
Mount Hope School Council Minutes

Location: Mount Hope School

Date: October 23rd , 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

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

Members of Public– Mike Williams, Lori White, Chuck Barton

Teacher Representation: Mme Young
Principal: Ms McCormack

Quorum: Total voting members in attendance: 11

Quorum met.

Discussion & Agenda Items:

I. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Motion: Robin Ball

Seconded: Heidi Oglesby

II. Review of School Council Voting rules

- Question was brought forth concerning the validity of only one vote per family rule.
- Research was done and the Hamilton Wentworth School Board was queried and found that there is no rule at the Hamilton Wentworth School Board.
- Additional voting member was added. Due to the total voting number quorum remains at 9.

III. Constitution Amendments

- Changes were requested by October 19th, 2018.
- Additions

- To hold an elected position a member must have one year of council experience when the number of members allows.

Motion: Sara

Seconded: Melodie

- Voting
 - When a vote is held at a scheduled meeting a member must be present to vote. When quorum is not met or a need arises between meetings, voting by email may occur to allow for voting between meetings when required. Votes must be cast via email, within 24 hours of the initial email to be counted.
 - The response is only required to reply to the chair.

Motion: Heidi

Seconded: Robin Ball

IV. Principals Report

- Reorganization of School
 - Only Kindergarten classes were impacted this year. Schools are allowed to reorganize after a certain date when class size exceeds a certain number.
 - Teachers did a great job of transfer activities to help move students smoothly.
- New Vice Principal status – Mr Contant will be here until further notice.
 - A memo will go out to the school community when a decision has been made.
- Mustang Madness
 - Mustang Madness is organized activities at breaks for students to join .
 - Discussion about Mustang Madness has started with teachers. There will be an update at the next meeting.
- Grade 7/8 students leaving school grounds at breaks.
 - Follow-up to initial conversation in September with students. Students were told they were not allowed off grounds but nothing else has been communicated.
 - Principal – There are a number of things to consider in this decision.
 - Weather policy
 - Effects allowing students off property and then students may not have a lunch.
 - Looking for feedback about concerns or suggestions.
 - Principal will connect with students.
- Online Announcements – Options are still being explored on how to post announcements daily.

- Getting feedback from other schools.
 - Exploring staff suggestions.
- Grade 4 gifted testing – will start at end of month
 - Board wide screening
 - Parents will receive information.
- Oct 30th progress reports will be going home.
 - Interviews on Nov 1, 2nd
 - Letters will be sent home about interviews.
- Spirit Wear should be in mid November.
- Grad Hoodies
 - Currently can be ordered.
- Halloween
 - Will be a non-nutritional day.
 - Student activities will take place periods 5 and 6.
 - There will be a Halloween parade for Grades JK – 5.
 - Intermediates (Grade 6-8) will be having their own dance.
 - Teachers will communicate details of this day to their classes.
- Remembrance Day assembly
 - Parents and community will be invited
 - More information to come

V. Teachers Report provided by Mme Young

- Cross Country - grades 3-8
 - Mount Hope won 7 out of 9 banners. They did very well.
- Nov 1st – Mr Gerrard will be taking grade 7/ 8s to Ancaster High for a Volleyball Tournament.
- Swim team - grades 3-5 – Mrs MacCullouch
 - Has been practicing
 - Nov 21st 9:30 – 12:30 will be the swim meet.
- Oct 29th – grades 3 /4 will have a trip to Crawford lake.
- Creative Club has started for Grades 4, 5 and 6.
 - Group of grade 6s are running the club.
- Intramural Basketball has started – Mrs MacCullouch
- Band has started – Mr Ferrante
- Nov 14th – grade 8s will be going to “A Day in the Life” at Ancaster High School.

VI. Treasurers Report

- Current balance of \$2973.68.
 - Less outstanding Spooktacular Stroll expenses of \$336.01
 - Balance is not up to date.
- June Pizza income to be checked if included in balance.

VII. Chair Report

- Teleconference Education Reform if anyone wants to be included – see email for details.
 - The first session is occurring tonight.
 - Register a head of time
- Pathways night tomorrow. For grades 7-8 students and families to see Secondary School options in Hamilton.

