
Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Attendees

Rob, Chantal, Laura, Donna, Lindsay, Janelle, Danielle, Lara, Heather, Kat, Ena, Wendy, Ali, Kendra, Jennifer, Kathryn, Mihaela STAFF: Kyle Kimmerly (Teacher Rep) & Tracy Walsh (Principal)

Agenda Items

Welcome

- ★ Meeting called to order at 6:15pm
- ★ Approval of January 2025 meeting minutes: 1st - Lindsay, 2nd - Rob - All in favour

Principal/Teacher Reports

- ★ Principals Report (Please see attached)
 - ★ Event at McMaster costs \$56 + tx for 26 students
 - ★ Last year, parents paid \$30/student
 - ★ \$605 needed for Rocks and Rings week
 - ★ Message needs to be communicated again that **no nuts** in **ANY** treats, even if meant to send home with students
 - ★ Kimmerly:
 - March 25, Field Trip to Westfield with grade 4's
 - April 25, Field Trip to Art Gallery
 - June 13, Field Trip to Altitude/McMaster
 - Will do Carnival again
 - ★ Grade Four: Looking for donations of cardboard and boxes for the community they are building
 - ★ Di Toro/Coakwell: Thank You for the approval of our waffle day
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- ★ Bailey/Hayward: Thank You for blocks and make do kit
- ★ Lawson: Carnival will happen for the whole school some time in March
- ★ Dahmer:
 - March 20, Maple Syrup Field Trip to Westfield for grades 1-3
 - April 16, Farm to Gate Field Trip to Ancaster Fairgrounds for grades 2-4
- ★ Mason:
 - Rocks and Rings Curling during class March 3-6. Need to rent the equipment the next day after instruction. Cost is \$600 and requesting council to cover it
 - March 6, Big Crunch Healthy Action Team will host an event

Updates and Events

- ★ Book Swap
 - Several dates discussed, date chosen is May 15, same as Kinder Night
 - Normal set-up is in the gym at 1pm. Would run from 3:15-6:15 (will then hold council meeting at 6:30pm)
 - Heather has a list of names of the committee
- ★ Go For Green
 - Laura and Chantal are running it
 - Sara & Niki ??
 - Tentative date is May 30 and Rain Date May 29
 - Thought is to have more people on a permanent committee
 - Earth week is April 21
 - Chantal will reach out to landscapers to replace the boxwoods with something easy to maintain
 - Suggestion was a place in Strabane
- ★ Front Hallway
 - Laura and Chantal cleaned it up and moved certain things elsewhere
 - Want a mural done with School Mustangs logo and 'welcome'
 - Suggestion to use Word Cloud program and people can write what words come to mind for the school which can be posted

- Suggestion perhaps display in vinyl so can be easily changed
- ★ Teacher Appreciation Lunch
 - February 28
 - An email has gone around amongst volunteers for who will bring what and volunteer to set up/tear down
- ★ Yearbook Update
 - Template has been made which went home with report cards
 - \$10 per book and would need about 30 of them
 - Suggestion to do a Word Cloud to enter into yearbook as well
 - Mr Kimmerly will have a copy of the template in Power Point
- ★ Spring Community Drive
 - Easter Food Drive
 - Want to find out if a cash donation can be made through SchoolCash Online
 - Suggestion to have a 'Twoonie Bucket' drive

Budget Update

- ★ Balance of all Accounts \$12, 412 less \$1804 Jungle Sport/Movie License and \$310 (not sure for what) still needing to go through = **\$10, 298**
- ★ Subs Profit \$300, Pizza Profit \$1000
- ★ Outstanding Expenses (\$\$ set aside)
 - \$1000 for the Playground Improvements
 - \$560 Kindie \$\$
 - \$3600 Classroom items
 - \$1200 For Teachers
 - \$155 Cookie \$\$
 - \$1800 Dinner n Skate
- ★ **Approx \$1983 Left as Available**
- ★ Principal (Tracy Walsh) stated they are cracking down on amounts that can be carry forwarded post Aug 31 each year with the idea that the \$\$ raised by these students need to be spent on these students

- ★ Agreed to continue to run Subs day bi-weekly from April-June

Fundraising

- ★ M&M's:

- First day was Feb 19 and raised \$129
- Next days are March 6 & 16
- M&M's is willing to give us days until June
- Was agreed to continue

- ★ Cobs:

- A card with Coupon Value of \$75
- The card can be used once/month for a free loaf of regular bread
- Cobs suggests selling for \$30. \$5 cost to Cobs per card and \$25 profit for council

- ★ MacMillan's:

- Flyer to go home Feb 24 with paper order form
- Can order via the paper order form or online
- Deadlines to order March 14 for paper order form or March 18 online
- Product delivered to school April 10

- ★ Boston Pizza Shadow Night Event:

- Grade 4 & 5's Shadow a server (and serve) at Boston Pizza from 5pm-8pm
- 10% of sales (excluding alcohol) goes to council
- Thought was to sign up for a night the Leafs play for possible maximum proceeds
- Invite the rest of the school to come for dinner
- Available days are Mon-Thurs
- Funds take 1 month to receive from Boston Pizza
- Many nights suggested. Was decided on March 25 and April 2

Spending

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- ★ Laura motioned to spend \$605 on Rocks and Rings week, 2nd - Kate, All in Favour

General Discussion

- ★ Greenville is hosting a movie night on Fri, Feb 21 at 6:30pm and all invited
 - They are showing Wild Robot and will be selling concessions
 - Discussion started about teaming up with Greenville for movie nights to share the costs in the future
- ★ Heather asked about Earth Week, however nothing being planned yet

Adjournment

- ★ Rob motioned to Adjourn, 2nd - Lindsay, All in Favour

Next Meeting

- ★ **Thursday, March 27, 2025 - 6:15pm**

Principal's Report -School Council Meeting

Thurs. Feb. 20th 2024, 6:15pm, Millgrove Learning Commons

People

- Larry Smith (head caretaker) last day at Millgrove Fri. Feb. 21, 2025 -Best wishes in new role
- EA Conestoga College Student Sierra at Millgrove for her second placement until March
- Student teacher from Lakehead University joining Gr 4 Class March/April

School Annual Plan

- Feb. Staff meeting -improving staff and student well-being through Pathways to Care/We All Count Staff Survey. Also working with new Mental Health & Addiction Strategy to support mattering, connectedness and belonging -in school and Board system supports/resources *caring adults
- Upcoming Student Voice survey for all students to gather student feelings/opinions/ideas to discuss what can be improved and what is going great
- 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, Mattering, 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

- Snow clearing, Gaga Pit and Snow piles not accessible during NB for student safety
- Hallway cleanup -creating uniformity and specific areas around the school (e.g., eco club/GFG/Board Policies/Be You, Be Excellent Plaques/School History/Student & Staff activities
- Special Education tools and supports have been 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

Health & Safety

- Monthly inspections complete
- Families asked to support discussions around positive problem solving -saying what you need or don't need, getting an adult for support, avoid hands-on approaches to incidents

Partnerships (Families & the Community)

- March 3-6th Rings & Rocks -curling equipment/lessons in PE classes for the week
- March 6th Big Crunch supporting Healthy Eating/Nutrition
- Fundraising opportunities to support Gr 4 & 5 Trips -Boston Pizza nights etc.
- March 20th Primary Trip (May, Frizell, Dahmer, Billyard) Westfield Heritage Village-Maple Syrup
- 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) *Peanut free items only