

Mount Hope Elementary School

School Council

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

Secretary: Shasta Cividino

Attendees: Michelle Warner, Steffany Scott, Michelle Corbett, Vanessa Hewitt, Sarah Wiltshire, Chris Young, Trish Woehrle, Amanda Fehrman, Sharon Ruchheld, Amy Bury, Beverly Barone, Matt Barone

February 1st, 2023 6-7PM

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Welcome	Agenda review – November meeting minutes review and approval	Approval: Steffany Scott, Shasta Cividino, agenda approved. Promotion of Sarah Wiltshire, second Mia Del Grande Minutes approved and passed
Principal's Report	<i>Review slide deck</i> Character Education Monthly Focus Focus on empathy through month of February built in to classroom programming. Ties things nicely into the special event day of Valentine's Day February 14 th . Student Council Update Flourishing and active student council, launched mid-November 2022. Student Council is a group of student representatives from Gr 4-8 to come together to bring forward students voice. They review opportunities for school events and execute the events. Upcoming spirit day February 3 rd . Each division (primary, junior and intermediate) is getting a ballot to submit for voting on top three choices for movies. Students are encouraged to wear pajamas. Popcorn will be sold with proceeds going towards fundraising efforts. Indigo Grant Submission Package submitted to apply for the Indigo fundraising opportunity – involved student engagement with submission of artifacts from kids (art, etc.) Primary Reading Focus Focus of intervention on the science of reading implementation to encourage students FDK to Gr. 2 to be	

	<p>reading at grade level. We are continuing to implement strategies to ensure kids are caught-up from the impacts of the COVID pandemic. Immersed in this learning and comes from the report called the Right to Read generated from the Ministry of Education. The school is infusing money to support the implementation of this. Training was completed across all teachers to build upon learning opportunities and support students in older grades.</p> <p><i>EQAO Scores – 2021/22</i> Scores shared from EQAO results from May 2022 relative to the board (HWDSB) and province. Worked with staff around scores back in November during the PA Day.</p> <p><i>Highlights:</i> Mount Hope Gr. 3 scored higher in writing and math in comparison with HWDSB and province. Gr. 6 scored higher in all domains (reading, writing and math) when compared to HWDSB and province.</p> <p><i>Safe Schools Survey</i> A youth worker will come in to school to assess what does safe schools and wellbeing look like at MHES. February 2nd, Gr 5 to 8 students will have a survey administered to assess their safety, wellbeing and out of this is creating a safe schools committee.</p> <p><i>Positive Space Group</i> Initial stages of implementation of launching with Board support. Two school staff are interested in leading a positive space group. Tailoring this to what could this look like at MHES is underway.</p> <p><i>New portable</i> Up and running for the Grade 5 class. Currently student population is over 400.</p> <p><i>Library transition space</i> Currently in transition back to a dedicated library space however still utilizing space as a lunchroom.</p> <p><i>Students eating at nutrition break</i> Currently not moving at this time to allow students to go off property for lunch unless home which aligns with the Safe School Plan. Students can opt to go home for lunch (tracked by sign in/out system) or stay at school.</p> <p><i>Term 1 Report Cards</i></p>	
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	<p>Home to families Friday, February 17th, 2023. Difference between progress report is how they are learning as it is happening. Report Card represents assessment of how they are performing independently.</p>	
Teacher's Report	<p>Mme. Young requested on behalf of Mr. Feenstra, librarians, volunteers from school council to support reorganization of books.</p> <p>Mr. Gerard is hopeful to start hockey intermural program within the next few months – date to be determined.</p> <p>Gr. 5/6 to 8 is going to Theatre Aquarius called Maggie, based on a true story for \$20 (Ms. VanDyke, Ms. Webster, Ms. Watts, Ms. Mills and Mr. Gerard).</p> <p>Ms. Watts and Ms. VanDyke have partnered with the Dundas Valley School of Art, who will bring pieces of artwork and students will view/study them. Bringing in a special guest to support classes in watercolour. Hoping to showcase the art in the library for all grades to view.</p> <p>Boys basketball team is half way through the season and have a game Thursday (home) and Friday (away).</p> <p>Thank you for approvals for fundraising budget items.</p> <p>Parent asked about if Gr. 8 trips will be taking place this year. Ms. Radojevic said teachers are starting to look into this and then notification would go out to families. Any overnight excursion options would require the school to host a parent information session.</p> <p>Parent asked about whether a date has been finalized for Gr. 8 photos and confirmed as March 2nd. Yearbooks also discussed from a planning perspective. Michelle shared that a few parents part of the School Council has supported yearbook creation since there was not a teacher sponsor.</p> <p>Any parents/caregivers interested in participating in planning for yearbook can contact Michelle Warner. Ms. Radojevic will inform intermediary teachers to let them know.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Chocolate fundraiser proceeds towards student technology according to annual plan - \$8,054 after paying for chocolates and incentive prizes.</p> <p>Spirit hoodies – \$1,104 proceeds</p>	

	<p>Accounts –</p> <p>MHES is looking to have a sound system upgrade for gymnasium allocated from last year 2021/22. Soundbox has provided a quote for a sound system, Ms. Clarke is going to seek a quote from Long and McQuade. Parent volunteer to seek third quote for supplies with background in sound engineering.</p>	
Chair's Report	<p>Volunteers Volunteer engagement letter distributed to Council for review and approval. Once distributed will go out as letter and posted on the school website. We need to encourage through verbal engagement when out-and-about, at school events, etc. to promote volunteering through sharing your excitement to grow volunteer base. We need to bolster the volunteer base for planned lunch days or at risk of cancelling.</p> <p>Engage HWDSB A format for parents to go in to view what projects are happening and share your voice on projects that matter at Engage HWDSB. Amanda Fehrman, as trustee, shared this website is a thought exchange to provide feedback from parents to properly understand opportunities the community feels are important.</p> <p>Spring Fundraiser Ideas Some ideas for considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popcorn • McMillan's frozen foods • Little Caesar's • Terra Easter Plants • Krispy Kreme • Spirit Wear • Movie Night • Community Breakfast • Raise the dough <p>Planning steps that are required are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email Chair (Heidi) with idea as proposed • Council will vote at next meeting or via email if time sensitive • Determine if we have the manpower • Commitment made by council members • Principal shares ideas with staff for support 	<p>All council members asked to provide feedback about spring fundraiser ideas proposed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If supported by staff, the event will continue to be planned and communicated <p>Tree Canada Grant – Amie put forward an idea to apply for a Tree Canada Grant. However, deadline was passed and perhaps if council is interested, we can have a member look into this application for next school year.</p> <p>PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant Submitted to try to bolster community engagement, specifically about how to engage male parents and caregivers to be involved in school engagement. Submitted to Parent Involvement Council for review and approval and awaiting feedback.</p> <p>Nutrition Program – Taste Buds A few families have inquired about starting a nutrition program at the school. Extensive involvement of contribution breakdown.</p> <p>TasteBuds is the provider that School Council has made contact with. It requires teacher, principal and volunteers commitment. There has been no open discussion with staff, and this has not be brought to Ms. Radojevic’s attention with the present MHES population.</p> <p>Shasta has proposed motion to offer a pantry of non-perishable items and collecting information. Sarah Wiltshire seconded motion. Motion approved by Council.</p> <p>Grade 8 Graduation Parent Planning Support Steffany and Sharon are interested in supporting planning and collaborating with the school staff and students to support ceremony and celebrations. Ms. Radojevic shared that she will engage staff on this.</p>	
Future Meetings	March 29 th proposed for next meeting 6-7PM	
Adjournment	Adjournment of meeting at proposed by Heidi, seconded by Vanessa and Michelle.	