**Mount Albion Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2017, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Attendees:** Kelly Ames (KA), Stephanie Blanchard (SB), Judy Davidson (JD), Andrea Daw (AD), Cindy Goebel (CG), Judy Haskell (JH), Victoria Llewllin (VL), Amber Mayne (AM), Raji Mundi (RM), Angela Giardino (AG - Principal)

**Regrets:** N/A

**Call to Order / Introductions**

**Review of Previous Minutes**: Minutes from March 30, 2017 were reviewed and approved

**Call for Agenda Items:** None

**Treasurers Report:** School Council account has a balance of $ 2433.30. No deposits have been made in the past month. This total does not reflect the fee for service for Total FX fitness which has not yet been deducted.

**Principals Report (Of Note):**

* EQAO: EQAO testing will commence soon (May 23 – June 2) and will require a timetable change for those students writing the test. The testing will take place in the morning and middle blocks of the school day.
* Staffing 2017/2018 School Year: Staffing assignments have been provided, and are awaiting the staff members to accept the positions (therefore it will not be communicated until completely finalized)
* Renovation: AG is currently choosing materials for the bathroom renovation. The boys washroom will have new flooring but the girls washroom will not. The hallways and the doors will be repainted as well.

**Teachers Report (Of Note):**

* Sports: **Volleyball Intermural** – Just finished. Very well received and a great time was had by all; **Swim Meet –** Senior swim meet will take place on May 5th at McMaster Pool; **Water Polo -** will take place on May 18th
* Trips/Activities: **Zacada Circus School** – For grades 3-7 on April 27; **Mall trip** – Grade 6/7, 7/8 students will go on a Scavenger hunt in French on April 28; **Star Wars Day** – May 2, **Mount Albion Open House** – May 4th (still hoping to have additional contributions to baskets for auction). Food trucks have been confirmed; **Backwards day** – May 12; **Jump Rope for Heart** – May 18 in the school parking lot; **Wonderland Music Festival** – May 18; **Talent show** - Takes place on June 8th, tryouts will begin shortly; **Yearbook** – Grade 7s are currently working on the Yearbook (will be sold for 18$ for soft cover, 29$ for hardcover)
* Academic: **EQAO** testing will commence May 23 – June 2 for grades 3 and 6; **Kindergarten Information Day** – June 8th (it was suggested that School Council have a presence there that day to help ‘recruit’ new members)

**Community Report (Of note):**

* 10 additional students have been registered for next year for before/aftercare, and now considered at capacity for 2 rooms
* A third room will be designated (FDK A – Carne), and additional staffing will be obtained
* A new staff member has been hired and will start on Monday May 1st to replace one of the kindergarten care providers
* Due to the construction which will take place over the summer, the summer camp has relocated this year to Billy Green School.

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

* *Uniforms:*  a sample of the school shirts was provided (quick dry material). JD is currently in cost negotiations with the company. It is hoped that a final price will be settled within the week so that the school shirts might be available for Band Fest (May 18).

**ACTION** 🡪 JD to order school shirts once cost has been finalized.

* *Open House:* It was decided to modify the poster to add that book donations would be accepted before the Open House (this will ensure we have some ‘product’ available right away for people that would like to take a book). AM provided a listing of all school council raffle baskets with initial bid prices. School Council raffle baskets will be placed with the other school baskets and not placed separately, but the book exchange will be placed in Room 10. SB indicated that an additional donation of Givenchy products would be available for Open House. There are currently one food truck confirmed (Crazy Cravings), and two additional trucks are in contract finalization (Dirty South and Papa Greek). All prizes will have to be paid for at the end of the night. School council divided tasks and set up (set up approx. 4:30 pm)
* *Thank you Letters:* It was decided to send a thank you letter to Turtle Jacks and Tim Hortons for the generous donations to the school

**ACTION** 🡪 SB to draft letters and send to AG. AG to provide metrics of how many students were able to go to the movies with the Warm Wishes funds.

* *Indigo Fundraising:* It was noted that Indigo has a fundraising campaign wherein the school is allocated a day and timeframe. The school will be provided either 15% of sales back in a cheque or 20% in Indigo gift cards. Indigo suggests that the school send the students to perform something (eg: band, choir, drama) to help generate higher attendance and interest from shoppers.

**New Business**

* **ProGrant:** The ProGrant submission is approaching soon and suggestions for activities were discussed. Possible activities discussed were:

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| * Fitness Nights | * Mad Science | * Bucket Drumming |
| * Karate | * Dancing | * Bangar Dancing |
| * Internet Safety |  |  |

Internet Safety was of particular interest, and Aaron Pulley was suggested as someone to contact for the presentation. Possible presentation to the school population during the day, and parents in the evening.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

* The next meeting will be a potluck
* Will long term plan activities for 2017 / 2018 year

**Adjournment**