
Mount Hope School Council Minutes

Location: Mount Hope School

Date: Sept 23, 20119

Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: Amanda Fehrman, Michelle Warner, Heidi Oglesby, Christine Forester, Trish Woehrle, Kristina Fyfe, Laura Dunnam, Robin Ball, Jackie Boyd, Deana Worne-Laing, Mia Del Grande, Sarah Wiltshire, Vanessa Hewitt, Amy Bury, Sara Milne

Teacher Representation: Mme Young
Principal: Ms. N. Radojevic

Quorum: Total members in attendance: 15

Quorum set at 8.

Discussion & Agenda Items:

I. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Motion:

Seconded:

II. Norms and Values

- Exercise provided by Ms. N. Radojevic to determine “Norms” for School Council to work with.
- Code of Ethics and School Council Responsibilities provided.

III. School Council Elections overseen by Ms. N. Radojevic

- Chair– Amanda Fehrman
- Treasurer - Trish Woehrle
- Secretary – Michelle Warner
- Voting Members of School Council for remaining parents .
- Quorum for Mount Hope School will be 8 voting members.

IV. Principals Report

- Welcome
- School Culture
 - The beginning of the school year went smoothly. It has been positive and welcoming.
 - There are approximately 40 staff members and 5 new staff this year.
- Character Education Program with assemblies will commence.
 - Focus for September is Respect and Safety.
 - Focus for October will be Self-Regulation.
- Mount Hope School Twitter - https://twitter.com/MountHope_HWDSB will be utilized.
- PA Day
 - Character program will be discussed.
 - Program by Goldie Hawn “Mind Up”
 - CIL (Collaborative Inquiry and Learning) work
 - This is a cyclical program (3 cycles) where “marker students” are monitored and evaluated for 6 weeks. Teachers identify marker students in reading and math.
- Agendas were sent home (Grades 1-8). The Mount Hope school Code of Conduct is in the first part of the Agenda
 - Donations for agendas are on School Cash Online

V. Teachers Report provided by Mme Young

- Mme Young welcomes Ms. Radojevic and reiterates what a great start to the school year Mount Hope has had.
- Grade 3/4 and 4 classes went to the Dundas Valley Conservation Area on a field trip last week and had a great day.
- Junior Swimming
 - Meet will be in early November
 - Students in Grades 3-5 were asked if would like to participate and forms were sent home. Forms need to be returned to Mrs MacCullouch or Mrs Dowson. Practices start next week.
- Cross Country
 - The meet is scheduled for October 8th. Mme Young and Mr Horne will be attending. Grades 3-8 participate.
- Terry Fox Run – will be October 4th afternoon.
 - Teachers have suggested we provide hotdogs/apples to students on this day. It is pizza day 2nd break. Will offer apples/hotdogs 1st break.

Motion: To provide apples and hotdogs on 1st break on Friday October 4th.

First: Kristina Fyfe

Seconded: Mia Del Grande

All in Favour.

- Mount Hope school 3 pitch teams had a successful season.
 - Senior boys won their division. Senior girls were in a 3 way tie for 1st and lost out by runs. Junior boys did well.
- Teachers have requested the allotment received in previous years. \$100 for each full-time position for classroom items/development.
 - Currently not enough funds. Will look into after fundraising plan developed.

VI. Treasurers Report

Current balance : **\$1496.85**

- **Question** on fee for School Rental for Holiday Breakfast 2017. This was already allocated on past years reports.

VII. Chair Report

- Heidi has joined the PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) this year.
- Lunch box orders
 - Michelle will organize parent volunteers.
 - Student Helpers will be asked to help as well.
 - Subway has added milk to their order program.
 - Question if we can provide more of a variety. Next meeting Amanda will bring the options lunch box provided us in the past.
- Technology
 - Principal has expressed interest in fundraising to improve technology at Mount Hope School.
 - Provide a projector with network access for each classroom (approx.. \$300-400, still getting costs) (17 classes)
 - Online apps
 - Chocolate Bar fundraising has raised the most in the past.
 - Will be starting in October. There are great prizes lined up. 20 free boxes with order of 200. World's Finest.
 - School Cash Online for purchase of full boxes and cash collection.
 - Would like the ability for those not wanting to sell chocolate to donate via School Cash Online with cash instead.

Motion: To have Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

First: Sarah Wiltshire

Seconded: Mia Del Grande

VIII. Fundraising

- Poinsettia Fundraiser
 - Discussion on whether or not to offer this year. Determined people buy Poinsettia's each year anyways.
 - Profits to go to teacher allotment or Kindergarten area.
 - Heidi will look into arranging.

Motion: To have Poinsettia Fundraiser

First: Mia Del Grande

Seconded: Sara Milne

- Samko Sale
 - Sale is Nov 28- Dec 1st
 - Will participate – Encourage parents to have their receipt stamped when checking out and then return stamped receipts to school. 10% of all receipts are given to Mount Hope School.
- Holiday Breakfast
 - Email to be sent out mid-October to vote on dates and details.
 - Looking for volunteers to help plan
- Other ideas for this year for after Christmas
 - Dance-a-thon (Valentines ??)
 - Wood Sign night
 - Movie Night
- Fundraising for:
 - Technology in classrooms
 - Teacher allotment
 - Kindergarten area
 - Raz kids
 - Recess Equipment
 - Graduation
 - Yearbook

IX. Other Business

- Request for funds to supply Checker Boards. Approx. \$75-80

Motion: To provide extra Checker Boards.

First: Kristina Fyfe

Seconded: Sara Milne

- Bus Driver Appreciation Day
 - Would like to make sure this is acknowledged this year.
- Meet the Teacher Night
 - Will be October 3rd, 5:30-7pm
 - Tony's Corner food truck, hotdog guy and Homestead ice cream.
- Picture day is October 29th.
 - Pictures will include a full class picture.
 - New company this year – Edge Imaging
 - Suggestion to have volunteers on picture day to help with students looking more put together (younger students).
- Communication
 - Question to Principal on how the school will be communicating with School Community.
 - The calendar will be updated.
 - Still in the process of setting up communication methods with staff.
 - Suggestion of a weekly/monthly newsletter sent via website so community are emailed with updates.
- Yearbook
 - Michelle volunteers to complete.
 - Looking to see if there is interest by Teachers/Staff/Students to participate in creation of Yearbook.
- Recess Equipment
 - This year equipment is kept outside. Student helpers have keys.
 - Amount of equipment is good to begin school year.
 - Mia donated lots of equipment in June.
- Library Update Request
 - Update on where School Council donated money has been spent.
 - Planning of Library is in progress.
- Spirit Wear
 - Will be offered this year. No dates.
 - Would like school to have Spirit Days this year for people to actually wear it to school.
- Agenda items for meetings – Please email Amanda by Sunday before meeting with items to be added to meetings.

X. Adjournment

Motion: Mia Del Grande

Seconded: Sara Milne

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 28th, 2019 – 6:00 pm