

## Mount Hope Elementary School

### School Council 2024/2025

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

**Secretary for the day:** Michelle Warner

**Attendees:** Ms. L. Burnagiel, Mr. J. Duvnjak, Ms. Kondo (teacher representative)

Heidi Oglesby Abra VanRiemsdyk, Roza Lukovic, Michelle Warner, Melissa Jewell, Matt Barone, Beverley Barone, Meghan Kuyntjes, Amy Bury, Mirela Cupovic, Saheefa Naqvi, Steffany Scott, Mia del Grande

**Quorum established at 11 in attendance.**

**November 28th, 2024**

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Welcome	<p><b>Agenda review &amp; land acknowledgement</b></p> <p>School Council meeting welcomed and commenced at 6:25PM.</p> <p>Heidi completed our land acknowledgement and provided a review of school council norms, including presuming positive intentions, active listening and honouring timelines with an emphasis on whole school thinking.</p>	
Principal's Report	<p>School Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 28<sup>th</sup> - Flag Football and "Be You. Be Excellent" event.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grades K-6 participated in a video presentation, activities and reading of the book "I am Me a Book of Authenticity".</li><li>○ Students were given a paper picture frame to illustrate what makes them unique and a billboard will be put together.</li><li>○ The video presentation contained messages from staff and students with related messages and was shown at Council.</li><li>○ Grades 5-8 participated in short games of Flag Football outside</li><li>○ Hot chocolate was had by all.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>School Annual Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mount Hope School's plan will focus on human rights and equalities.</li><li>• Looking at improvement of EQAO Reading and Writing and Mathematics.</li><li>• Student voice is being included as well as staff and teachers input.</li></ul>	

	<p>EQAO scores – <a href="http://www.eqao.com/results">www.eqao.com/results</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See presentation (request from Principal)</li> </ul> <p>Educator Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twice, Grade 3 and 6 educators have attended seminars for specific Math strategies and tools.</li> <li>• Grade 5 educators are going to Mathup Sessions to help with learning the tools December 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• There is ongoing Grade 4 educator development for Junior Literacy.</li> <li>• Grade 2 educators went to an outdoor education workshop.</li> <li>• Grade 6 teachers – Holocaust education session on curriculum and some site immersive learning</li> </ul> <p>Ancaster High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mount Hope participated in a meeting with other feeder schools for Ancaster High. Some items discussed were student retention in the public board and ways to promote Ancaster High to students.</li> </ul> <p>Purchases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math manipulatives for programming.</li> <li>• UFLI – reading strategy resource Early learning set.</li> <li>• Heggerty – Primary – online resource.</li> <li>• Magnetic letters, new books for intermediate.</li> <li>• Sound walls going up in classrooms to show proper sound pronunciation.</li> </ul> <p>School Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HWDSB employees spent some time in the school library. Organization of the library resources included removal of inappropriate and very out-of-date material.</li> </ul> <p>Facilities Upgrades and Renovation Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No real renovation updates for School addition. The official plans have been sent to the city for final approval.</li> <li>• The sidewalk that extends from the school property into the subdivision on City of Hamilton property has been officially added to the City's responsibilities for maintaining and clearing the sidewalk. The school will be responsible for clearing the walkway in the school yard.</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airport Road Signage – There are now no stopping signs instead of no parking in front of the school.</li> <li>• 6 classrooms are getting electrical updates and 4 classrooms are getting mounting equipment for overhead projectors</li> </ul> <p>Early Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource and classroom teachers recommend students for evidence-based intervention programming. Two programs are Lexia and Empower reading. The school board provides licenses (3-5) with approval.</li> </ul> <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamilton Community Foundation Grants – 2 x \$500. For Robotics and Science. Looking to get a Robotics going.</li> <li>• Hamilton Airport Grant – Being written. Community</li> </ul> <p>Grade 8 Commencement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date will be Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The ceremony will be at the Ancaster High Auditorium and the reception will be at Willow Valley golf course.</li> <li>• Funding – Leadership by Grade 8 students to raise funds. They will sell food at dances and popcorn throughout the year.</li> </ul>	
Teacher's Report	<p>School Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Girls are in tryouts for Basketball that starts after Winter break.</li> <li>• There will be Intramural basketball for Grades 4-6 starting next week.</li> </ul> <p>Mount Hope Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mount Hope Choir will be performing at the Mount Hope Community Tree lighting December 1, 2024.</li> <li>• Winter festival – choir and band participating</li> </ul> <p>Green Screen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council was show the Halloween video created by students and Mr Cobb with the green screen.</li> <li>• The green screen is setup in the extra portable.</li> </ul> <p>Clubs and Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cobb has started a Dungeons and Dragons club at break.</li> </ul>	

Treasurer's Report	Current Amount - \$500.42	
Chair's Report	<p>Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrived and have been delivered to students today.</li> <li>Approximately \$1200 in profit.</li> </ul> <p>Lunch Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always looking for volunteers to assist with Food Days.</li> </ul> <p>Teacher Appreciation Day will be Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Principal and Vice Principal are participating as well we are asking members to contribute with Breakfast items.</li> <li>Please let Heidi know the availability to volunteer and contributions.</li> </ul> <p>School Council Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideas were requested earlier in the year and very little feedback has been returned.</li> <li>Heidi is asking for support/volunteers to lead and run fundraisers or school events. Please reach out to Heidi.</li> <li>The school will run a Big Box of Card Fundraiser at the end of January/February. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mia volunteers to run the event.</li> <li>Meghan will support.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Volunteer Vests - \$13 a piece (single or double sided) Would school council support purchasing vests?</p> <p>Movie Night Follow Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2<sup>nd</sup> movie night was well attended. Inside Out 2 was shown.</li> <li>We have the movie license until March and hope to continue with movie nights.</li> </ul> <p>Pro Funding – Application has not submitted, still continue looking into. Heidi conversing with Dallas to see if there are any ideas can move forward.</p> <p>Future Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More detailed plans and support needs to be put forward for future events by School Council Members. Ideas in the</li> </ul>	<p>Yes - Vote on Volunteer vests Motion – Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup> Saheefa</p>

	past have been a Spring Fair Community event. Meghan and Saheefa to discuss this.	
Next Meeting	January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 will be the next meeting.	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting made by 7:27 PM.	