

Mount Albion Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Jan 17, 2019, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Attendees: Judy Davidson (JD), Andrea Daw (AD), Kirsteen Cannell (KC) Victoria Llewellyn (VL), Amber Mayne (AM), Raji Mundi (RM), Amanda Gallagher (AG), Julie Young (JY), Stacey Cameron (SC), Robert Ellis (BE), Stephanie Blanchard (SB), Angela Giardino (AG - Principal), Christine Nicolaides (CN) and Cam Galindo (CG)

Call To Order/Introductions:

Guest Speakers:

- Cam Galindo
 - Trustee, Wards 9&10
 - Involved with the politics and policies within the Ministry of Education
 - Acts as a liaison for the public/community
 - Would like to get more involved to get a feel for the need of the area and willing to help in any way he can
- Christine Nicolaides, Principal of Salt Fleet High School
 - Goal is to reach out to the feeder school, enhance the transition from elementary school to High School
 - School is 23 yrs old, new and up-coming constructions
 - New football and track field, to start in June 2019
 - \$63,000 from the Heritage Green Fund to build a new stage
 - \$20,000 new cafeteria tables
 - \$ 2,000,000: reno up-date to science labs
 - Sanded and refinished gym floor
 - Community Involvement:
 - Host OFSA: basketball
 - Host Special Olympics, elementary level
 - School
 - Improvement plan: focus: Math, has seen success
 - Approach to teaching using spiral method, layered knowledge
 - Specialist High Skills Majors:
 1. Information Communication Technology
 2. Horticulture
 3. Non-Profit Sector
 4. Construction

Additions to Agenda: none

Review of Minutes: Nov 29, 2018

Treasurers Report: N/A

Community Report:

- Currently have 65 kids in aftercare

- March Break Camp: 86 kids signed up
- Summer Camp location: Janet Lee, allowed 110 children based on full time hours
- New Day Care
 - Constructions to begin June 2019, goal of completion Spring 2020
 - 3 classrooms: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool
 - Requires the hiring of 12 new staff members
 - Will perform gradual intake

Principal Report:

- 475 students
- Improvement Plan
 - Improve Grade 6 math, seen overall improvement, still not hitting Provincial standards
 - Improve Grade 1 literacy, seen overall improvement, still not hitting Provincial standards
 - Increase overall graduation rates in high school on a yearly basis
- Renovation
 - Scheduled to start in May 2019, will start with the gym, then pulling down the partapaks in June
 - 2 Additional portable will be delivered
 - Intermediate classes to be moved to the portables and primary classes to be moved to the other end of the school building
 - Bus pick up and delivery will be redirected to the street: plans in the works
 - Prediction is that 2 portables will be
- School Trips
 - Concerns have been expressed about quality school trips
 - Looking to get more curriculum approved trips
 - Transportation continues to be an on-going issue, bus cost a significant amount of money making the trip too expensive in most cases
 - May need funds to assist with this cost
- Kindergarten registration to start in Feb, information session still in the works
- Open house on hold at this time due to construction plans

Teachers Report:

- Talent show auditions to start soon
- Grade 4-6 floor hockey intramurals will be starting soon
- Sr Basketball has started and currently going well
- Grade 3-8 volleyball intramurals to be starting shortly

New & Old Business:

- LunchLady
 - Launched Dec 19, 2018, a total of 67 meals ordered
 - Feedback has been positive
 - Profit: \$23.45
 - Council agreed to continue with the program, will offer 1 day/wk, aiming for Fridays, started Feb 1, and going X 6 wks, will reassess at that point
- Chocolate Fundraiser

- Launch off assembly moved to Jan22, 2019
- Chocolate delivery: Jan 31, 2019, Helpers: Amber/Stephanie/Stacey
- Distribution to the classes Feb 1/2019, Helpers: Amber & Victoria
- Letters/permission forms to be ready to take home by Jan 22/19
- Agreed to trial school cash online as a payment option
- Prizes:
 - 2 Draws: hover board & drone
 - Top selling class in each division gets a 5lb chocolate bar
 - Top sellers in each division 1st place: 75 gift card, 2nd place 50 gift card
 - Divisions are as followed
 - Jr & Sr Kindergarten
 - Grades 1-3
 - Grades 4-6 including the ¾ split
 - Special needs classes, 6/7 split, 7/8 split and 8
 - Early Bird Draw: Feb 7 & 14: each prize is the emoji drone
 - Weekly prizes from the treasure box

Next Meeting: Feb 28, 2019