

Mount Albion Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Attendees:

- Amber Mayne
- Lisa Hewitt
- Andrea Dunlop
- Melissa Smith
- Luba Dubinsky
- Julie Young
- Stacey Cameron
- Kristy Luker
- Judy Davidson (Teacher)
- Kelli Ridgeway (Childcare Supervisor)
- Angela Giardino (Principal)
- Kristy Luker (Vice Principal)

Regrets:

- Christine Basilebrock

Welcome Back

- Angela welcomes everyone to the new school year

Additions to Agenda

- Spirit wear from 2021-2022
 - Should be coming soon.
 - Some parents have received their orders, however there are issues such as items missing, incorrect items and items peeling already.
 - Action: Send an email to Angela and she will forward it to the vendor for follow up

Elections:

Results as follows:

- Chair: Andrea Dunlop
- Treasurer: Amber Mayne
- Secretary: Lisa Hewitt

Community Rep Report:

- Kelly noted that the childcare, including before and after school care, is completely full until September 2023

- 200 people on the wait list. With the announcement of \$10/day childcare, many people are contacting them to inquire and the wait list has really grown.
- Centre has opted in for \$10/day program and at this time are waiting on the City of Hamilton to see the funds

Principal's Report:

Kristy Luker (VP)

- New VP, half the time at Mount Albion and half the time at Gatestone.
- First time in the VP role but this is Kristy's 23rd year with the HWDSB and has taught in many areas, including K-8, gifted enrichment and reading programs.
- Excited to be here and the school is excited to have her

Angela Giardino (Principal)

- Current population of Mount Albion is 560 students
- Class Reorganization:
 - Class reorganization is happening this week and students will be in their new classes as of Friday, October 7. The numbers were drawn and while over what the board projected, not as high as Angela had hoped.
 - Parents will find out on September 30 if their child is affected by these changes.
 - Changes:
 - Closing 7/8 split and creating a second grade 8 class
 - Creating additional 3/4 class
 - Closing a small FDK class
 - Teachers have put a lot of thought into how to shuffle students and always try to ensure that students affected are moved with a friend or two. Very hard decisions to make for everyone
 - Know that we are in a growing neighbourhood with new developments and new families moving into the area so need to ensure the classrooms have space to accommodate the growth throughout the school year
 - No teachers were surplus in the shuffle
- Halloween
 - School has not yet finalized Halloween plans as they are being very inclusive in the planning and understand that not all families celebrate
- School Lunches
 - Will start up after the reorganization happens on October 7
 - Will have a special Pita Pit day in October
 - Milk/pizza
- Grad photos will be happening in January
- September 30 is Orange Shirt Day
- October 5 is Picture Day (this is happening before the classroom reorganization. Photographer will create a composite class photograph but has also offered that he can come back to take class pictures at another time. Unsure at this time if this is a route that will be pursued)
- October 6 is Meet the Teacher Day from 5:00 – 6:30. Will have two food trucks on site and will send out a note on School Messenger

Teacher's Report:

- Terry Fox Run and assembly happened on September 23, 2022 and was a huge success. Intermediate students were paired with primary students for the run which worked really well. Overall raised \$1600
- Sports:
 - Baseball: Senior boys' baseball played yesterday. Had a great attitude and a lot of fun but unfortunately lost
 - Volleyball: Junior and senior boys' and girls' volleyball tryouts are happening now
 - Cross Country: Run club is happening and tryouts will happen on October 13
 - Swim: Junior (grade 4/5/6) swim has started and are training at Valley Park Community Centre. Senior swim will happen in April/May
 - Team sports usually start in grade 5/6, have fun "game days" for the primary students to take part in.

Fundraisers:

Angela:

- Sensitive to the needs of the community when it comes to fundraisers and want to ensure we are not asking too much of families
- Some families have been asking about the gift cards and if that will happen again this year

Amber:

- Last year tried a spring flower fundraiser with Terra Greenhouses. Based on the experience will not be doing a poinsettia fundraiser this year.
- Have previously done chocolate boxes with MJ which have been great but maybe time to try something new
- Purdy's:
 - Online campaign
 - Profit margins:
 - \$100-\$500: 5%
 - 500-\$750: 10%
 - \$750-\$1000: 20%
 - \$1000+: 25%
 - \$5000+: get an extra 2.5% back
 - Suggest a 2-3 week campaign in November to ensure time for delivery before the holidays in December.
 - Bulk delivery is free to the school. Items will need to be sorted and handed out at the school.
 - Families can purchase directly online from Purdy's from a website that would be personalized for Mount Albion
 - Prices appear to be comparable to other boxed chocolates
 - In past years the school has made \$7000, \$9000 from chocolate fundraisers so could be a relatively simple way to make some revenue.
 - Motion to move forward: Andrea. Second: Amber. Voted to move forward with Purdy's campaign.
- Krispy Kreme:
 - Have heard good things about their fundraisers. They will sell to the school for \$5/12 and can resell for \$10/12. They retail in the store for \$12/12.
 - Challenge: must book the date with the store in advance to ensure they have it available and must pick up in person from Mississauga.
 - Could be a good option for Open House in May, when families are at the school anyway.

Future Meetings:

- Must meet 4 times per school year.
- Next meeting scheduled: October 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm
- November will likely be a virtual/email touch base.

Adjournment:

- Andrea motions to adjourn the meeting. All agree.