

## Millgrove Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

November 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Attendance

Chantal Kemp	Lindsay Dale	Ena Rossimagi	Danielle Lerchner
Danielle France	Kourtney Regan	Heather Govender	Kat Putoczki
Kathryn Stenhouse	Kelly Kachuik	Ally Attridge	Wendy Teed
Tracy Walsh	Kyle Kimmerly	Steph Becker	

Approval of October Minutes- 1<sup>st</sup> Lindsay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly; All in favour.

### Introduction and Round Table

#### Principal Report

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### Event Re-Cap:

- Halloween was a great success for the kids. They were well regulated and on awesome behavior. However fund raised were down from our usual average of \$4500 (\$1645 raised). It is still enough to cover Jungle sport. Winning class TBD by Mrs. Gunn, will plan for the ice cream party in January.
- Remembrance Day went very well. The kids were respectful and understood the seriousness.
- GFG: Will seek out more funds from Rural schools (~\$1000-1500) for a really big Spring GFG. Will try to tie in with the outdoor learning space.

### Upcoming Events:

- *Dinner & Skate*: working with the board to get the forms out asap. They are with Risk management now. Confirmed it will be Dec 18<sup>th</sup> with prep on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Will need new décor for a winter theme. Will have children help make decorations. Instead of Santa, Donna Gerritsen will come as Buddy the Elf.
- *Winter Sing-a-long*: Will be Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 or 2:25pm TBD. Parents are welcome to join but kid will sit with their class. Dance team will debut a routine. There will be a projector with lyrics to follow along. Will tie in with a cozy day where the kids get hot chocolate and cookies in the morning.
- *Movie Night in January*: Cannot come out of council funds therefore we would need donations to start up. Tracy is working with the board to allow food/permit. We would need a care taker. Wendy offered to help and if you'd like to be involved, reach out to Chantal.

### Other Business:

- *Pro Grant*: submitted; decision mid-December.

- *Food/Winter Clothing Drive:* Will run Dec 1-12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a poster and communication on facebook/messenger. Mention of doing a possible meter to show the amount collected.
- *Allan A. Greenleaf challenge:* other local schools were challenged to adopt a “sister school” since us and others around us are very successful with fundraising. Ideas proposed were a backpack drive, food day support, or volunteer chaperons for trips they wouldn’t be able to go on without this support. Would like to get our students involved somehow. Will discuss more in February. .90 M
- *Little Jammers:* still waiting to hear back.
- *Food Days:* Discussed the frequency of food days and if we want to change Subway to weekly. Also proposed East Side Mario’s as a monthly option. Cost would be \$7.89 (charge \$10) per kid and \$10.99 (charge \$13) for teachers. Options include pasta with sauce (alfredo, tomato or butter and cheese), a juice box and gummy treat for kids. Teacher options are pasta (all kid sauces plus Bolognese) and can add a salad and garlic bread. Would need 2 parent volunteers. Also discussed Samosa’s as an option. Will run a Facebook pool to gather parent feedback. Discusses teacher concerns about the amount of sad kids on food days when their parents don’t participate. Looking at ways to disseminate information about available cost help to parents.

**Budget**

- Halloween funds will just cover jungle sport.

**Fundraising**

- *M&M:* will be a group day with other organizations and the total raise will be split equally
- *Purdy’s:* ongoing
- Discussed ideas for other passive fundraising in the new year. Cobb’s cards will be discussed at the February meeting. Flower fundraiser proposed.

