

Mount Albion Parent Council Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- John Forbeck (temp principal)
- Judy Davidson (teacher representative)
- Liz Roediger (chair, treasurer)
- Amy Gray (secretary)
- Jessica Burlie (member)
- Nicole Henzie (member)
- Tamara Jones (member)
- Amrit Sidhu (member)
- Paula Ramdin (member)
- Stephanie Folkins (member)

Regrets:

- Kelli Ridgeway (community representative)
- Taylor Bartels (community representative)
- Chaniene Jones-Knight (member)
- Chanette Jones-Davis (member)
- Leeann Esposto (member)
- Eric Meloche (member)
- David Scarrow (observer)
- Elisha Paine (observer)
- Joanne Jovanovic (observer)
- Katherine Saneaha (member)

| Agenda Item | Time | Notes |
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| Welcome | 6:00pm | Roundtable introductions took place. |
| Follow up on Action Items | 6:05pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed ACTION – John to clarify which nutrition break / timing parent volunteers are needed for chess club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Day 2, Period 4 during nutrition break 1:15-1:55pm (for the next few weeks on Tuesday’s) ○ For Grade 4 and up. ○ Still seeking volunteers to run it ○ ACTION – Liz to share need for volunteers for chess club with parents ○ There is also a board wide checker tournament • Outstanding ACTION – Liz to verify account balance with school secretary. Is it \$2,900 or \$900. • Completed ACTION – Ms Davidson to poll teachers for ideas as to what to put fundraising dollars towards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unanimous request for outdoor balls/sport equipment/recess activities (grade specific) ○ E.g., frisbees, hula hoops, skipping ropes, footballs, soccer balls ○ Each class has a bin and most are empty. ○ ACTION - Ms. Davidson to poll kindergarten, primary and secondary teachers to find out what specific items they want. • Completed ACTION – Liz to contact school secretary to understand how raw roots smoothies were offered at the school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update below. • Completed ACTION – Liz to email parent council members to identify volunteer for each activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sub-committees have been set up. • Completed ACTION – John to look into how parent council can use social media for better outreach – legalities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HWDSB has a page on communication standards. ○ Using board platforms are the most secure and equitable method for families. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a risk as the security of social media accounts is outside of the board control. ○ Parent Council can have a Facebook or Instagram page and we own maintaining it, ensuring we use it responsibly, tie to parent council email, and share only non-identifying information and pictures. ○ ACTION – Amrit & Tamara to set up and maintain parent council Instagram account. ● Completed ACTION – John to follow up on request for access to violence data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024-25 suspension and expulsion stats for HWDSB were provided (from Board report issued every October – see Appendix below). ○ Discussion was had about the numbers and what they mean (Ex: no suspensions in grade 3 and under, tend to have higher suspensions in elementary vs secondary as it’s a developmental stage, etc) ○ Exceptional students have special education needs and when violent with an EA or another staff member it’s reported as a violent incident through health and safety). |
| <p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community representative ● Principal ● Teacher representative ● Chair ● Treasurer ● Sub-committees | 6:35pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community representative (sent via email) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer camp registration is opening in January ● Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 45yrs in education. ○ In first 3 weeks at Mt. Albion he is seeing well-established routines, lots of play areas, evidence of social, emotional and academic work in classrooms, and lots of kids work up on the walls. ○ John talk to the students and asks questions about what they’re working on – positive feedback. ○ Sees a wide variety of clubs here (e.g., learn another language, robotics, chess). ○ EA staffing is under control. ● Teacher Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Busy month with many activities. ○ Primary grades had a comic graphic artist come in. ○ Crock-a-doodle painting for kinders. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kinders went on a pumpkin patch trip. ○ Grade 6 went on outdoor trip as part of science program. ○ Holiday assembly practice is happening. ○ Several student teachers have been rotating in the classrooms. ○ Basketball tryouts start soon. ○ Volleyball is done, big success – both senior girls and boys teams went to playoffs. ○ Tastebuds nutrition program is going well and we are abiding by their code (passed an inspection). ○ Learn a new language club is up and running for grades 4-5. ○ Ms Tracey and Ms Fowler are running art club for jrs. ○ Grade 8’s do visits to Saltfleet to get acclimatized. ○ Robotics program visited Carmen’s. ○ Transition Saltfleet night happened this month as well. ○ Remembrance day ceremony went well. ○ Snow cookies coming up Dec 5th – fundraiser for student council. ○ There is a student council this year for grades 6 to 8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promotion at the open house for Parent Council went very well – good interest. ○ Website has been updated with chair and secretary positions and meeting notes from October. ○ Sub-committees have been set up. ○ Festive Plant Fundraiser is complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sold for 2.5 weeks ▪ Promoted by flyer, announcements, email to families, social media ▪ Sold 277 plants ▪ One parent sold over \$800 ▪ Ms Kauth’s class sold the most and won the pizza prize ▪ Opportunity to grow if host again and gain familiarity ▪ Pick up day Dec 4th at the school ▪ ACTION – Ms Davidson/Mr Forbeck to announce winner of pizza party. ▪ ACTION – Liz to draft a reminder email for pick up. |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Candy grams will be Dec 10th/ 11th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shift to Wednesday/Thursday as the holiday concert is on Friday ▪ Selling candy canes and chocolate kisses for .50 each. ▪ Purchasing through Josie ▪ Kisses will be pre-packaged in three's by the Grade 8's. ▪ Grade 8s will make posters, package, distribute, etc. ▪ ACTION – Ms Davidson to check whether distributing random flavours of candy canes was an issue last year. ○ Winter Family Dance date set for Fri Jan 30th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permit obtained. ▪ Save the date needed. ▪ ACTION – Liz to add Jessica and Paula as organizers for Winter Family Dance. ○ Grant has been submitted for the Family Math Night at Mount Albion (PRO event) – propose hosting in March. ○ Fun Fair date to be determined in June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This role is still vacant. Chair will assume until it's filled. ○ Factory Shoe is up to \$110. ○ Festive Plant Fundraiser profits are just shy of \$1,700. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sold \$5,700. ▪ 30% profit margin. ○ See finances in Appendix below. ● Sub-committees – Raw Roots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a contract with Raw Roots that has to be submitted to the board. ○ If approved, we will begin in January - Monthly on Mondays and trial interest for a few months. |
| <p>Items for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Other ideas for 2025-26, 2026-27, idea “bank” ● Thoughts about approach to: | 7:20pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Idea “bank” – send ideas to the chair anytime you have them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stephanie suggested the Theatre company – Tots & Tails (0 to 3 years old). ○ Garden club ● ACTION – Liz to raise donation letter with everyone via email. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donations ○ Volunteers ○ Community organizations, businesses, etc ○ Teachers, staff ○ Parents (e.g., recruitment, seeking parent input/feedback, etc) ● FAQ's ideas ● Speed bumps on Kennard | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deferred to next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thoughts about approach to various topics ○ FAQ's ideas ○ Speed bumps on Kennard |
| <p>Wrap up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary of action items | 7:25pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACTION – Liz to verify account balance with school secretary. Is it \$2,900 or \$900. ● ACTION - Ms. Davidson to poll kindergarten, primary and secondary teachers to find out what specific items they want. ● ACTION – Amrit & Tamara to set up and maintain parent council Instagram account. ● ACTION – Ms Davidson/Mr Forbeck to announce winner of pizza party ● ACTION – Liz to draft a reminder email for pick up. ● ACTION – Ms Davidson to check whether distributing random flavours of candy canes was an issue last year. ● ACTION – Liz to add Jessica and Paula as organizers for Winter Family Dance. ● ACTION – Liz to raise donation letter with everyone via email. |

