

Millgrove Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

October 16th 2025

Attendance

Chantal Kemp	Lindsay Dale	Ena Rossimagi	Danielle Lerchner
Danielle France	Drew Putoczki	Heather Govender	Kendra Marchand
Tracy Walsh	Alison Mason	Steph Becker	

Approval of September Minutes- 1st Heather, 2nd Danielle L; All in favour.

Introduction and Round Table

- Derek P resigned as Communications. Steph Becker voted in as new Communications. All in favour.
- Council Kickoff- By-law committee Simon and another principal are creating by-law templates for Councils to choose and customize for our specific needs. It will include all requirements and will replace the constitution. Plan to adopt for 2026-2027.
- Hamilton Foundation for Student Success- provides grant writing support and works with both public and private grants and will align with HWDSB requirements. Potential support for the TD outdoor grant.
- Funding for Rural Schools \$3068, which is down ~\$200 but will still cover yard maintenance. There is more in the kitty to be accessed for things like outdoor learning.

Principal Report

- Mme. Lowe has left to fill a full time immersion position needed elsewhere. We are currently interviewing for a new hire. Will have to continue with supplies until an applicant who has French is found. So far applicants reviewed have not had any French.
- PD day staff be looking at literacy & numeracy, reviewing previous report card data and planning for areas of need.
- Use of the Gaga Pitt will be on pause during nutritional breaks due to high peer conflict. Will be used in Phys Ed and with class teachers. Soccer will continue as is unless problems increase.
- Lockdown drill completed with no issues along with 2 fire drills this year.
- Reminder no home toys.
- Tracy has submitted application for Fall Enhancement Group grant (\$1000). Would like to purchase more kid safe cardboard tools (approx. \$1200).
- BRAVE workshop. Hoping for PROgrant approval. Cost is \$1500 plus \$150+tax per class per return visit. PROgrant (if approved) will provide \$1000, \$1000 from council funds. If PROgrant is approved will need to run Parent workshop (\$600 for 1 hour), tentatively an add-on to May open house curriculum. The kids would start in November.
- PROgrant is due Nov 21st- council agreed to go ahead and book ahead of application submission.
- Thank you to the Waterdown Rotary AM club for providing apples in the office.
- Reminder for parents to write bus/pickup arrangements in the agenda versus calling in.

Teacher's Report

- Mr. Kimmerly: Will be doing Thriller at the costume parade. Is asking for help with painting pumpkins. Council will provide paint, pumpkins and volunteers (~6). Date TBD. Paint donations much appreciated, must be acrylic.
- Altitude trip on the 27th is still pending approval from the board.
- Kindies are going to Mountsberg next week.
- Mrs. Heslop: did not received the funding for the art program. Is wondering if there are council funds to help reduce the cost of \$50/student. Will discuss at the November meeting.
- Taking advantage of the nice weather and have been outside for Phys Ed as much as possible. Blue Jay fever! Playing baseball with grade 3-5. Introduced more games kids can play outside such as four square, funnel ball, switch and kick ball.
- Spirit wear processes has begun. Taking away some of the less popular items, will be adding shorts. Stay tuned!
- Discussion regarding French support for students interim. Could there be an option for parent-led support? Tracy will look into options. Would need a teacher to be present but not on class time.

Event Updates

- Movie night at Greensville Oct 17th
- Diwali-on Oct 20th but will need to celebrate later due to weather and short planning. Likely samosas and Rangoli. Info sheet to be sent home. Heather to touch base with Chantal.
- Halloween Dance –a-thon: all decorations need to beat the school on the 30th. We have the gym as of 1:05pm.
- Fall Go For Green: will be more of a clean-up focus ie. “Put the yard to sleep” Kindies can harvest and plant new garlic.
- Remembrance Day: TBA
- Dinner & Skate: stay tuned for subcommittee meeting. Awaiting date confirmation from the rink for Dec 18th. Will need better identifiers for allergies this year.
- Food/Winter clothes drive will be discussed at November meeting.
- Discussed Taste Buds program for accessible healthy snacks for all kids: will revisit after looking at the needs assessment. Would need to be run by council volunteers and likely only shelf stable options as the requirements for perishable are substantial.

Budget

- We have \$1551 from Booster Juice/Subs currently and will have approximately \$900-1000 from Pizza. Buses and BRAVE still need to be invoiced but we currently have about \$2000 in the account.

Fundraising

- M&M: to continue we will need to ramp up the hype as min sale goal is \$100 and we average \$78.
- Boston Pizza: looking at it for spring.
- Purdy's: will run before Christmas Break starting Nov 12th – Nov 25th for a Dec 8-15th delivery window.
- Remainder of fundraising deferred to November meeting.

Spending Requests

Request	1 st	2 nd
\$150 for pumpkins and painting supplies	Lindsay	Ena
for Samosas	Ena	Danielle

- iPad's are in good shape no current tech needs.
- Little Jammers again Nov-Mar- Ukuleles.

Motion to Adjourn Lindsay Dale , 2nd Ena