

Mount Hope Elementary School

School Council

Chair: Heidi Oglesby **Co-chair:** Mia Del Grande

Secretary: Shasta Cividino

Attendees: Nancy Radojevic, Michelle Warner, Steffany Scott, Michelle Corbett, Sharon Ruchheld, Amy Bury, Beverly Barone, Matt Barone, Trish Woehrle

March 29th, 2023 6-7PM

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Welcome	<p>Agenda review</p> <p>February and March meeting minutes review and approval to School Council and vote to Heidi for posting.</p> <p>Reminder to try to send vote through ASAP. If you do not wish to be a voting member, please reach out to Heidi.</p>	<p>Please email with approval for February minutes by March 30th, 2023.</p>
Principal's Report	<p><i>Review slide deck</i></p> <p>Character Education Monthly Focus Honesty covered over the month of March.</p> <p>Student Council Update Next spirit day April 6th – “Everything but a backpack”</p> <p>Jump Rope for Heart Landed date for end of May, rain date for June. There is a fundraising component to Jump Rope for Heart. Planning team will let Ms. Radojevic know what the plan is and messaging will be disseminated</p> <p>Library transition space Thank you for support for purchasing new carpet for library. Mr. Feenstra is very grateful for the assistance in getting the library organized and beautiful.</p> <p>The Scholastic Book Fair will take place from May 1st to 5th. Mr. Feenstra is looking for 10 volunteers to help in the library with either cash handling, processing sales or sorting while teachers guide their classes through the library and book displays. Ideally two volunteers per day, AM (3h) and PM (3h).</p> <p>Primary Literacy Centres</p>	

	<p>Thank you for fundraising towards furthering our primary grades literacy resources.</p> <p>Open House Scheduled Wednesday, May 3rd or Thursday, May 4th. Confirmation to occur March 30th. This will be held from 5-6:30PM</p> <p>Sound system Obtained three quotes and looking for Long and McQuade, with hope, this will be purchased by end of the week.</p>	
Teacher's Report	<p>Ms. Kondo provided the Teacher's Report</p> <p>Intermediate division will attend Theatre Aquarius' production of Maggie in May.</p> <p>Senior division is looking at end of year trip. Options are being considered with input from kids. Uncertain if this will be overnight or not.</p> <p>Basketball teams are currently running – Jr Boys & Girls and Sr Boys & Girls teams.</p> <p>Grade 8 Commencement – In 2022, the Mount Hope School Council created an award together with the school on behalf of council. It was called the Mount Hope School Council Award. The Grade 8 team is asking if the Council still supports this award's distribution – The award was given to a student who demonstrated initiative to volunteer their time to support the school, strong sense of building community and team work and shows a keen interest and desire to improve school life. Recipient is chosen by teachers based on the description, and the award is presented at commencement. Proposal to have a member from School Council present at the graduation.</p> <p>Motion put forward by Michelle W to support the award and if desired, accompanied by gift card. Seconded by Steffany. Council members of Grade 8 students will have their name drawn to present award as per Heidi.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer update provided by Michelle C.</p> <p>Total assets as of September 1st, 2022 was \$9,551.74. Total assets as of March 27th, 2023 is \$17,796.61.</p>	

