

September School Council Meeting – Millgrove Elementary

September 25, 2025

Chantal Kemp	Lindsay Dale	Marissa Taylor	Kathryn Stenhouse
Ali Passov	Danielle Lerchner	Ena Roosimagi	Heather Govender
Wendy Teed	Akin Akinboyewa	Derrick Pollington	Kendra Marchand
Kelly Kachuik	Steph Becker	Alison Mason	Tracy Walsh

Regrets: Kat Putoczki, Allyson Attridge & Danielle Lefrance

Approval of Minutes from June 2025 meeting

Lindsay – 1st

Heather – 2nd

All in Favour

Introduction and round table

Announced Executive Council

Chantal Kemp	Chair
Lindsay Dale	Vice-Chair
Ena Roosimagi	Treasurer
Derrick Pollington	Communications
Wendy Teed	Community Member
Alison Mason	Teacher Representative

****Teacher and Principal Reports are attached to these minutes as an addendum****

Housekeeping:

- Reviewed that all members will need to attend one of the first two meetings to be a voting member.
- Reviewed 6 council meeting dates, and confirmed start time will be 6:15pm
- Quick glance of new constitution, which was shared by email
- Reviewed that Facebook is parent run, and to support with reminders and information sharing, it is not to be used to resolve issues pertaining to students/staff
- Anyone interested in supporting with its upkeep is more than welcome, please message Chantal if you are interested.

Volunteer Review

- In order to take part as a volunteer on trips, school events like Halloween and Dinner & Skate, and Food Days parents must have their VSC completed and submitted to Tara Gunn

- <https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/how-to/get-background-check> if you need to complete the process. There is a cost, and it can take several weeks. Volunteers are critical to the success of our events, so if you haven't already and are interested, please complete ASAP.

Additional Items Discussed

- Fundraising plan to be finalized by the end of October
- Terry Fox Run – Finish It – video on You Tube was shared with classes
- Halloween Dance-A-Thon, new rules:
 - No candy given out during dance or parade
 - Tone down the scary decorations
 - No raffle/lucky dip as we would need a license
 - If we did a raffle, everyone would need to be given the same number of tickets/opportunities to win
 - *By way of vote, all agreed to no prizes, and just doing class prizes*
 - Prizes for classes who raised the most – ideas – pizza party, ice cream, and scholastic \$ for books for class
- Reviewed listing of council members wanting to take part in the Halloween Event
- Dinner and skate – subcommittee to be determined soon, new proposed date Thursday December 18th
- Staff would all like to prioritize Outdoor Learning space

Spend Requests

Request	1 st	2 nd
\$240 for Cross Country subsidy for buses	Kendra Marchand	Kelly Kachuik
\$1,000 for Altitude in October for grade 4,5 students	Lindsay Dale	Kendra Marchand

- Orange Shirt Day – September 20th
- Rural Funding information coming soon
- \$985 earned in scholastic \$, high volume of sales at Book Fair
 - Review if another POS can be brought in
 - Review if Book Fair can open earlier to support with reducing long lines
- Motion to Adjourn – Lindsay Dale, 2nd Ena Roosimagi
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Principal's Report -School Council Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 25, 2024, 6:15pm, Millgrove Learning Commons

People

- Welcome to .5 core French/prep teacher Vanessa Lowe, and Jessie Heslop LTO grade 3/4
- New Reading Specialist Heather Maas supporting Millgrove (*K-2 Acadience, Grade 3, 4 Know Your Code Literacy Program, Grade 5 Know your Words Literacy Program*)

School Annual Plan

- Sept. Staff & PD meetings: PA Day 150 mins Ministry-directed Learning/150 mins Safety Compliance Review HWDSB Multi-year Strategic Plan, Upholding Human Rights, Safety/Well-being, Creating Classroom Community, Reinforcing Indigenous Educational Wellness & Reconciliation, CIR framework, Pillars of the Palisade, Responding to Bias, Prejudice & Hate protocol, Re-imagining Wellness (top 5)
- *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

- Caretaking did an amazing job over the summer to prepare for our school start up
- New flooring in room 111, 108

Health & Safety

- Sept. inspection complete, 2 Fall fire drills complete, 1st lockdown practice drill: Wed. October 1st
- Reminder no equipment/toys from home for outdoor play

Partnerships (Families & the Community)

- A big thank you to School Council exec and members for supporting all students and staff at Millgrove! Looking forward to partnering for the 2025/26 school year 😊

School Council - Teacher Report

Month: September 2025

Mrs. Bailey & Mrs. Peterson	✓	Ms. Heslop	✓
Mrs. Di Toro & Mrs. Cookwell	✓	Mrs. Leach	✓
Mrs. Frizell	✓	Mr. Kimmerly	✓
Mrs. May	✓	Mrs. Mason	✓
Mrs. Dahmer	✓	Mrs. Lawson	✓
Ms. Lowe	✓	Ms. Mueller	✓

Celebrations/Event/Need to Know at Millgrove

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Cross Country Bus $\$452 - \$240 = \$16$ for 35 studentsTrack + Field Bus $\$485 - \$106 = \$389$ for 35 students $\$11$ McMaster, Gr 4+5 \rightarrow currently $\$59$ per student, we'd love to get the price down as much as possible \rightarrow (\$1000 too crazy?)Trip to plan for in the Spring - Medieval Times for Grade 4/5 \rightarrow \$10 - \$20 per student subsidy?

Gr. 3/4 Heslop Looking into doing 6 sessions in Hamilton Art Gallery. They come in and supply all materials

The board chooses around 5 schools to give for free. \rightarrow \$45-55 per student to participate. Would we be able to get this cost down to do the program?

*approx. down to \$20 per student

Kim, Heslop Great start to the year! Showing lots of leadership and dedication to learning!

Kindergarten: We would be very appreciative

* Apr. 22 - Dahmer/Heslop student to subsidize the Crawford Lake end spring trip

$$25 \times 10 = 250 \quad 2 \times \$480$$

$$28 \times 10 = 280$$

March 29 Dahmer/May - Conservation trip (part of bus) \$200?

+ 100 Salvo on up.

day off "to"

* Outdoor Learning → Teamming up w/
Outdoor Ed. Lead to plan lessons / model
consultant
lessons and create outdoor learning
environment ⇒ hoping to replace stumps
(unsafe/ falling apart) with boulders

Phys. Ed / Extra curricular

- Cross Country Meet - October 8th

Terry Fox - tomorrow \$150 online
\$985 - T-shirt

Finish It. 45th Anniversary

3 weeks in, getting to know everyone
and expectation.

Great night on Tuesday meeting so
many families