
Mount Hope School Council Minutes

Monday, October 26th, 2020

6:00pm-7:00pm

Attendees

Heidi Oglesby, Michelle Warner, Mia Del Grande, Sarah Wiltshire, Vanessa Hewitt, Laura Dunman, Kristina Fyfe, Amanda Fehrman, Trisha Woehrle

Teacher Representation: Ms. N. Kondo

Principle: Ms. N. Radojevic

Quorum

Total Members in attendance: **9**

Quorum met: **5**

Discussion & Agenda Items:

Norms and Values

- School Council Responsibilities reviewed
- "What is/Role of School Council" reviewed

Elections

- School Council elections to be overseen by Ms. N. Radojevic
 - Chair - Amanda Fehrman
 - Treasurer - Trisha Woehrle
 - Secretary - Mia Del Grande
 - Voting members of School Council for remaining parents
 - Quorum for Mount Hope School will be 5 voting members
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Principals Report

- Welcome
- Good response from parents re: Covid screening tool
 - Screening needs to continue to be focused on every morning by parents
 - Symptoms categorized by Public Health into two Categories: **Major/Minor**
 - So far Mount Hope School has not had any covid cases
 - Paperwork to be filled out by parent upon return if child was sent home due to symptoms
- Reorganization: Taking place after Nov 3rd 2020
 - we lost an additional 0.2 FTE from 1 teacher assignment, our class number school wide stayed the same for the October reorganization.
 - Teachers, students, classes have all remained the same; status quo
 - Next reorganization will be to transition remote learners/new families
 - Need to meet Public Health requirements & have the physical space to accommodate
 - 2 weeks to transition
- Progress Reports going home on Thursday, October 29th, 2020; hard copy
 - Parents encouraged to fill out form provided to give feedback and will be filed in child's OSR (student record)
- Special Event:
 - Halloween - No parade
 - No sharing food
 - Children notified from assigned teacher; celebrating per class
 - Younger (Kindies) may go outside
 - Costumes to be worn from home, no changing at school
 - Masks to be worn with costume

Chairs Report

- No Fundraisers as of right now; as per board requirements
- Attended PIC meeting, some schools are still fundraising through Home and School Associations.
- Board has been asked to review their current pause on fundraising due to Home and School still fundraising; this causes an inequity across the system when not all schools have a Home and School Association

Teachers Report

- Pause on extracurricular activities

- Terry Fox was done outdoors per class cohort
- Grade 8 Graduation Sweaters have been ordered
- Halloween Festivities
 - No parade, celebrating per class room
 - Costumes to be worn from home; no changing at school
 - Masks mandatory with costumes

Treasurer Report

- Current Balance: **\$7287.79** - the increase from the spring balance was due to lunchbox order cheques being deposited
- Able to carry over balance this year due to unforeseen circumstances

Other Business

- Money to go towards a refillable water station in the primary wing - only wing without a working water fountain
 - Approximate cost: **\$2500-\$3500**

Motion: Heidi

Seconded: Kristina

Questions/Concerns

Heidi

- If there is a surplus of students attending, will we have to hire more teachers?
 - A number of staff was given at the beginning of the year and we must work within that number; no increase to staff.
- Is the library open and are there protocols to be followed?
 - Libraries are closed across board
 - Mobile bins have been put into place, starting soon
 - Each class will be provided bin of books; there will be protocols to sign them in/out
- How does outdoor recess look? Shared equipment?
 - Each class has an equipment bag which stays within the cohort; not shared
 - Teachers are limiting games, being creative with new games
 - Remaining mindful of the physical distancing measures

Kristina

- What is happening with Food Fridays?
 - Suspended across board until further notice

- What are we able to do because there is no fundraising at the moment?
 - Brainstorming/getting creative with new ways
 - Discussed at PIC; Amanda to bring back information
 - **Add to next Agenda**

Mia

- Will there be open discussion regarding pick up locations for 2+ children in younger grades once weather conditions change? IE: Kindergarten pick up & pick up at Longview Path
- The Path is not shovelled. Whose duty is it to make sure this is safe for students/parents?
 - Pickups must remain off school grounds
 - **Add to next Agenda**
- Can parents/community donate anything to the school? IE: recess equipment
 - Double checking board policies
 - Would need to be quarantined for a number of days
 - Looking into list from teachers of equipment they need
 - **Add both to next Agenda**

Michelle

- Indoor recess; kids saying there is nothing to do, no electronics to be used?
 - Teachers are to come up with creative ideas on entertainment
 - Students must remain at desks; independent
- Picture day?
 - Suspended as per board policies

Adjournment

Motion: Mia

Seconded: Heidi

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday November 25th @ 6:00 PM

