

Mount Hope Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday October 21, 2025

Location: Mount Hope Elementary School Library

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
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Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting called to order 6:00pm• Welcome and Land Acknowledgment done by Lori (principal)• John (V.P.) was introduced to the attendees as his attendance was missed for the first council meeting• Meghan (Chair) went over the council agenda and meeting norms	
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair: Meghan Kuyntjes• Treasurer: Michelle Smith• Principal, V. Principal, and Guest Teacher: Lori Bunagiel, John Duvnjak, Mrs. Beatyie• Secretary: Ashton Tavormina• Attendees: Melissa Jewell, Matt & Bev Barone, Amy Bury, Chantelle Wilson, Roza Lukovic, Thuy Bui, Leanne Bradbury, Steff Scott, Sherri Llewellyn, Vanessa Hewitt, Sarah Wiltshire, Heidi Oglesby, Christina (lastname), Kate (lastname)	
Principals Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by Lori and John, starting with a great thanks to all the helpful hands and volunteers during fundraisers and events• Planned construction/renovations: To move forward in November (updates to follow)• P.A. Day: Friday October 24 will be split into two portions, first being the ministry directive and second surrounding school plans focusing on mathematics, well-being, and school improvement planning• Positive Space Initiative: for LGBTQ and student-led groups to feel safe and promote inclusion and belonging (Supported by staff and Equity & Well-Being Consultant, K-12 Colin)• Indigenous Learning: introduction of a “Runner” role and upcoming Indigenous learning initiative. This may include 5-6 sessions to work with colleagues and peers for community building• Junior Literacy: continued focus on “Acadiance”	

<p>Teacher Report</p>	<p>reading assessment, <i>Know Your Code</i>, and <i>Words Your Way Programs</i> to help students with their reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-Panel Pathway: ongoing work to support grade 8 students progression to grade 9 • School Spirit and Assemblies: “Marvellous Mustangs” multi-theme Assemblies recognizing and honouring our school values and achievements, where educators as well as students will get to vote on the value being honoured. With Ribbons and Certificates to celebrate achievements. <i>With plans to do a split assembly with grades K-3 first, and grades 4-8 second.</i> • Health and Well-Being: Health Action Team; focus on healthy relationships, positive school culture and physical activity. Working with the Healthy Schools CYCP to register for the Healthy School certification. The purpose is to promote health in general. Such things will be tracked and promoted with Bronze, Silver and Gold and will be teacher and student-driven • Traffic and Safety: ongoing concerns regarding “no stopping/no parking” zones on Airport Rd during drop off and pick up times. With upcoming construction, there are plans to extend a pathway for walking and biking through the back field and encourage families to use alternate entry ways to the school property • Extracurricular Activities: <p>Ms. Beattie presented the Teachers Report regarding the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursions: Dyments Farm for grades K-2; Warplane Museum grade 6(flight); grade 8’s going for Remembrance Day • Multiple clubs and sports underway, encouraging students to participate • Athletics: Jr. Boys Baseball, Senior Girls & Boys Baseball, Cross Country, Senior Girls & Boys Volleyball, Junior Girls Volleyball • Extra-Curriculars: Positive Space, Choir, Health Action Team, Safety Patrollers • Book Fair: Meet the teacher night was a great success with pizza and funnel cake truck and Scholastics Book Fair raising over \$2,000, which will be put back into the library for new books and resources • Parent Engagement: upcoming series of literacy sessions to support families at home K-3 learning to read. Supporting programs include: Acadiance, and UFLI • Umbrella Child Care: program running smoothly with 	<div data-bbox="1235 1409 1421 1732"></div>
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<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Chairs Report</p>	<p>consistent enrolment. Registration is available through their website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 start up funds • Approx. \$700 in spirit wear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising: Discussion on chocolate fundraising options that are easy and accommodating to families to manage with upfront costs as well as supplier options, and types of chocolate (nut-free, kosher, and dietary concerns considered). Suggested sale price per bars or \$90 per box with the option of returning unsold bars to ensure no extra cost is incurred by families who would like to participate. Proceeds to be directed toward <i>student enrichment, such as technology, sports, or classroom needs.</i> <p><i>Motion: To move forward with the Chocolate Fundraiser made by Melissa seconded by Ashton- Carried</i></p> <p>Discussion held regarding “<i>Fundscrip</i>” gift card fundraiser for the holiday season. This Program allows families to purchase retail gift cards, with a percentage of each sale donated back to the school. Available in both physical and electronic cards. Council discussed promoting the program before Christmas and revisiting it again before Easter. Option for funds to be directed toward <i>student achievement needs such as tech upgrades, jerseys, or equipment.</i></p> <p>Fund Allocation Discussion: ideas for how raised funds could best support the school include <i>new jerseys for sports teams, updated classroom technology, physical education and recess equipment, and student achievement and well-being programs</i></p> <p><i>Motion: To keep the raised funds generic made by Heidi seconded by Melissa - Carried</i></p> <p>Note: The Hamilton Foundation can issue tax receipts for direct donations for families that want to donate but do not want to purchase or commit to fundraising programs. Funds can be directed to a specific school while making the donation</p>	<p>-send ideas to Meghan by Nov. 14th</p>
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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro Grant: Funds given by the Ministry of Education to support parents and family engagement in their children's education. Ideas discussed to develop initiatives were putting together and sending home resource and care packages, or inviting a guest speaker to engage with parents and students together. Council raised concerns about the lack of attendance with in-person events. Nonetheless, the deadline for applying is November 21 and the council is encouraged to share creative ideas to submit to Meghan who will connect with Lori by November 14 • Spirit Wear: This year there is a lot of excitement in anticipation for Spirit Wear as there will be 3 colours, Gold, Navy, and Grey available. <i>T-Shirts (\$10), Hoodies (\$32), Trackpants (\$25). Time frame looking to be the end of November.</i> <i>Note: A few members are requesting a Zip-up style sweater to be added to the spirit wear items</i> <i>Motion: To approve and move forward made by Melissa seconded by Matt- Carried</i> • Spring Open House: to be discussed and added to events - moved to next meeting agenda DPA: Questions raised by Heidi differed to the next council meeting <i>Motion: To adjourn meeting made by Melissa seconded by Roza- Carried</i> Meeting adjourned time: 7:40pm Next meeting Date: Thursday, November 27, 2025 	
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