**Mount Albion Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

October 27, 2016, 6:30 pm – 8:00pm

**Attendees:** Kelly Ames (KA), Stephanie Blanchard (SB), Judy Davidson (JD), Cindy Goebel (CG), Judy Haskell (JH), Jasvir Kaur (JK), Victoria Llewllin (VL), Raji Mundi (RM), Annie Zoozan (AZ) Carol MacKenzie (CM - Principal)

**Regrets:** Kirsteen Cannell (KC), Amber Mayne (AM)

**Call to Order & Introductions**

**Minutes:** Minutes from September, 2016 were reviewed and approved by School Council

**School Council Executive Nominations:**

* Amber Mayne, Co-Chair for 2016/2017 year, resigned
* Kelly Ames was nominated and voted in as Co-Chair

**ACTION** 🡪 SB to inform School Administrator Lily Quinn of new Co-Chair.

**Treasurers Report:** Due to Lily Quinn being out of office on the day of report request, a detailed treasurers report was not available.

**Teachers Report:**

* Sports: **Junior Swim Team** will occur during November for Grades 3-5. Cross country event was very successful – approximately 60 students participated.
* Initiatives: MA will be having a movie day in December, for the movie Sing! All grades will be attending (and fits in with the curriculum). Cost is $7.00 for the movie, and extra for food. Volunteers welcome – valid police check required. The Grade 4s went on a ‘Knights of Valour’ trip which is in line with their Social studies curriculum about the Medieval times. Spirit day (dress as your national heritage) is November 11th. . Rememberance day ceremony is being spearheaded by Mrs. Davidsons class, and parents are welcome to attend. Poinsettia fundraiser runs until November 17th, pick up on December 1st. Mini Girls group starting to help younger girls with social skills development. Hallowe’en dance for Grades 6-8, cost 2$-4$. Kindergarten costume parade in the morning, primary costume parade in the afternoon.

**Principal Repor**t: Of note:

* Reorganization: New classes have come together and settled. School population is 356, and new students starting soon. October 5th is when all staffing changes were complete
* South Field Update: there is now a tender for June 2017, and will take most of the summer. Currently drafting a letter to be sent to the community, available November 2016.
* Report Cards: Progress reports will be sent home November 2nd, and parent - teacher interviews (not FDK), will occur on the Thursday or Friday.
* New Volunteer Policy Directive: If your vulnerable sector police check is less than 3 years old parent volunteers are required to sign an annual offence declaration. If the police check is older than 3 years, a new police check is required.
* Teacher Learning: Some of the primary teachers, readinging intervention teacher, have had some professional development with a speech language pathologist to help monitor and assess developmental milestones in reading. Teachers are also getting PD in math, called Number Talks, which will help students develop mental math strategies.

**Community Report:**  Not available at this meeting

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

* *Yearly Planning of Fundraiser Dates / Initiatives :* it was decided to do a modest amount of fundraising, with approx. 1-3 movie nights, 2-3 Turtle Jacks Family Nights, 1-3 Sub days
* *Turtle Jacks Night:* Turtle Jacks night was a great success. Many families, friends, and staff went and many families went around visiting each other. Turtle Jacks General Manager was so pleased with our school spirit, he donated 10% of the entire days sales to Mount Albion, instead of the determined “Mount Albion supporters” meals. The total raised was $600.00. School Council voted to continue to host Turtle Jacks nights as it was such as success.
* *Movie Night(s):* It was decided to show Secret Life of Pets on December 1, 2016 – to tie in with Poinsettia flower pick up day, if we were able to acquire an advanced screening. School Council will discuss over email logistics on how to execute the movie night.
* *Sub Days:* It was decided that perhaps 1-3 sub days could take place if someone was able to deliver them.
* *How to use the Funds:* It was decided to have teaching staff provide their input on where the School Council funds should be spent. These suggestions will be reviewed at the next School Council Meeting

*ACTION 🡪 Judy Davidson to ask teaching staff to provide their ‘wish list’ of where the funds should be spent*

* *Parent Survey:* The parent survey will be re-drafted to be shorter, anonymous, and to assess what would make the families more engaged (either by attending events or helping run events).
* *Clothing Update:* Billing issues still being resolved. Will know the total funds raised, once this is rectified.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment**