
Mount Hope School Council Minutes

Location: Mount Hope School

Date: Sept 25th, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: Amanda Fehrman, Michelle Warner, Heidi Oglesby, Kandice VanSickle, Christine Forester, Michelle Corbett, Trish Woehrle, Kristina Fyfe, Brent Warner, Laura Dunnam, Robin Ball, Tracy Colbourne, Jackie Boyd, Karen Srdic

Teacher Representation: Mme Young
Principal: Ms McCormack

Quorum: Total members in attendance: 15

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Discussion & Agenda Items:

I. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Motion:

Heidi Oglesby

Seconded:

Kandace VanSickle

II. School Council Elections overseen by Ms McCormack

- Chair running unopposed – Amanda Fehrman
- Treasurer - Trish Woehrle
- Secretary – Michelle Warner
- Voting Members of School Council for remaining parents.
- Quorum for Mount Hope School will be 9 voting members.

III. Principals Report

- Welcome
- School Council members toured the newly paved and painted blacktop.
- Some classrooms and bulletin boards were freshened for the new school year with paint.

- Emergency Drills
 - Lock down and evacuation drills have already occurred and went well. The community officer attended.
 - Fire Drill occurred as well.
- Mount Hope has a new Vice Principal Position (0.5) temporarily filled by Mr Contant until a permanent Vice Principal is hired. Currently Mr Contant is at Mount Hope 2 days one week and 3 days the next.
- Mount Hope has a new Office Assistant Position (0.5) filled by Ms Ayre. Ms Ayre is at Mount Hope mornings.

IV. Teachers Report provided by Mme Young

- Friday, September 28th will be the Terry Fox run at 1:50pm.
- Cross Country students are practicing with Mr Horne Tuesday/Thursday mornings. The Cross Country meet is Oct 12th. Grade 3-8 participate.
- Ms Watts will be looking at ordering Grad Hoodies early this year.
- Senior Girls Baseball is tomorrow if weather is good. Has already been delayed once.
- Intermural Basketball for Grade 5-8 will be starting. Mrs MacCullough has a sign up sheet for those interested.
- Junior Swim team (Grades 3-5) will have it's first practice October 5th. Also, by Mrs MacCullough.

V. Treasurers Report

Current balance : **\$1414.68**

- **Number needs correction**

VI. Chair Report

- Lunch Box Orders
 - Lunch box orders have been updated with Pizza hot lunches. They will start next Friday.
 - Looking for volunteers to help with Fridays
 - Kandice, Christine, Tracey, Laura, Michelle offered to help out.
 - Currently do not know where pizza orders will be assembled. Ms. Watts room will be used at that time.
 - There are two grade 8 girls who have volunteered to help.
 - Is there interest in food days continuing every other Wednesday? Consensus of parents say yes. Ms. McCormack said we cannot start offering Wednesdays until there are volunteers. No start date set.

- Suggestion to have a calendar signup this year to be more organized.
- Meet the teacher night – Sept 27th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Ms. Van Dyk will need help at the Book Fair
 - Christine - 5:30 pm
 - Tracy – 6:00 pm
 - Robin – 6:30 pm
 - Curbside burger and homestead ice cream will be there.
- The council constitution was handed to each member for review. Please look at and return any suggested changes one week prior to next council meeting. (Oct 23rd, 6:00pm.)
- The Hamilton school board offers training for all School council members on Oct 17th at 6:00pm. This is located at the Hamilton School board main office near Limeridge. Amanda Fehrman and Ms. McCormack will be attending. All welcome to attend.
- Establish meetings for the rest of the school year.
 - Determine Tuesdays are the best days for most people
 - Next School Council date set for October 23rd at 6:00pm.
 - The rest of the dates will be determined at October meeting.
- First pizza day will be October 5th. Time commitment is 12:15 to 1:00 pm for helpers.
- Suggestion of asking for volunteers at Meet the Teacher Night for a backup list for food days.
- Suggestion of approaching the Pigeon for a food day. Concerns with meeting of a price point of \$5.50 or less.
- Suggestion of approaching grandparents or other guardians for added volunteers.
- Ms. McCormack to send out email for volunteers

VII. Fundraising

VIII. Other Business

- Announcements – It has been brought up a few times that students don't hear announcements and most of the information does not get to parents.
 - Ms McCormack – placing announcements online has started to be discussed. There is a Staff meeting on October 4th.
 - Parents have asked that the calendar on the website be updated. The online calendar emails reminders.
 - Currently announcements are read by students or teachers or the principal after they are submitted for announcements.

- Agendas – not all agendas have been received. Should have them by tomorrow then they will go home.
- Picture day has been booked. Asked information added to Website calendar. Information on the website.
- Fundraising
 - Suggestion to have Council send out information for the entire year.
 - What fundraising events will occur throughout the year.
 - When they will occur
 - What raised money will go towards
 - What past money has been for.
 - Michelle Warner volunteered to put something together once we have decided on fundraising at October meeting.
 - Request fundraising goals from school. Councils role is to support the school goals. What is the school going to request Council supports?
 - Ms. McCormack -Will have more information as to what we should fundraise towards after Staff meeting October 4th.
 - Councils Fundraising plan is due October 30th.
 - Teachers have already inquired about the \$100 we offer 1.0 positions but we currently do not have enough funds.
- Spirit Wear
 - Ms. McCormack. - waiting for agendas to come in to communicate with school about details. A week or so.
 - Will need help organizing orders once they have arrived at school.
 - Will have sample table at Meet the Teacher Night for parents to check sizes manned by council members.

IX. Adjournment 7:38 PM

Motion: Kandice VanSickle

Seconded: Christine Forester

Next Meeting Date: October 23th, 2018 – 6:00 pm

- **Submit Constitution Changes by October 19th.**

Definitions

- *School Board or Board* refers to the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board or HWDSB
- *Community or Mount Hope Community* refers to the Mount Hope Community, which includes all teaching staff, non-teaching staff, students, families and people residing in the catchment area served by Mount Hope Elementary School, as defined by the local School Board.
- *Principal* refers to the Mount Hope Elementary School Principal
- *Parent* refers to the parent or legal guardian of a student attending Mount Hope Elementary School.
- *School* refers to Mount Hope Elementary School.
- *School Council or Council* refers to the Mount Hope School Council
- *Staff* refers to employees of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, who are assigned to Mount Hope Elementary School
- *Student* refers to a student enrolled at Mount Hope Elementary School

Amendments

Version 2

Page 4 – Change incorrect date of next meeting.

Version 3

Page 2 – Changed Office Administrator to Office Assistant, removed first name of staff member, changed wording, removed word “parent” from parent council.

Page 3, 4 – Removed word “parent” from parent council. Fixed spelling error.

Page 5 – Added common word definitions

Version 4

Page 4 – Picture day wording