 2024

In Attendance:

Donna Gerritsen
Robert Regan
Wendy Teed
Laura Zonta
Chantal Kemp
Lindsay Dale
Mihaela Iliescu
Katie Ego
Tracy Walsh
Alison Mason
Jennifer Woodfine
Heather Govender
Steph Becker
Ena Roosimagi
Kendra Marchand

Approval of Minutes from December Meeting

Rob 1st

Katie 2nd

All in favour

Teacher Report

- ➔ Mrs. Miller in the Learning Commons is looking for one more volunteer to help with shelving, etc.
- ➔ Greek Theatre Unit for the grade 5's, they are looking for mask making supplies, flat sheets, paper mache materials – Mr. Kimmerly
- ➔ Kinders are working on shapes and problem solving through STEM.
- ➔ Eco Club is ramping up the paper recycling with daily collections.
- ➔ Mrs. Mason is winterizing the DPA equipment, and the healthy action team has started up, there is about 22 student participating.

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

Updates and Events:

- ➔ Warmth and food drive had a great turnout, the grade 4's loaded up the food bank truck and they were very thankful.
- ➔ Movie Night – Not possible before PA Day in Feb, possible to look into dates for an outdoor movie night, but would still need a permit to access washrooms. Might not be feasible to do a movie night this year as the permit is more expensive than what the event makes.

- ➔ Book Swap: Dates need to be sorted out, but should be after school on a night with council, or open house, or kinder orientation. Open house not ideal because of the book fair, Kinder Orientation not ideal because we invite the public in. Date needs to be discussed further at Feb meeting. March 27th or April 24th are the best dates right now (Staff meeting and School Council meeting nights)
- ➔ May 6th is Open House
- ➔ May 15th is Kinder orientation
- ➔ Pro-Grant unsuccessful this round as the board felt it was a one-off event that didn't connect to teachings at the school.
- ➔ Front hallway mural – Laura is going to convene a small committee to talk about options and Tracy will find out some parameters from the board once we come up with an idea or 2.
- ➔ Go for Green (Spring) discussion punted to February meeting

Budget:

- \$9700 in account right now, not including the current round of fundraising on SCO.
- After Carry over items (Dinner and Skate, Playground) - \$6000
- Outstanding expenses to be deducted - \$1200 (teacher spend), \$2000 (Dinner and Skate – Arena and misc expenses), \$155 (Cozy Day)

Fundraising:

- Subway was popular this round, but we'll have to see how the next round goes to see if the ordering drops off.
- Would be good to do another samosa day or 2.
- Katie suggested a toonie bin for the food bank at our kinder orientation and open house.
- Will do MacMillans – April 10 Pickup – Donna to organize
- Steph Becker mentioned a winery fundraiser – would be good to maybe do in April / May.

Spending Votes:

- Jungle Sport Deposit - \$1000 – Lindsay – Motion, Laura – 2ND – All in Favour
- Kindie Makedo Kits / Waffle Tiles - \$560 – Lindsay – Motion, Ena – 2nd – All in Favour
- DPA and Classroom Enhancements - \$3600 – Laura – Motion, Lindsay – 2nd – All in Favour

Adjournment – Next Meeting – Feb 20, 2025 @ 6:15pm

Rob - motion to adjourn

Kendra - 2nd

Principal's Report -School Council Meeting

Thurs. Jan. 16th 2024, 6:15pm, Millgrove Learning Commons

**Rescheduled to Tues. Jan. 21st, 6:15pm, Virtual -MS Teams*

People

- Director of Education and Superintendent visited Millgrove classrooms on Dec. 18th
- Staff working on Term One report cards and IEPs
- Bell Let's Talk week Jan 20-24 -student leaders from Healthy Action Team (Mason/Dahmer) making daily announcements, student activities sharing healthy practices, self care ideas, mandala drawings

School Annual Plan

- Working on differentiating programming and activities to have multiple entry points and opportunities for all students to be successful
- *HWDSB strategic directions: Creating conditions for learning; identity affirming curriculum and teaching practices (recognising and honouring the various aspects of a person's identity); and responding to student need*
- *Millgrove: Increasing Well-being: Belonging, Connecting, Matter, Accountability/ownership of actions and choices*
- *Celebrate/Monitor/Improve reflection tool -school improvement reflection, goals, plans (improving literacy, numeracy, future preparedness, engagement, well-being)*

Plant/Facilities

- Gym -repairs to heating/cooling equipment
- White boards purchased for 2 classrooms, possibly 2 more to follow
- New winter outdoor activity equipment purchased and supplied to all classes -snow builders, soft utility balls, flying foam discs -thank you Ms. Mason for organizing
- Special Education tools and supports to be purchased for the classrooms -items to assist students in their learning environment, examples include: under desk pedals, bands, wiggle seat discs, weighted lap supports, timers, stools, writing grips, musical mats, sensory sand, noise cancelling headphones, desk dividers, sensory floor and wall tiles, tracing boards approx.. \$3575

Health & Safety

- Monthly inspections complete
- 1 of 2 Lockdown practices completed December
- Shelter in Place practice completed January

Partnerships (Families & the Community)

- March 20th Primary Trip (May, Frizell, Dahmer, Billyard) Westfield Heritage Village-Maple Syrup Program -cost currently \$19 per student
- Kindergarten Orientation Thursday May 15th 5-6pm for new JK families attending Millgrove
- Education week open house May 6th -optimist club, bookfair
- Reminder no treats for classes unless packaged to go home with students (Nutrition policy)
- Reminder if late, to drop children off at office, staff will accompany students to class/hallway
- Mr. Kimmerly would appreciate support with Grade 5 Yearbook -he will supply student photos, student quotes, cover art (student designs) and those interested in volunteering time would work together to create and publish etc. -student purchase