

## Mary Honeywell School Council – Minutes of Meeting – November 12, 2015

In attendance: 23 Total (Council Executives, Members at Large, School Representatives, Parents)

Agenda Item/Person(s) Responsible	Decision Action Taken
<p>1. a. Opening &amp; Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Conabree</li> <li>• Guest speaker – Donna Blackburn</li> <li>• Guest speaker - Louise Cesario - Random Acts of Kindness initiative</li> </ul>	<p>Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our School Trustee Donna Blackburn. Donna provided her background including family and work related activities. She is a trustee until 2018 for 13 schools. Donna provided information as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- labor issue status</li> <li>- New School in Half Moon Bay update including working groups and staff and community member associations involved in the opening of the Half Moon Bay school. The school is scheduled to open in September 2016 and everything to date is on track for the construction.</li> <li>-The OCDSB is looking at trimming 8 million dollars from its budget this year; cuts are pending as reserve funds are not available at this time. Donna will be advocating to look at the special education budget, services and transportation options. Donna's message is that we need to re-allocate funding to meet the needs of all students.</li> <li>-50/50 French/English curriculum change. Donna is still talking to the community prior to the vote and taking into consideration the feedback received online and in-person.</li> <li>- Donna can be reached by phone, email or facebook any time.</li> </ul> <p>Elizabeth introduced Louise Cesario, a teacher in the Autism program. Louise provided information on the Kindness Campaign 2016 that she is undertaking with students. She chose the campaign as she feels reaching out to people in the community is important to teach children. The campaign will help support the school improvement plan to build resilience and help students to become a positive force in their community. Resiliency can be built with positive attitudes and emotions, academic success, physical health and social competence. For the campaign a kindness committee has been formed which includes student leaders and classroom teachers. Linda is developing a website and working in partnership with Kind company (donating shirts, serve hot chocolate, January assembly participation, business cards), Kardish Food Company (Barrhaven store will be part of the challenge by offering a display in the store), Berrigan ES and Steve McClean E.S. The goal of the initiative is 10000 acts of kindness in 30 days. There will be a weekly theme, cards that have acts of kindness on them for distribution to students and the theme is trees and leaves). The campaign will run from January 4th to February 19th. Elizabeth suggested using the council Twitter account to help with messaging.</p> <p>A motion to approve the September minutes was put forward by Christina and seconded by Chandonette.</p>
<p>2. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wendy Firth</li> </ul>	<p>Wendy summarized the income and expenses as of September 30, 2015 for the following: Chocolate fundraiser, popcorn, Monster Mash Bash, Canteen for Monster Mash Bash.</p> <p>The Finance committee met to allocate approximately \$25,100 for the year. The money will be put toward community outreach (\$1000), grade 4-5 play structure (\$10,000), Mathletes (\$15,000), Music Arts (\$2,000), next years' expenses (\$2,500), hot dog machine (\$900), Louise Cesario initiative (\$300), a new gazebo (\$300K), 4 trees for decoration (\$300), additional supplies for best of season (\$300). Each teacher will receive \$200 for their classroom (total \$6000 to spend on wish list items.</p> <p>The hot dog machine was purchased refurbished with a 1 year warranty and will be used for school events throughout the year.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was put forward by Chandonette and seconded</p>

