

Mount Albion Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 31st, 2024

Attendees:

- Cheryl Urbanczyk (Principal)
- Prashanth Kannan (Chair)
- Elizabeth Roediger (Treasurer)
- Melissa Smith
- Judy Davidson
- Adele Dantonio
- Kelli Ridgeway
- Amber Mayne
- Luba Dubinsky
- Jennifer Lazarski
- Julie Young

Call To Order:

- **Mrs Urbanczyk calls to order at 6:02pm**

Community Rep Report (Kelli and Adele):

- Daycare full until Sep 2026, 200 people are on the waiting list. Waiting list is no longer accepted.
- Daycare can not be expanded (after care can possibly be extended).
- There are 15 children in the waitlist for Before and After care.
- Summer camp almost full already, will be open to outside of school children at the end of February.

Guest Speaker:

- DSR – Daily School Route
- Looking to get more kids to walk/bike to school.
- DSR will update parents with the results of the survey, this will follow with addition in depth survey. Students will be shared with the results as well.
- Currently Ward 9 is under review to place children friendly signs up indicating the how long walk will take via various sports in route.
- Buddy system is being examined.
- Ward 1 and 10 already done.
- PPT presentation will be shared with contact details.

Principal Report (Cheryl):

- 20 new iPads purchased, more up to date tech will be needed going forward. Priority given to older grades.
- Library went renovation and book revision; more books went to the classes.
- Book donations by parents could be accepted into classrooms. Prashanth offered donation of scientific calculators as part of donation program he will share with school.

- Request has been made to city for additional person for the safe walk to school.
- Parking safety: during the pickup and drop off parents are asked not to drive into the parking lot, but walk. Suggestions have been made to encourage parents to walk in the safe path. Prashanth pointed out that the metal gate at the safe path is ripped at the bottom and potentially can be a hazard. Principal took the note to address the concern.
- Student council have been active and enthusiastic with their role in planning spirit days, dances, themes etc.
- Additional occurrence of the bomb threat. It was explained that school is following board protocol (daycare has a different protocol), police is not sharing information of investigation, questions can be addressed to trustee.

Treasurer report (Elizabeth)

- Approximately \$3200 currently in bank. Profit from Purdy's fundraiser is \$1800. Discussion is with Purdy's provider why a bonus rebate wasn't included.

Teacher's Report (Judy)

- Lots of sport activity, volleyball team was great.
- Current food drive is going on.
- Basketball team (Sr)
- Swim team starts (Mar-Apr)
- Drama Club underway

New Businesses

- Restaurant/Dominos fundraisers will be voted through email.
- Paul Davis – principal to follow up, scheduled for April.
- School photo provider discussion - question when does school renews the contract to examine more affordable options and possibly synchronize with Saltfleet provider. Comparison of the same package of one digital photo reveals that Creative School images are 10-8\$ more expensive than other providers.
- Question regarding school rating and EQAO results, when rating is lower this year. Chair was invited to schedule a school tour with the principal.

Next Meeting:

- **Next meeting: February 29, 2024 at 6-7 pm**

Adjourn:

- Cheryl moves to adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm