
Mount Hope School Council Minutes

Location: Mount Hope School

Date: January 22nd, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: Voting Members - Amanda Fehrman, Michelle Warner, Brent Warner, Heidi Oglesby, Trish Woehrle, Sara Milne, Tracy Colbourne, Melodie Ghent, Amie Rutherford, Lori White, Chuck Burton, Jackie Boyd

Members of Public–

Teacher Representation: Mrs. Kondo

Principal: Ms McCormack

Vice Principal: Ms Milinovich

Quorum: Total voting members in attendance: 12

Quorum met.

Discussion & Agenda Items:

I. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Motion: Brent Warner

Seconded: Sara Milne

All in Favour

II. Welcome

Introduction of Ms Milinovich (Vice-Principal) and Ms Kondo (Teacher Representative)

III. Principals Report

- Welcome back for 2019.

- Off Property Lunches for Grades 7/8 students. In the past students in Grade 7/8 have been allowed off property at break on Tues/Thurs. They go to the Store, Tim Hortens, Wing or home. Parents sign a form and provide note everyday students leave grounds.
 - The two main concerns as to why students have not been off school property this year are weather safety and food issues.
 - Suggestions made
 - Not allowing students out at break if there is a weather warning.
 - Including the need for students to have food in case of not being able to go off property as expected.
 - Principal thanks everyone for their input.

- Mount Hope School is hosting a McMaster Presentation of *Giving Your Child the Tools for Life*
 - February 13th from 6-7:30 pm
 - On website and flyer sent home to students.
 - Free dinner and child care.
 - Heidi offered to place on Facebook

- School Fundraising Plan
 - Question of what was in the School Fundraising Plan submitted to the board. Currently it lists the following as fundraising items:
 - Library (books have been purchased via Scholastic Book Sale profits)
 - Library seating
 - Recess equipment
 - Reading materials
 - Water fountain
 - Graduation
 - Kindergarten bike
 - Fundraisers listed to raise money in the report are Food days, community night, Bingo night, books, poinsettias, pizza, holiday breakfast, Movie night and sign night.
 - Document can be amended as needs change.

- Assemblies – Question of plans for assemblies at Mount Hope School
 - Planning an assembly for February with *Houses* and will have an end of year assembly.
 - Will student awards be part of the assemblies?
 - Student Awards will not be a part of assemblies. Every teacher is recognizing success in their classrooms in their own ways.

- Comment that assemblies were nice for parents to come regularly and feel like part of the school community. Suggestions of community building events:
 - Suggestions of Squirrel Idol, talent show. Both past Mount Hope regular events.
 - Other suggestions of slideshow of student activities each month, choirs, skits, clubs.

- Question of use of the stage in the gym.
 - Difficult and lengthy setup. Requires too many people to setup (3-4 people) and changes the fire code. One other school has same stage and only use it once a year for Grad.
 - No plans to use the stage at Mount Hope school.
 - Many concerns as this stage was part of Mount Hope gym renovation. Would like another solution for the school.
 - Concerns will be shared.

- Grad
 - Grad date has been booked for June 19th, 2019. The ceremony will be at Ancaster High School and dinner and dance to follow at the Willow Valley Golf course.
 - In early stages of planning the Grad.
 - Are parent volunteers needed?
 - At this time no, will be passed on to Ms Watts.

- Ancaster High Options Night
 - Grade 8s have had a few Information nights available to them at Ancaster High. Most have been advertised on the Mount Hope website/Board events.
 - The January Options Sheet Night at Ancaster High advertising was missed.

IV. Teachers Report provided by Mrs. Kondo.

- Report cards are currently being worked on.
- Some clubs will be ending after Term 1 and new ones starting for Term 2.
- There will be a Dance team for grades 1-3 – during nutrition breaks.
- Theatre club may be switching to another type.

V. Treasurers Report

- Current balance of \$5142.07
 - Pointsetta Fundraiser raised \$1384.73
 - Holiday Breakfast Fundraiser raised \$1439.70
- Current Purchases of School Council
 - Classroom Speakers \$867.98
 - Raz Kids \$439.80

VI. Chair Report

- Pizza Days – Grade 7s will be helping.
- Pro Grant – school council had applied for a Pro Grant and it has been approved (\$1000). School council will bring in a speaker in the subject of “Resilient children”. This is separate from the McMaster Workshop already scheduled at Mount Hope.

VII. Fundraising

- Wood Sign Fundraiser
 - Ms Shapardanis will be the instructor and will be providing her services at cost.
 - Council would like to make this a kid appropriate event. Ideas of Fortnite and unicorn signs were suggested.
 - Advertise by flyers home, website and maybe example signs in the front entry at school.
 - Tentatively set March 29th, 6:30 pm start. \$20 per sign cost.
- Movie Night Fundraiser
 - Tentatively planned a movie night fundraiser for Grad. Thursday, February 28th. 6:30 pm, doors open at 6 pm
 - Any movie suggestions pass on to Amanda. Movies suggested need to be PG or lower and depends on what is available via our license.
 - Suggestion of grads being in charge of concessions.

Motion to allocate Poinsettia Fundraiser balance (\$1384.73) towards Mount Hope School Library

Motion
Heidi Oglesby

Seconded:
Melodie Ghent

VIII. Other Business

- Question on School Council carrying balance from year to year.
 - There is a board mandate that School Councils must not carry a balance from year to year. Information on the board website is difficult to find. Principal will ask for more information.
 - Question of how large projects that we cannot fundraise for in one school year are financed. i.e. a Playground
 - Infrastructure projects have a different application process. Fund procedures are different then regular budget items.
 - School Enhancements (water fountain) and general items (Teacher allotments) do not meet infrastructure project criteria.
- Questions of how Council can provide a teacher allotment(\$100 per full -time teacher for classroom items). In the past provided in beginning of year.
 - Can we plan a fundraiser for early September for items like this that council wants to provide at the beginning of the school year.
 - Discussion on the purpose of the teacher allotment and other ideas to support teachers.
 - Discussion of asking for teacher input in how Council can support all teachers at different levels (Primary/Junior/Senior).
 - Mrs Kondo / Principal will approach teachers for items that Council can help provide that would benefit all teachers.
- Question on Mount Hope School Foyer
 - What happened to all of the pictures, awards, school banners from the entry way /gym.
 - There is a plan to add items to the front entry and add the banners to the gym. More information to come.

IX. Adjournment 7:38 PM

Motion: Heidi Oglesby

Seconded: Chuck Barton

All in Favour

Next Meeting Date: March 26nd, 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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