	<p>Lunch box funds are available for allocation. Poinsettia, chocolate bars and big box card fundraising are already allocated.</p> <p>Purchases and holding budget goes towards play day expenses, cross country transport, Halloween dance expenses, student pantry and games.</p> <p>Promised funds allocated include daily physical activity bags, stem learning (1 set), primary classroom library, library carpet, primary reading centre, 10 prayer mats.</p> <p>Remaining available is \$4,148.21 to spend by end of June 2023.</p> <p>Proposed to donate \$500, Shasta puts this forward motion, Michelle seconded. No opposed. Ms. Radojevic will update the Grade 8 team of this donation.</p>	
Chair's Report	<p>A huge thank you for all of your time and dedication towards our school.</p> <p>Canada Post Library Grant Were able to write the grant and reviewed by HWDSB Foundation and Facilities and approved, as well as Ms. Radojevic. Trish reached out to Canada Post to request submitting a late application for \$5000. This would grant if awarded would go towards library resources. Decision on grants to be awarded will come in the summer 2023.</p> <p>4 New Volunteers – Courtney, Nicole, Carolyn and Saheefa – thank you so much for volunteering helping on Food Days.</p> <p>Rural School Advisory Committee The chair of each rural school becomes a member of the rural school advisory committee automatically, and Heidi has been appointed as the Chair of that committee. Topics of meetings include budget, transportation, safety and facilities. Heidi has met with Ms. Radojevic to discuss our allotted amount of money – inclusive of end of year trips, new desks and chairs. All funds will be spent! Ms. Radojevic reached out to the Committee to review budget towards furniture since we are a growing community.</p> <p>Book Drive Please spread the word we are hosting a Book Drive. There is a Book Fair May 1st and Mr. Feenstra is</p>	

requesting volunteers. If you are interested, please contact him by April 14th at sfeenstr@hwdsb.on.ca

Open House

For the open house, proposal placed to council on topics like: organizing food trucks again? Vendors (girl guides, croca-doodle, dance company did a performance in previous years)? Local charities and organizations? Penny sale/auction, spirit wear? Police horses, cars, etc. Anyone interested in leading the event coordination?

Mia and **Michelle W** willing to coordinate. There will be a need for many volunteers for this event from Council. Agreement to communicate to school family community about donations or other ways to be involved.

Pancake Day

Michelle W and Amanda organizing. Discussion about considering a date in May (Monday, Tuesdays or Thursdays to avoid organized lunch days), we will set up a BBQ outside to cook pancakes on. Will start with FDK students and go through ascending grades. Ms. Radojevic has asked for a member of council to draft a message to community to be sent via messenger for the Special Event Days. Suggest that we encourage kids to bring a fork to school per day.

Pro Grant Update

Still seeking out an available speaker. Targeting end of May, early June with likely virtual option for attendance. Liaising with McMaster University speaker as well as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton and Halton. Once group identified, Council will be brought forward to assess if this fits the criteria and guidelines of the grant's principles.

Movie Night

Looking for a volunteer to take over coordination. Ms. Radojevic can find out about the timeline for receipt of sound system and will do a call out to teachers about available dates of the week that would work. Looking forward, if timeline of receipt of sound system is lengthy, request to look into options for renting equipment.

Spring Fundraiser

Vote placed via email was for popcorn fundraiser – considering all of the various efforts and activities coming up, do we feel that we need to run a fundraiser in the Spring? Agreement that we do not need to run this.

	<p>Motion made by Michelle to abandon popcorn fundraiser, Mia seconded.</p> <p><i>School Safety Issues</i> Heidi discussed this at the Rural School Advisory Committee. A reminder was sent out by Mount Hope Admin about protocol for drop off/pick-up. Ms Radojevic provided update that Amanda Ferhman, School Trustee has raised safety concerns, limitations and accessing the school to the City. Waiting for a response and what can be done. Interested in understanding the pathway to escalate safety concerns about sidewalks on Airport Rd, ability to ease drop off/pick-up etc.</p> <p><i>Spirit Wear</i> Proposal to come up with 2-4 things that we would like to sell. Cost effective to stick with same company as they have our graphic for silkscreen printing. They can create a patch design as well (iron or sew-on). Commitment to do this at Open House – looking forward, we could try to get sample sizes to try on. Bigger order quantities will provide greater discounts.</p>	<p>Steffany to share email with prices of items (without tax, shipping, etc.) with Council to pick out four items to sell within the week (by April 5th).</p>
Future Meetings	April 26 th – 6PM	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25 proposed by Shasta, seconded by Mia.	