	by Angela.
<p>3. Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kim Power</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress reports will be sent home on December 10th. Most IEP's have been sent home while others are still in progress. November 27th is the deadline for submission of the remaining IEP's.</li> <li>Thursday November 19th (evening) and November 20th (morning) parent teacher interviews will be scheduled.</li> <li>The book fair has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers.</li> <li>Kim provided more information regarding the Half Moon Bay school boundary information to build on the information provided at the last meeting.</li> <li>Mitten Mondays will be held a little earlier in the season, timed to coincide with Best of the Season.</li> <li>Lost and Found Items will be put out the evening of Parent/Teacher Interviews.</li> <li>A question was raised regarding Library volunteers. Kim indicated that 2 students volunteered from Algonquin College and will be starting shortly.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Vice Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sherry Fetterly</li> </ul>	<p>Sherry sends her regrets, Kim presented Sherry's report:</p> <p><b>Past Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct 21st – Picture Day Proofs received and distributed.</li> <li>Oct 22nd – Monster Mash Bash – huge success with lots of positive feedback.</li> <li>Oct 27th – Dental Screening for JK/SK and grade 2s.</li> <li>Oct 28th – First Primary Reading Club with Amanda Spargo, attendance is being monitored to plan accordingly for additional reading club dates.</li> <li>Nov 4th – Take a Kid to Work day – 3 students joined parents at MHES.</li> <li>Nov 4 – 20th – School Clothing can be ordered, all sizes are now available.</li> <li>Nov 11th – Remembrance Day ceremony and moment of silence at 11 am - the ceremony was very well attended.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sports/Clubs/Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bordenball try outs have started for Grades 3-5.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nov 13th – First Junior Glee Club – Ms. Catto for grades 4 and 5.</li> <li>Nov 16th – Picture retake day - photographer will only be here for a short time in the morning at 8:30.</li> <li>Nov 20th – PA day.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samko Sales – Elizabeth Conabree</li> <li>Community Outreach – Elizabeth Conabree</li> <li>Best of the Season Volunteers – Elizabeth Conabree</li> <li>Skate Nights – Elizabeth Conabree</li> <li>Mathletes Volunteers – Elizabeth Conabree</li> <li>Monster Mash - Elizabeth</li> <li>FundScrip – Vikki Orphanos</li> <li>Boston Pizza Fundraiser – Vikki Orphanos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samko Sales: Liz provided some background on the program however there isn't a coordinator this year and no receipts have been submitted. It's possible the program can be run again next year.</li> <li>Elizabeth introduced the Community Outreach initiative and historical background on MHES council donations.</li> <li>Best of Season is moving forward and has been scheduled for December 10th. The regularly scheduled December council meeting is cancelled and the next meeting will be January 14th, 2016. <b>Volunteers are needed</b> for the Best of the Season event. Class presentations will be scheduled, a bake sale, craft area, basket raffle and club presentations will all be part of the event. Jenn will be contacting everyone who volunteered via the form sent out at the beginning of the year. Louise has offered to help with the bake sale event with the student leaders and her students as part of the Kindness Campaign. Jenn will coordinate the bake sale. Raffle Basket creation will be scheduled for the week before the event.</li> <li>Vikki provided an update on the chocolate fundraiser, the event was a huge success again this year. Over 12k has been raised again this year.</li> <li>Boston Pizza - Vikki Orphanos - Confirmed Nov. 25 for family night. Vikki asked if teachers were able to participate at the event, Kim will follow up with teachers. We get 10% of sales and the event runs from 5:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.</li> <li>Fundscrip - Vikki coordinated the event which raised \$120 this round. This may not be an</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chocolate Fundraiser – Vikki Orphanos</li> </ul>	<p>event that is run again this year but the account will be kept open for future campaigns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monster Mash - was very well attended. 200 + families attended and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone that helped set that up.</li> <li>Skate Nights - we still need a coordinator for this event. The coordinator needs to open the doors, prepare the hot chocolate and complete the initial paperwork for the city to book the dates. The work requirement is minimal. Contact Elizabeth if anyone is available to coordinate this event.</li> <li>Snowhawks - Jenn provided background on the Snowhawks ski program that is starting up in January. Registration information was distributed to parents today. Thursday evenings (4) have been booked in January for the Snowhawks. The registration deadline is December 10. Parents are welcome to go if they want and meet kids at the hill.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Open Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raz -Kids - Chandonette asked if Mary Honeywell is interested in trying Raz Kids as a tool to help kids with their reading. The cost is \$189 per class. The price drops to \$159 if 10 or more classes per school register. Teachers may choose to spend the \$200 received as a wish list items to purchase a membership for Raz- Kids.</li> <li>Council asked about Christmas Hampers for this season. This is not typically a council initiative but rather an initiative by individual members of past councils. There isn't a coordinator at this time therefore Christmas hamper donations are not being collected this year by council.</li> <li>Liz presented information about the proposed Grade 5-6 play structure in anticipation of a future purchase and funding for a structure. Fundraising efforts will be evaluated at the end of the year and an update will be provided at that time.</li> <li>Teacher appreciation breakfast is scheduled for November 20th. Muffins and breakfast items will be purchased and delivered to the school for teachers on this morning.</li> </ul>
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>7:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Natasha and seconded by Elvan. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2015. Janice will be chairing the January meeting.</p>