

May Parent Council Meeting

May 14, 2024

In Attendance:

Laura Zonta
Donna Gerritsen
Guest – Eva from Greensville
Jennifer Woodfine
Kendra Marchand
Robert Regan
Kathryn Stenhouse
Janelle Beacom
Ena Roosimagi
Kat Putoczki
Lara Finlayson
Alison Mason
Chantal Kemp
Heather Govender
Priscilla Mochrie

6:15 – Played some Gaga Ball. Mrs. Mochrie showed council some improvements to the playground. Sand for long jump, crush for the baseball diamond, sand for the playground and the kinder pit

Approval of Minutes from April

Rob 1st
Donna 2nd
All in favour

Principal Report

- Dreamcatcher workshop a success. We will be giving \$500 donation to Niwasa. Waiting for invoice, all pro grant funding is spent. Hoping to run this again
- Waiting on Trees for the playground (Tim) – these are replacing the trees that we had to take out, particularly the kinder pen for shade.
- May 28 – Bomb threat protocol drill. This will include going through the evacuation plan to the Millgrove United Church. This will be communicated on newsfeed to caregivers.
- The 3 drills for spring have been completed.
- School Climate Survey – After EQAO – required every 2 years by the ministry for grade 4 and 5. Survey is called Health and Peer Relations. Priscilla will do this in the learning commons together with the EA's and the children in small groupings and the educators will work through the survey with the children. There will be an opt out on the portal for parents if requested.
- Organization for September: 2x Kinders, Grade 1, Grade 1/2, Grade 2/3, Grade 3/4, Grade 4, Grade 5.

- May 31 – Both Nutrition Breaks, luncheon to recognize family members supporting Millgrove.
- Community Walls (at Open House) – Big success. **Belonging:** communication, educators know all the kids names. **Events:** Community wants recycling! Airband is amazing, volley ball is amazing, dinner and skate, maybe a Christmas concert? **Fundraisers:** Hats! Macmillans once a year, Parent council t-shirts, Little caesers – cheesy bread only. Dance-a-thon – Love the photo booth and Prizes, Subs once a month. Pizza – everyone wants pepperoni, booster juice a hit, once a month is great. – **Possible fundraisers:** Silent Auction, Clothing Swap, Christmas Greens
- Will do community walls for Kinder orientation.
- Would be good to do a one-sheet for new families that explains school messenger, the hub, parent portal, facebook group, etc.

Teacher Report:

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Mrs. Frizell – Grade ½ - Trip to RBG on May 22nd. In language working on vowel teams and writing in more details. In Math working on Algebra, 2D and 3D geometry and fractions. In Social Studies working on local community and global communities.

Mrs. May – Grade ½ - In Language working on book writing. In math working on fractions and arrays. In science working on materials/structures and simple machines. Trip to RBG on May 22nd.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3 – In literacy working on story writing elements and grade 3s are prepping for EQAO. In math finishing measurements and starting 3D geometry. In Social studies working on global communities and living/working in Ontario. EQAO on June 3rd.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade ¾ - Working on light/sound and 1700-1800s Canada. In math working on 2D vs 3D shapes. In language working on myth-building. Grade 3s are doing EQAO prep.

Mrs. Leach – Grade 4 – Book Talks have begun. See classroom newsletter for details. Spoken word performance weeks of May 27th. The room will be turned into the Leach Café. Excited for trip on May 23rd. Math working on coordinates and grids.

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – In Language working on reading and writing Sidney the Kidney. Working on the Human Body in Science. In Math long division re-test, then onto algebra expressions and equations. In Social Studies interactions between Indigenous Peoples and Europeans in what would become Canada. Trip to McMaster on June 1st.

Mrs. MacCuish – French – Finished food trucks and moving on to story reading and some

writing/grammar.

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – Lesson 93 Empower, Lexia continues. IPRCs done (with one exception). IEPs coming home near the end of June to be signed before the end of the year.

Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance – Millgrove got a GAGA Pit!!!! Grade 1-5 will start using is during nutrition breaks. JK and SK also checked out the pit. Jump Rope for Heart May 24th. Hope to raise \$2000. Working on skipping in classes. Track and Field practises started. Meet is on June 20th. Airband was amazing! So proud of everyone!

Mr. DeLottinville – Learning Commons – Grade 1-3 doing mental health unit.

Budget:

- Motion to spend \$1000 for sand: Kendra motions (1st), Rob 2nd, All in Favour
- Remaining Balance 794.08 after sand spending
- Motion to spend \$500 on last day of school lunch - Kat (1st), Ena (2nd)
- Carrying over \$3500 to next year – Dinner and Skate (\$2500) Playground (\$1000)
- Roughly \$300 (flex) Left over after spending and carry fwd.
- Want to work towards saving for front hall mural

Last Day of school BBQ (JUNE MEETING)

- Possible for Wendy to BBQ, should we boil hot dogs?

EVENTS:

Movie Night Recap:

- Less people than last time
- \$357 raised
- Behaviour was great

Airband Recap: – was great. Top 6 performed at Open House. Might be easier to go back to doing the school performance and open house performance on different nights. TBC.

Pro Grant Recap – recapped in Principal's Report. Dreamcatcher workshop with Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg. Hoping this opens the door to future events with the kids.

Open House Recap – Big success, book fair was a bit slower but steady about \$438 in scholastic money. Lots of past students came. Community walls were a success and everyone loved watching airband.

Go For Green – Forms will go out next week for volunteers. Teachers are starting to put together plans. Chantal will donate soil and/or mulch. End of May – start to ask around find people to adopt gardens.

IDEA Committee

- Heather to follow up with group to book next meeting.

Cobbs Fundraising

- The banner was too heavy and big so it wasn't used. Donna dropped off balloons as well. There was a sign on the door.

2024-2025 School Year:

- Put together thoughts for next year at the next meeting.
- Right now – Halloween Dance, MacMillans, Little Caesars, Cobbs, Food Days (Pizza, Subs, Booster Juice – Discuss frequency), Movie Night.
- What are some other food days? Chinese food day? Boston Pizza? Samosa Day? Garcia's sandwich shop?
- Research to be done – food days have to be compliant with healthy food guide. Laura will email council about soliciting someone to do the research. Lara will call Boston Pizza, Chantal - Garcia's Sandwich shop.
- We should decide in June about Subs.
- Sept 24, 2024 will be the 1st Parent Council Meeting.
- June Meeting – June 11, 2024
- June Meeting – we will discuss 2024/2025 dates, will do Roots of Empathy with Baby Amber
- New Principal should be announced in June – Hoping they will join us for the June meeting.

SPENDING – Was discussed in budget.

General Discussion -

- Take books from book swap!

Kathryn - motion to adjourn

Donna 2nd

NEXT MEETING JUNE 11th. See you there!

