

Mount Hope Elementary School

School Council 2023/2024

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

Secretary: Shasta Cividino

Attendees: Ms. Burnagieli, Heidi Oglesby, Mia Del Grande, Michelle Warner, Mirela Cupovic, Steffany Scott, Matt Barone, Bev Barone, Meghan Kuyntjes, Trish Woehrle

March 19th, 2024

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Welcome	<p>Council did not have quorum this evening and were unable to vote.</p> <p>Agenda review & land acknowledgement</p> <p>School Council Norms review</p>	
Principal's Report	<p>Math Up Licenses To enhance our mathematics curriculum, the council discussed the procurement of Math Up licenses at \$800 each, emphasizing the licenses' school-based nature and automatic updates. These licenses facilitate flexible teaching by allowing grade combination and adjustments. Consider trial periods for some teachers before committing to full-scale license purchases. Additionally, the council noted the availability of other online math resources like Knowledge Hook, Mathify, and Prodigy.</p> <p>EDI Work – purchase of staff resource The council reviewed the initiative to deepen our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion by purchasing "This Book is Anti-Racist" by Tiffany Jewels for all staff members. The staff's engagement with the book and subsequent activities like identity mapping were noted as crucial steps towards enhancing collaboration and understanding.</p> <p>Math and Language Learning Discussions were held on enhancing math and language learning through additional resources and expert consultations. The engagement of a Math Up consultant and the distribution of a phonics and word study book to the intermediate language team were highlighted - "Teaching Phonics & Word Study in Intermediate Grades" by Wiley Blevins.</p> <p>Needs Assessment Update</p>	

	<p>The council received a three-year, \$67,000 plan, on the needs assessment, focusing on technology upgrades and resource allocations to support our educational objectives. This includes considerations for transitioning from iPads to laptops and the necessity of projector installations.</p> <p>Grade 7&8 Lunch The logistics and safety measures of the lunch program for Grade 7 and 8 students were reviewed, with a focus on improving the home lunch system and ensuring student safety during off-campus lunch periods.</p> <p>Education Week – May 6-19th – Book Fair The council discussed the upcoming Education Week, highlighting the book fair event. The fair aims to foster a love of reading and support literacy development among our students.</p> <p>Open House Thursday May 9th Preparations for the Open House on May 9th were reviewed, with the event serving as a vital opportunity for community engagement and showcasing our school's achievements and initiatives.</p> <p>Commencement – June 24th The council discussed the planning for the commencement ceremony on June 21st, focusing on creating a memorable and inclusive event for our graduating students.</p>	
<p>Teacher's Report</p>	<p>MetroLincs Rail Safety Presentation for Kinder Students – Thursday March 21st A rail safety presentation by MetroLincs is scheduled for kindergarten students on Thursday, March 21st. This initiative is crucial for educating our youngest students on the importance of rail safety.</p> <p>Swim Team started – Friday morning practice (grade6-8) The swim team for students in grades 6-8 has commenced, with practice sessions set for Friday mornings.</p> <p>Run Club (grades 3-8) before school on Tuesday/Thursday (just starting) This will prepare students to try out for the Mount Hope Team for interschool athletic opportunities</p>	

	<p>Popcorn delivery and sales starting Wednesday March 20th Just a reminder that our Grade 8 students will be selling individual bags of popcorn on Wednesdays (starting Wednesday March 20th) in the foyer for those who did not purchase online. They will be available for \$2.50 cash, please bring change, if possible. They will be selling Butter Salt or White Cheddar. Thank you for supporting our Grade 8 Graduating Class!</p> <p>Trips – planning in the works for year end and learning. Planning is underway for various year-end and educational trips – more to be announced soon.</p>	
<p>Treasurer’s Report</p>	<p>Currently the total within the account is \$10,441.97 with consideration for what is owed in-year.</p>	
<p>Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Open House/Community Night/Special Events Open House scheduled for May 9th, featuring food trucks, raffles, and themed baskets. The event may serve as a fundraiser, with participating vendors needing to provide liability proof and name the school as insured. Activities from the spring festival, like game stalls and food booths, may be incorporated to test their popularity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Festival: Planned for the end of June to raise funds and enhance school facilities, featuring games, food stalls, and volunteer involvement. The festival's location and the potential for running it independently by the parent council are being considered. • Home and School: This volunteer-based initiative offers an alternative for organizing events, especially if school board policies are restrictive. <p>Math Night – Trish This event aims to engage families in math activities, hiring of Jump to Math for a family-focused night. More to be announced soon.</p> <p>Movie Night Scheduled for March 21st, with 100 attendees registered. Arrangements include pizzas, sour keys, and popcorn. Grade 8 students, Mrs Watts and Mr. Feenstra will assist with the setup, using a laptop for streaming. The rental cost was \$600 for a year-long streaming service, selecting "Strange World" for viewing. The second movie night will be April 4th. More to be announced soon.</p> <p>Commencement Financial Support</p>	

	<p>The council and Grade 8 students are raising funds for the commencement, with a \$500 commitment from the council. The exact contribution amount is under discussion.</p> <p>Spirit Wear – Steff A demo of the reversible jersey with a printed logo on both sides was reviewed, with considerations for improved printing or screening methods. The focus is on competitive pricing and supporting local businesses. The planning for spirit wear is underway. Decisions on when to order and sell spirit wear are pending, with a proposal to display samples at the open house to gauge parent interest.</p> <p>Yearbook – Update Michelle is overseeing the yearbook, emphasizing the importance of photo consent and allowing opt-outs for students.</p>	
New Business	Please remember all School Council queries are to go through the chair.	
Adjournment	Next meeting: April 30 th from 6-7:30PM	

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, Matt Barone, Jana Amla, Saheefa Naqvi, Abra Van Riemsdyk, Mirela Cupovic, Melissa Jewell, Mia Del Grande, Nicole Khausaba, Laura Dunnam, Candice Vansickle, Amy Bury, Trish Woehrle, Nicole Johnston, Shasta Cividino