VIII. Fundraising

- **Wish List** items for Fundraising (some *approximate* costs)
 - Library – floor seating pads, bean bags (\$450), puppets, new tables/chairs for student use.
 - Foyer – lighting for display case
 - Grad
 - Recess Equipment
 - Raz Kids (\$1000)
 - Sports Jerseys and shorts (\$2000).
 - Water refill station for primary wing. (\$6000)
 - Board games for classrooms
 - Cards
 - Four – Square on blacktop for primary students only.
 - Classroom equipment – speakers for each classroom (\$2000), apple tv for each classroom, laptop cart
 - Kindergarten bicycles (\$350)
- Question on donating to school
 - There is a Hamilton School Board Foundation that makes the process easy to donate to Mount Hope School.
 - Information will be sent on how to do this.

- What fundraisers will we offer this year?
 - 1) Terra Green Houses Plant Fundraiser – Heidi and Kandace will run.
 - Terra Green houses provides poinsettias and holiday wreaths. Will deliver to school. They provide a catalogue and we set prices.
 - School Cash online will be used to receive orders and there will be one school day set for pickup.
 - Information will be sent home in agendas as soon as possible.
 - Date – will start right away

Motion: Kristina

Seconded: Robin Ball

- 2) Holiday Breakfast / Market Place – Robin will run with help.
 - This year we hope to use the newly renovated hall at Mount Hope for the Holiday Breakfast. It will cost \$18 / hr for whole facility (downstairs eating area and kitchen and upstairs hall)
 - If we open to community we could get rent covered.
 - Suggestion of limiting MLMs and having mostly crafters.
 - Suggested Dates of December 1st, 8th or 15th. After discussion an email will be sent out to confirm best date for Holiday Breakfast.

Motion: Kristina

Seconded: Heidi

- 3) Board games for indoor recesses.
 - The idea was brought up to setup a donation process for board games. These would be checked over and then distributed to classrooms.
 - Could partner with less fortunate school if get too many donations.

Motion: All in Support

- 4) Wood Sign Night
 - Adult sign night or Family sign night. (Similar to Paint Nites)
 - Staff member at Mount Hope does Wood Sign nights and we hope to persuade them to help out.
 - Mike Williams has barn wood to donate.
 - Date - February

Motion: All in Support

5) Chocolate Bar Fundraising

- Chocolate bar fundraising has been successful at Mount Hope. (\$5000-\$7000 raised).
- Concerns brought up with students bringing cash to school and the collection of cash.
- Will consider in the spring if council decides that there is a need for more money.

6) Movie night Fundraiser

- Suggesting of offering a ***Drop and Shop*** Event. Allowing Mount Hope students to be dropped off and babysat for a fee.
- Offer popcorn and drink at the event.
- Suggestion of a few dates. An email will go out to determine best date based on availability of volunteers.
- Suggestion of Grade 8 helpers and allowing part of the proceeds to go to Grad.

7) Family Bingo Night Fundraiser

- Spring – April

8) Popcorn days

- Concerns brought up with how long it takes to pop corn using the pop corn maker. The time is considerable. We need to try using specific popcorn and oil to see if we can be more efficient at popping.
- We will use popcorn maker for events for now.

9) Community Night

- The community night has been planned for May 16th, 2019. This was booked early because of having to set the date for the Book fair.

IX. Other Business

Donation of Books

- Question of how / when books can be donated to the school.
- Answers pushed to the next meeting.
- Offer of Pumpkins to be donated to the school from Michael Williams.
 - Someone will get in touch with Michael concerning donations.

Future Meeting Dates Set

Monday, November 19th, 2018

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019

Wednesday, April 24th, 2019

Tuesday, June 4th, 2019

X. Adjournment 7:38 PM

Motion: Heidi

Seconded: Kristina

Next Meeting Date: Monday November 19, 2018 – 6:00 pm

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

Version 1

- a. Sent November 5, 2018
- b. Sent November 18th
 - i. Page 4 – Wording of budget information
 - ii. Page 3 - Misspelled name