

April 9, 2024 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm by Laura Zonta

Attendance: Donna, Katie, Priscila Mochrie, Marissa, Chantal, Wendy, Jennifer, Laura, Janelle, Lindsay, Heather, Kathryn, Ena, Kelly, Lucy, Rob.

Approval of March 2024 Minutes – 1st – Kathryn, 2nd – Ena. All in favor.

Email Spending Vote – April 4th -

Donna motions to spend \$10 per student (Total of \$1680.00) for a trip subsidy for each student. Heather 2nd. 17 YES votes were received via email. Motion passed.

Principal's Report -

- A huge Thank You to the volunteers for Educator Appreciation Lunch.
- Ms. Monchrie will be retiring at the end of the school year
- Final drive of the year will be Cereal and Oatmeal for the Flamborough Food Bank and Food With Grace. Starts April 9th. Challenge between classes to collect the most items and then build a structure out of them. Food Bank would prefer packets of oatmeal so they don't have to sort it.
- Board Improvement Plan: Climate of High Expectations, A Child's Right to Read, Empower, Lexia (online reading program – 19 children in the school are taking part), Acadience Learning (Universal screening tool for Sk-Grade 2 starting in September that will show on report cards if a child has been screened and passed), Math Up (\$800/license. Currently have 3. Would like 5 more to have one per classroom. It stays with the class, no the teacher) and UFLI (decoding program that is everywhere in the school and are seeing great results).
- Equity at Millgrove – Eid Celebration on April 11th. A rice dish and dessert will be given to all students to sample. Lights/music/lanterns in school. From 11-1 that day. See photos on Newsfeed and Social Media.
- EQAO – June 3-12 for Grade 3s
- JK Open House – May 15th at 5pm
- Open House/Book Fair/BBQ/Air Band – May 7th
- Gaga Pit – Thank you to Eaton and Parent Council
- Student Opportunities – Little Jammers on Wednesdays (kids love it), Intramural volleyball on Fridays for Grades 4 and 5. Mad Science in May/June after school hours.

Teacher Report – Alison Mason

Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK –Community Helper – parents and caregivers scheduled to come in and teach us about different jobs.

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK –Trip planned for May 16th to Dundas Conservation. Learning about community helpers and hoping for some parent visits to tell us about their jobs.

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2 – Trip planned to RBG on May 22nd. In Math working on adding and

subtracting algebra and equal equations. In Language working on writing more with Capitals and punctuation and r-controlled vowel sounds. In Science working on energy and liquids/solids.

Mrs. May – Grade ½ - In reading working on inferring text. In math working on 2D and 3D shapes. In media literacy working on designing our persuasive cereal boxes. We are going to the RBG on May 22nd.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3 –In Language working on opinion writing and bumping up our writing. In Math finishing fractions and then onto length, perimeter and area. Huge thank you to parent volunteers that helped Spirit Club with driving to Food Bank. Final food drive will be cereal and oatmeal. Crawford Lake trip on May 2nd.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4 – In language working on fairy tales and story structure. In math working on fractions. In science working on light and sound and also Canadian history.

Mrs Leach – Grade 4 – In language working on poetry and writing our own. Going to learn about spoken word poetry and present them at the end of the month in the Leach Café. In Math working on financial literacy. Popsicle fundraiser for field trip was a big success. In science working on light and sound and connecting it to the Solar Eclipse. Medieval Times on May 23rd. Parent volunteers needed.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – In science working on Human Health and Body Systems. Building paper models of the organ systems and attaching them to our skeletal model. Also working on nutrition. In math working on location and movement and reading and plotting coordinates. Long division up next. In literacy writing “little” books to share with kinders in June.

Mrs. MacCuish – French - No updates.

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Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance – FDK are doing activity centers. Grade 1-4 doing dance. Doing different movements connected to a book, poem and communities. Moving to different types of music and how it makes you feel.

Mr DeLottinville – Learning Commons – In health doing substance use, addictions and related behaviour unit (Grade 1 -3) and then will be doing Personal Safety and Injury Prevention unit. In Learning Commons hoping to send out lists of books that are still out/missing in hopes families can look for them at home.

Movie Night -

- Friday April 26th is date.

- Decided on Trolls: Band Together

- Wendy to supply popcorn, Georgina to do snacks/drinks, Chantal to do AV equipment and float for concessions.

- Anyone wanting to help with set-up arrive at 5:45pm. Doors open at 6:15pm

Educator Appreciation -

- Thank you to Donna and Lindsay for gifts and coordination and to everyone that donated food. It was a great success.

Pro Grant Request -

- Dream Catchers Teachings: May 4th or May 11th. Everyone agrees on May 4th. Would be Saturday from 10-1:30.

- Conducted by Tribes from this part of Ontario. They will bring all supplies.

- Discussion on whether it should be an adult only event or include children. Would prefer to include children if possible.

- Will need to pay overtime to have a caretaker on site for event (approx. \$300)

- \$1000 from grant to cover hard supplies for event and caretakers

- Chantal to find out exact numbers/costs etc

Book Swap -

- Extra books will be put out for Open House night

- Any not donated (kids books) can be sent to the Food Bank

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity -

- Next meeting April 16th.

Open House-

- Will have a council table at front

- Need volunteers to sit for ½ hour shifts

- Will have poster boards with questions and markers for suggestions

- Put extra books outside if good weather

Cobbs –

- May 3-5

- Put out balloons with Millgrove banner

- Post it to FB and the School sign as well

- Guarantee of \$1000

Lunch Days-

- Open Sub orders now and then Pizza at a later date and keep both open until the same time on School Cash Online to see if we can generate more Sub orders if parents are not having to pay for everything all at once.

Dates -

- Open House/Book Fair / Optimist BBQ – May 7 from 5-7pm. Will have table at front for Council. Donna needs an extra set of hands in the Book Fair.

- Kinder Orientation – May 15th from 5-6pm. Need a volunteer to speak with Laura on behalf of Council.

- Go For Green – May 31st with rain date of May 30th
- Jump Rope for Heart – May 24
- Gaga Pit install – April 8th

Budget -

- \$8783 balance includes deductions for current pizza and subs. Still to come out is Eid, trip subsidy costs, \$500 for Go for Green, agendas (approx. \$2480)
- \$6303 balance. Still to come in for the year will be pizza, subs, Cobbs fundraiser, Movie Night and Booster Juice (estimate \$3400)
- Approx \$700 from Rural Schools to use for playground painting
- Keep carry-forward amounts for Dinner and Skate, sand for playground, playground upgrades, bus for track (\$7000 approx)

Spending:

- 2 more MathUp licenses – cost of \$1800 – Lindsay motions to spend. Chantal seconds. All in favour.
- Grad - \$500 for medals, trophies, food. Kathryn motions to spend. Lucy 2nd. All in favour.
- Bus for Track and Field - \$129.50 – Kat motions to spend. Lindsay 2nd. All in favour.
- Grade 4 Trip to Medieval Times – class has fundraised \$500. Request for extra funds to help offset the cost. Kelly motions to spend \$525, Lindsay 2nd. All in favour. Reduces the cost to \$35 per student for the trip and the volunteers would be covered.

Next Meeting – May 14, 2024 – 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn – Lindsay 1st, Donna 2nd – All in Favour!