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# Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2025

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## Attendees

*Chantal, Rob, Laura, Donna, Lara, Heather, Ena, Kendra, Janelle, Wendy, Kat, Jennifer, Mihaela*  
*STAFF: Alison Mason (Teacher Rep) & Tracy Walsh (Principal)*

## Agenda Items

### Welcome

- ★ Meeting called to order at 6:15pm

### Principal/Teacher Reports

- ★ Principals Report (Please see attached)
  - ★ Ms Mueller: Book Fair was a success and we were able to get some books donated for the Library. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped out
  - ★ Mr Kimmerly:
    - Grade 5 celebration at 1:45pm on June 24, in the gym
    - Trip to Altitude coming up and thank you for the funds!
  - ★ Ms Leach:
    - Medieval Times trip is next week, May 22nd
    - Thank you for the Boston Pizza Fundraiser!
    - Reminder that students meet at Aldershot Go Station @ 8:45am NOT at the school and please spread the word
    - This info is on the school trip form, due May 15
  - ★ Kindy trip to Imaginasium is next week. We are loving woodworking and they are being very safe with the materials
  - ★ Track & Field starts soon .... Info to come! Forms for grades 3-5 will go home soon.
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- ★ In French, we are learning all about food. The gr 4's are creating food trucks and the gr 5's are making restaurants.
- ★ The Jump Rope for Heart event is tomorrow, May 16. The students have been learning new skipping skills and tricks. Thank you to those who have donated to Heart and Stroke, \$385 raised so far.

## Updates and Events

- ★ Go For Green
  - T Walsh started a discussion around if tree climbing and trampling of plants (under the tree mostly) should be permitted.
    - i. Was decided school rules in school time (until about 3:20pm) which is no climbing trees at school
    - ii. As for trampling plants, they are bulbs and will come back following year, plus more can be planted
  - Number of volunteers is needed in order to plan for the food purchase
- ★ Front Hallway
  - It has been approved by the Board
  - However, don't know the date yet and it might not be until the summer
- ★ Suggestions from Open House
  - \*\* Chantal will email this info to all at a later date
- ★ Yearbook
  - Input from Mr. K was received and Jen will input the info into a template
  - Hoping to be at the printer the first week of June
  - Hoping to use Schoolcash online to have students/parents pay
  - Need 30 Yearbooks
  - More info to come
- ★ Grade 5 school swap with Greenville is June 9
- ★ Playday is June 20. Will have the Ice Cream truck (with dairy free / vegan option)
- ★ Constitution Review & amendments: Chantal to send via email prior to the June meeting so a vote can occur at the June meeting

- ★ Election Process review for 2025/2026 Council: Chantal to send via email prior to the June meeting so a vote can occur at the June meeting

## Budget Update

- ★ Still have May & June M&M's to come, as well as June Subs & Booster Juice
- ★ Currently have \$9670 in the accounts
  - Less \$1500 Dinner & Skate carry forward
  - Less \$1000 Playground carry forward
  - Less \$4500 for the mural
  - Less \$500 Go 4 Green
  - Less approx \$200 for teacher spending
  - Less approx \$750 for Ice Cream truck for playday
  - Less approx \$100 for Agendas
  - Less approx \$50 for Yearbooks
- ★ **Leaves about \$1000 left for spending (plus M&M's, Subs & Booster Juice)**
- ★ Things we still want to buy are a permanent outdoor classroom and fix outdoor kinder play area
- ★ Anything that costs over \$1K must be purchased by May 23
- ★ Heather said "TD Friends of the Environment" will help fund something like the outdoor learning classroom. Would need to apply for approval.

## Fundraising

- ★ Permission for the previously proposed Cider/Wine fundraiser was denied
- ★ The Book/Puzzle Swap raised \$136
  - Suggestion for future years is to call it something else other than a 'swap' since we still want people to come take books for a donation but they don't need to have anything to swap
  - Would like the new name to reflect something to do with eco
- ★ Suggestion that next year we alternate Subs & Booster Juice on Wednesday's for simplicity

## Spending

- ★ Laura motioned to spend \$1000 on outdoor play equipment, 2nd - Mihaela, All in Favour (NOTE: this may be split into \$800 outdoor play and \$200 for the Track & Field Bus, if \$\$ is needed for the bus, which is currently unknown)
- ★ Jen motioned to spend \$150 on Yearbook, 2nd - Kat, All in Favour
- ★ Mihaela motioned to spend \$100 on agendas, 2nd - Ena, All in Favour

## General Discussion

- ★ Ideas for more arts related activities organized by the school
  - Dance, choir, Little Jammers, Plays/Drama Club
  - Would need volunteers to run some of these things

## Adjournment

- ★ Kat motioned to Adjourn, 2nd - Mihaela, All in Favour

## Next Meeting

- ★ Thursday, June 19, 2025 - 6:15pm

## **Principal's Report -School Council Meeting**

Thurs. May 15, 2024, 6:15pm, Millgrove Learning Commons

### **People**

- LTO posted for DECE role, Ms. Coakwell is off until further notice
- Posting for a .5 permanent vacancy (Jr. Core French, Prep coverage) went to 2<sup>nd</sup> round with no applicants, next step -internal placements.

### **School Annual Plan**

- May Staff meeting: Reading Assessments and Interventions with Meredith McCutcheon -k-12 Spec. Ed consultant, Program Review, Staff Survey to gather feedback on HWDSB alignment practices of MYSP and various strategies and processes.
- *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**

### **Health & Safety**

- All inspections up to date, Lockdown and Firedrills to practice for Spring upcoming
- Reminder no equipment from home for outdoor play

### **Partnerships (Families & the Community)**

- Successful Spring Open House 5-630pm -Optimist BBQ, Scholastic Bookfair- great to see everyone!
- May 15<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm Kindergarten Orientation (LC/Classrooms), Book Swap (Gym)
- May 30<sup>th</sup> GFG

### **School Requests:**

- Subsidize portion of Gr. 3/4/5 Track & Field Bus (June 19<sup>th</sup>) -share with Greenville-yes
- Playday: ice cream truck?