Approved Plan for 2025-26

| Month | School | Parent Council |
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| September | | |
| October | Open house (Oct 9) - Complete | |
| November | Parent-teacher interviews (Nov 20/21) - Complete | Fall fundraiser - Complete |

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| December | Holiday concert (Dec 18) | Candy grams (December 10/11) |
| January | | Winter family dance (January 30) |
| February | | |
| March | | Parent Reach Out (PRO) event (date TBD) |
| April | | Spring fundraiser - TBD |
| May | Open house / Scholastic book fair (May 7) | |
| June | | Fun fair (June 4 or 12?) |
| | <p>Spirit wear fundraising (fall)-- Complete</p> <p>Grade 8's fundraising for grad (all year)</p> <p>Mabel's labels fundraiser (all year)</p> <p>Pita Pit (all year)</p> <p>Pizza (all year – starting in October)</p> <p>Milk (all year – starting in November)</p> | <p>Factory Shoe fundraiser (all year)</p> <p>Raw Roots Smoothie Days (all year – starting in January)</p> |

Appendix: 2024-25 HWDSB suspension and expulsion stats data

Appendix A: 2024-2025 Suspension and Expulsion Report

Table 1: Suspension Incidents and Suspended Students by Year, 2021-2025

| School Year | Total Suspension Incidents | Students Suspended one or more times | Students Identified as Exceptional |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2024-25 | 3339 | 2437 | 308 |
| 2023-24 | 3775 | 2524 | 274 |
| 2022-23 | 4240 | 2602 | 218 |
| 2021-22 | 3482 | 2275 | 213 |
| 2020-21* | 730 | 538 | 69 |

Note: Our Student Data Strategy involves ongoing system data engineering to improve accuracy and transparency; in light of newly structured data, we have been able to retroactively adjust 2022-2024 rate of students identified as exceptional. Further adjustments will occur as we continue this work into 2025-2026.