**Spending Requests**

Request	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
\$1210 for Jungle Sport	Lindsay	Katherine
\$485.90 Movie License renewal	Ena	Kelly

Motion to Adjourn Lindsay , 2<sup>nd</sup> Steph

## Appendix A

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

Thurs. Nov. 20, 2025, 6:15pm, Millgrove Learning Commons

#### **People**

- Welcome to Emma Comber who started Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> in the permanent .5 core French and prep role

#### **School Annual Plan**

- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> parent teacher interviews, progress reports home Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>
- Partnering with BRAVE Education to Millgrove on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> K-2/3 Healthy Boundaries, 3/4-5 Emotional Regulation. Each class has a 45-60 min workshop with BRAVE instructors and classroom teacher.
- Continuing Well-being and Positive Culture work with students and families -respect for staff and peers and self, kindness, accountability, positive problem-solving, being our best selves and being safe in the school environment, not everything is a competition, we are stronger as a team
- Various Educators have been attending Professional Development sessions: Outdoor Learning, Math for Grade 3, Indigenous Education, Know your Word/Code Literacy programs, First Aid, and NTIP/new teacher mentoring
- *HWDSB strategic directions: Creating conditions for learning; identity affirming curriculum and teaching practices (recognizing 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**

- A reminder that between the hours of school or aftercare 7:30am and 5:30pm no dogs (especially off leash) or motorized ATV etc. should be on the school grounds

#### **Health & Safety**

- all 3 Fall fire drills now complete

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

- Applied and received Fall Enhancement Grant from Foundation for Success for MakerSpace child safe tools and equipment (\$1000) 😊
- Applied and received Student Nutrition Funding (\$1000) student snacks

- Submitted PRO grant application for BRAVE education workshops -healthy boundaries, emotional regulation -student workshops and parent engagement opportunity (\$1000) decisions made in mid December
- Thank you to Waterdown Rotary Club AM -Drummond Farms for providing apples to support nutrition
- Please ensure end of day pickup or bus changes are noted in agenda for staff to plan accordingly, phone calls and/or emails throughout the day may be missed -trying to avoid confusion and dismissal mistakes at end of day

Next meeting: Feb. 19, 2026 @ 615pm

## Appendix B

- Will do an e-vote for Art Gallery trip once cost is confirmed.
- Dance Team has started with grades 3-5 currently but will expand k-5.
- Mr. K and Mrs. Leach have started a Drama club
- Mrs. Lawson has started a robotics club which is grade 3-5 currently but will expand.
- Thanks to Mrs. Mason for running Gaga/Soccer during nutrition breaks.

School Council - Teacher Report Month: November 2025

Mrs. Bailey & Mrs. Peterson FDK		Ms. Heslop - 3/4	✓
Mrs. Di Toro & Mrs. Coakwell FDK	✓	Mrs. Leach - 4/5	✓
Mrs. Frizell - 1	✓	Mr. Kimmerly - 4/5	✓
Mrs. May - 2	✓	Mrs. Mason - PHE	✓
Mrs. Dahmer - 2/3	✓	Mrs. Lawson - LRT	
Ms. Comber - French	✓	Ms. Mueller - Music	

Celebrations/Event/Need to Know at Millgrove  
 can start anytime - Jan?

Art Gallery - 2-3/4 - visual art + Gr. 1  
 is in person - 4-5 - rap/poetry  
 workshops - funding? (approx \$45 person)  
 x3 - all supplies provided

Value:  
 approx 3 workshops  
 and visit  
 to art gallery  
 = \$11.25  
 approx

Dance Team has begun! Lots of interest! We are learning  
 small steps to begin and going to put them into a routine! - Ms. Heslop

Makerspace - currently for Grade 1, but  
 will rotate through the  
 grades.  
 If anyone has any: washers  
 • nuts + bolts  
 • lids

Thank you!  
 Christa (please email me  
 if you have any  
 of these items)

Spirit Wear orders have been submitted.  
 Hopefully the order comes back the  
 beginning of December. Sales are down  
 from last year. The sweatpants and shorts  
 were quite popular.

Festival of Lights - 1-5, 5 leaders, each  
 class rotates

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French:  
 - getting to know all of the students  
 and began a fun unit on  
 house and town vocabulary  
 - seeing lots of engaged and  
 joyful students