

Mount Hope Elementary School

School Council 2023/2024

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

Secretary: Shasta Cividino

Attendees: Ms. N. Radojevic, Heidi Oglesby, Mia Del Grande, Sarah Wiltshire, Michelle Warner, Mirela Cupovic, Mme. C. Younge, Steffany Scott, Jamie Powell, Amy Simpson, Wendy Tanner, Matt Barone, Bev Barone, Amy Bury, Sana Amla, Abra VanRiemsdyk, Melissa Jewell, Laura Dunnam, Meghan Kuyntjes

November 21st, 2023 at 6PM

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Welcome	<p>Agenda review & land acknowledgement</p> <p>School Council Norms review Presume positive intentions, active listening, honouring timelines</p>	
Principal's Report	<p>School-wide focus – Thank you for the support to purchase school equipment (walkie talkies, projector mounts, green screens, DPA funds for 8 classes) Focusing on mathematics in the next six-week cycle across the school.</p> <p>Growing Community – next steps Projecton of growth and advancements in terms of renovation. Accommodation and planning department aware of capacity challenges and next steps underway however a multi-year strategy.</p> <p>Update from Councilor Mark Tadeson (Ward 11) on a draft 2024 project list – inclusive of two sidewalk locations proposed on Airport Rd (from Homestead to Upper James – south side, and Provident Way to Mount Hope Elementary School – south side)</p> <p>Teacher proposals 4 new proposals to review later in the meeting.</p> <p>Indigo Update \$1,600 funds raised and a big thank you for contributions!</p> <p>Chocolate Update Approximately \$7,000 raised to support improvement planning.</p>	

	<p>Progress Reports Thank you for coming in to meet the teachers</p> <p>EQAO Data from May 2023 Shared <i>For more information, you can go to www.eqao.com for specific scores and parent information section.</i></p> <p>Recognition of changes and impacts of pandemic. EQAO has just released sample questions to assist teachers with developing math questions and model questions anticipated in EQAO testing.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="431 583 979 695"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Reading</th> <th>Writing</th> <th>Math</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>41%</td> <td>41%</td> <td>47%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>85%</td> <td>85%</td> <td>44%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grade	Reading	Writing	Math	3	41%	41%	47%	6	85%	85%	44%	
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<p>Teacher's Report</p>	<p>Student Council Gr 6-8 student council started up and will meet twice a month with 2-3 representatives per grade. Are in early stages of planning a community give-back event.</p> <p>Celebrations New chest sets arrived today and were a huge hit! The chess club will begin next week (November 27th)</p> <p>Both the Boys and Girls Volleyball teams are in the playoffs!</p> <p>Important Dates and Reminders December 20th – Gr. 5-8 will be attending a musical at Theatre Aquarius.</p> <p>Encourage to follow Mount Hope Elementary on "X" Formerly known as Twitter at @MountHope_HWDSB</p>	<p>Action: Ms. Radojevic would look into why Student Council was only Gr. 6-8 and not Gr. 4 and above.</p>												
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Currently the total within the account is \$11,299.55 and inclusive of everything that has been voted on to date both in person and virtually.</p> <p>Teacher proposals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For one FDK Classroom – request to buy bin system and educational toys at approximately \$150. 2) For one FDK Classroom - Magnetic letters and appropriate books - \$150 3) From media teacher – looking to get one the Hamilton Spectator subscription to discuss current events and live events unit - \$70 4) Request to purchase headphones for reading intervention programs. Currently 20 students 	<p>All in favour, motion passed.</p> <p>All in favour, motion passed.</p> <p>All in favour, motion passed.</p>												

	<p>assigned which they use the iPad for. By purchasing headphones, this will allow students to focus and concentrate. This cost would be \$250 total for 20.</p> <p>Virtual support and passed by quorum between October 3rd and November 21st:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Warmer bags – 19 yes • Snack cupboard replenishment – 17 yes • Walkie talkies – 15 yes, 2 no • Movie night – 16 yes • Spirit wear – 15 yes • DPA bags – 21 yes • Bussing for x-country – 17 yes, 1 no • Popcorn for Halloween – 18 yes 	<p>All in favour, motion passed.</p>
<p>Chair's Report</p>	<p>Spirit Wear Orders for clothing has been placed on Monday, November 20th and gives enough notice to have them available for student distribution. It was not as successful this year as 2022/23 Spirit Wear. Thanks Steff for all of the assistance and coordination!</p> <p>Logo rebranding Process to go through to rebrand, however intensive. We are currently having success in the logo we have. Heidi has proposed placing rebranding on hold unless objections received. No objections received regarding placing rebranding on hold.</p> <p>Pita days Currently, pita days have dwindled in popularity. We are awaiting opportunities for pricing other options via Michelle who is liaising with Lunch Box and will get back to the Council. If anyone has any ideas to switch out for another option, please contact Heidi.</p> <p>Community movie night Staff have been asked about availability for support. We are trying to land a date once staff assistance has been identified. Proposal to have two movie nights and movie choice for age appropriate however questions raised about decision about older grades as there may not be enough interest of intermediate grades. We will await confirmation of staff support before landing on whether one or two nights are offered.</p>	

	<p>Holiday Community Event Discussed the chance of offering something for the holiday season, however group is more supportive of looking forward to the spring to plan a community event.</p> <p>Voting process – in person only Challenges regarding clarity and insight into voting processes virtually. We are encouraged to use funds in-year. Discussion occurred regarding having a budget for certain consumables that would allow the school to make discreet decisions aligned to the allocated funds for the school year (for example: allocating \$1000 to replenish the school food cupboard). Motion put forward by Shasta and seconded Meaghan by to support \$1,000 towards teachers with their needs in classrooms until end of January and to be managed directly by Ms. Radojevic in the absence of a vote from Council. This allocation practice proposed will be reviewed by Council at the January 2024 meeting as to whether this fundraising budget allocation should continue. Ms. Radojevic will bring back a spreadsheet including what allocation has been used for, as part of the Principal’s report in January 2024.</p> <p>Bussing prices Overall, pricing has increased overall.</p> <p>Overnight Trips Trips are voluntary and lead by teachers. Teachers complete application and Principal supports or declines. Process remains the same between day trip vs. overnight trips. Overnight trips must go to the Superintendent level to meet guidelines. At this time, there are currently no overnight trips requests made by teachers.</p> <p>Gr. 7/8’s leaving for lunch Currently and typical, kids are eating at school or go home at lunch. Some students are returning home to eat over nutrition break and do not have students going into the community for lunch.</p>	<p>All in favour, motion approved.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Commencement funding, tent decisions, Tastebuds Nutrition Program, Spring Fundraiser ideas all will be discussed at our January meeting.</p> <p>Meghan is looking for interest in coming together to form a small group of caregivers in community to review opportunity to learn more about play structures on school property.</p>	

Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 7:26PM made by Shasta, seconded by Meghan. Motion passed to adjourn meeting. Next meeting: January 16 th , 2024 at 6PM	
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Voting members as elected for 2023/24 School Year:

Sarah Wiltshire, Vanessa Hewitt, Meghan Kuyntjes, Jamie Powell, Amy Simpson, Michelle Warner, Steffany Scott, Wendy Tanner, Bev Barone, Jana Amla, Saheefa Naqvi, Abra Van Riemsdyk, Mirela Cupovic, Melissa Jewell, Mia Del Grande, Nicole Khusaba, Laura Dunnam, Candice Vansickle, Amy Bury, Trish Woehrle, Nicole Johnston, Shasta Cividino