
Mount Hope School Council Minutes

Location: Mount Hope School

Date: November 19th , 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: Voting Members - Amanda Fehrman, Michelle Warner, Heidi Oglesby, Kristina Fyfe, Robin Ball, Tracy Colbourne, Mia Del Grande, Jackie Boyd, Melodie Ghent

Members of Public–

Teacher Representation: Mme Young
Principal: Ms McCormack

Quorum: Total voting members in attendance: 9

Quorum met.

Discussion & Agenda Items:

I. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Motion: Robin Ball

Seconded: Kristina Fyfe

All in Favour

II. Principals Report

- Mustang Madness Update - still in talks. Starting in next couple of weeks. Grade 5/6 training to be leaders.
- Lunch Time for Grade 7/8s off property Update – One class has been spoken to by the Principal.
 - Asked for some input from the students.
 - Will speak to other class for further input.
 - Parent input asked for.
- Online Announcements Update – still looking at options
 - Principal is looking for more feedback on the necessity of this since the calendar is updated with more information of Mount Hope School events.

- Noted that sometimes there is information on announcements that are not placed in Calendars (ie tryouts, School accomplishments etc) and students either don't communicate to parents these details (noisy room, not written in agenda, child too young to remember)
- Suggestion of a weekly/monthly email or newsletter for things not placed on calendar fulfill this need.

III. Teachers Report provided by Mme Young

- Excited that Mount Hope School is offering 3 trips for grades 6-8.
 - Gr 6 Muskoka Woods – mid Feb
 - Gr 7 Ottawa – end of Jan
 - Gr 8 Muskoka Woods – mid April
 - Mon-Wed mid-week trips
 - Escorted by Mr Horne and Mme Young
 - Will try to have a Parent information meeting this Thursday.
- Acts of Kindness is a new initiative that has started at Mount Hope
 - Students placed a welcome letter in the new Vice Principal's office
 - Getting children involved in some nice things
 - Each class will be doing them and tracking them.
 - Suggestion of adding this information to a newsletter
- Gr 8s attended Day of the Life at Ancaster High School last week.
- Swim meet is this week
- Intramural basketball, creative club, theatre club, kindness club are on-going.
- Jan – April will have a different teacher representative at School Council meetings.

IV. Treasurers Report (Treasurer absent)

- Current balance of \$2791.92
 - \$341 with Oct lunch to add to that.

V. Chair Report

- A suggestion was put forth of doing a Community Building activity. Since we have 2 big fundraisers occurring close together maybe have a free community activity night.
 - Math, game or craft nights were suggested.
 - Game night determined to be the simplest. Especially with the proposed Game donation.
 - Goal of doing this in January. Tentative date set of January 8th.
- Staff Appreciation Goodie Table

- Are we interested in providing baked goods one day during the week before Christmas break.
- More details will come out closer to the date.
- School Board Website
 - There is a survey concerning Transportation Policy and the board is looking for feedback from parents. The deadline is Tuesday November 27th.
 - The board is reviewing safe walking routes. Proposing changes of 1.6 km to 1.8 km for grades 1-8 and kindergarten changing from 1km to 1.2 km.

VI. Fundraising

- Pointsetta Fundraiser Update
 - Around 250 items sold through School Cash Online.
 - Estimated \$1000 profit .
 - Heidi will have more information about the delivery and pickup of Pointsetta's closer to the Pickup date of November 30th. Pickup will be until 7:00 pm.
- Holiday Breakfast / Marketplace Fundraiser Update
 - All permits are into the city. The entire cost of the rental is being covered as a community event. This is thanks to Brenda Johnson.
 - Volunteers will be needed to help setup and bring in food on the Friday, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Saturday we will need volunteers from 7:30am – 1:30pm. Raffle tickets will end at 12. Clean up of breakfast at 11 and clean up of upstairs at 1:00pm.
 - The cost will remain the same as last year - \$10 adult, \$5 child
 - Mme Young has 8-10 helpers for Saturday.
 - New Marketplace – 5 confirmed vendors
 - Raffle prizes are still needed. Marketplace vendors will be donating a raffle prize each. There are letters to hand to business' requesting raffle prizes for Mount Hope if you would like.
 - Upstairs – We will be having Grade 8s Grad run a concession stand upstairs for their Grad. Selling drinks, muffins etc from the Old Oak Bakery.
- Samko Toy Sale this weekend at the Heritage Warplane Museum. Shoppers have to ask at checkout for the receipt to be stamped for Mount Hope School. They are asked to return the receipt to the school and we then get 10% of money spent. Information will go out with the Breakfast information.

VII. Other Business

- Donation of Funds – if individuals or business wish to donate money to Mount Hope School there is a board website called Foundations.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/foundation/> Money can be donated to Mount Hope School directly using this website.

- Donation of Books – Donations of books to the library are not allowed due to condition of books/dust mite problems. Donations of books to classroom are allowed. People can contact Ms VanDyk concerning classroom donations.
- Recess Equipment – Request for more basketballs/soccer balls. Principal will look at existing equipment and may move gym equipment to recess equipment. Update at next meeting.
- Board games donations
 - The information is ready to go out.
- Christmas Assembly – has not been discussed yet.

VIII. Adjournment 7:38 PM

Motion: Robin Ball

Seconded: Heidi Oglesby

All in Favour

Next Meeting Date: January 22nd, 2019

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 area of Mount Hope Elementary School.
- *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 working at Mount Hope Elementary School.
- *Student* refers to a student enrolled at Mount Hope Elementary School.

Amendments

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