Table 2a: Number and Proportion of Suspended Students by Panel, 2024-2025

| | 2024-2025 | Primary K-3 | Elementary 4-8 | Secondary 9-12 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Number of Students ¹ | 57116 | 19074 | 20019 | 18023 |
| Number of Students Suspended | 2437 | 7 | 1306 | 1124 |
| Proportion of Students Suspended | 4.3% | <0.1% | 6.5% | 6.2% |
| Number of Suspension Incidents | 3339 | 7 | 1815 | 1521 |

¹Enrollment as of October 2025

Table 2b: Number of Suspended Students by Panel, 2022-2025

| School Year Panel | Incidents | Students Suspended | Percent of Students Suspended |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2024/2025 | 3332 | 2430 | 6.4% |
| Elementary (4-8) | 1815 | 1306 | 6.5% |
| Secondary | 1521 | 1124 | 6.2% |
| 2023/2024 | 3770 | 2517 | 6.6% |
| Elementary (4-8) | 2361 | 1450 | 7.2% |
| Secondary | 1409 | 1067 | 5.9% |
| 2022/2023 | 4233 | 2596 | 6.9% |
| Elementary (4-8) | 2438 | 1437 | 7.2% |
| Secondary | 1795 | 1159 | 6.5% |

Table 8: Number of Suspension Incidents by Infraction, 2024-2025

| Infraction Type | Elementary (4-8) | Secondary | Total |
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| Board¹ | | | |
| Board Policy | 433 | 677 | 1110 |
| Drug Influence | 0 | <10 | * |
| Fighting | 460 | 316 | 776 |
| Harmful Act | 283 | 50 | 333 |
| Inappropriate Behaviour | 159 | 28 | 187 |
| Social Media | 55 | 24 | 79 |
| Education Act (Section 306)² | | | |
| Alcohol or cannabis influence | <10 | 27 | 30 |
| Alcohol or drug possession | 14 | 27 | 41 |
| Bullying | 78 | 27 | 105 |
| Swearing | 79 | 73 | 152 |
| Threat | 94 | 63 | 157 |
| Vandalism | 32 | 33 | 65 |
| Education Act (Section 310)³ | | | |
| Assault | <10 | <10 | * |
| Board policy | 0 | <10 | * |
| Expulsion investigation | 125 | 144 | 269 |
| Prejudice | <10 | <10 | * |
| Repeated bullying | <10 | <10 | * |
| Sexual assault | <10 | <10 | * |
| Trafficking | 0 | <10 | * |
| Weapon possession | 0 | <10 | * |
| Weapon use | 0 | <10 | * |

¹ Incidents identified by the Board as per the Education Act with a corresponding Ministry Code for data collection.

² Incidents identified in the Education Act Section 306 with a corresponding Ministry Code for data collection.

³ Incidents identified in the Education Act Section 310 as possible expulsion, but a suspension was imposed after Principal's Inquiry.

Notes:
Small cell counts are suppressed (<10) as a standard practice to prevent the identification of individuals in small groups or those with unique characteristics. Redactions (*) are made where numbers would reveal the adjacent suppressed cell counts. Infraction types are not mutually exclusive; some incidents involve multiple infraction types.

Appendix: Update on 2025-26 finances

| Revenue | Forecast | Actual | Percentage of Actual to Forecast |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Factory Shoe | \$ 500.00 | \$ 110.00 | 22% |
| Festive Plant Fundraiser | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,671.11 | 56% |
| Candy grams | \$ 1,000.00 | | |
| Family dance | \$ 2,000.00 | | |
| Spring fundraiser | \$ 500.00 | | |
| Fun fair | \$ 4,000.00 | | |
| Parent Reach Out (PRO) grant | \$ 900.00 | | |
| Parent Engagement Grant (PEG) | \$ 500.00 | | |
| Raw Roots | \$ 300.00 | | |
| Total | \$ 12,700.00 | \$ 1,781.11 | |
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| Expense | Forecast | Actual | Percentage of Actual to Forecast |
| Festive Plant Fundraiser pizza party | \$ 70.00 | | |
| Candy grams | \$ 500.00 | | |
| Family dance | \$ 2,000.00 | | |
| Fun fair | \$ 5,000.00 | | |
| PRO event | \$ 900.00 | | |
| School donation | \$ 4,000.00 | | |
| Total | \$ 12,470.00 | \$ - | |