

Mary Honeywell Elementary School Parent Council Meeting

March 21st, 2019

PARTICIPANTS

Julia MacEwen	Robert Crampton
Denise St. Jules	Pete Veurtjes
Wendy Firth	Delin Hayton
Angelina Nikkel	Elvan Kuzucuoglu
Sarah Misseri	Barb Simeone
Martin Nieves	Kerry Green
Kristen Guptill	Harprit Boiteux

MINUTES

Welcome (Robert) – start time 6:37pm

Approval of Agenda - Approval of Minutes (Robert)

- Minutes were approved

Finance Update (Wendy)

- Winter Beach Dance spent \$1,200 and brought in \$400
- There is currently \$17,000 in unrestricted funds to be allocated

Outdoor Classroom Discussion - Elvan

- Elvan looked into the costing for the outdoor classroom and the long term plan would cost around \$30,000 and require subsidies, partnerships etc.
- Pete informed council that it was put to a vote and Teachers would rather the council funds went to other more pressing needs than an outdoor class room such as their wish lists etc.
- **A motion was passed to re-allocate the outdoor classroom funds.**

Allocation of funds discussion

- Ideas for how to spend the \$17,000 in unrestricted funds included
 - French readers as part of the three year program to include more French books in the library
 - Tech Tubs; Tubs that carry 6 Chromebooks in a safe, portable case.
 - Equipment replacement for outdoors
 - Repainting of the lines outside
 - Outdoor sensory path
- **A motion was passed to spend \$6,000 on French Readers, fulfilling the second and third year of the program to stock the library that was presented to council last year.**
- **A motion was passed to spend \$6,000 on outdoor needs (e.g. lines on the pavement, sports equipment with School Admin to inform and report to Council)**

- A motion was passed to spend \$5,000 on Chrome Books and Tech Tubs. This would cover 2 tubs/12 Chromebooks with the school contributing the remaining \$1000 that would be required.
- A motion was passed to spend the earmarked Community Initiative funds of \$1,000 on Manordale School (see Feb minutes for information on the school).

School Lunch Update (Julia)

- Subway – 105 kids participating in the Subway lunch program. Easy to run, hoping to continue.

Winter Beach Party (Angelina)

- Well attended event, Cedarview DJ Club were great DJs. Recommended for future events.

Council Used Book Sale (Sarah & Julia)

- Successful event, raised \$600
- Lots of prep but little work effort the day of
- Need more grade 4-6 level reader books
- Will likely run again
- All leftover books will be sold at the Community Yard Sale

Upcoming events (Robert & Julia)

- Fun Day – There will be Food Trucks vs. BBQ. Many of the same events will be in place: Inflatables, Batting Cages, Balloon Twisting, Touch a Truck, Face Painting.
 - Martin reviewed the insurance policies and determined that because we have a company who has insurance we are okay. It was noted that only the operator's employees can supervise the inflatables, no parent volunteers.
 - **Motion passed to ask Insurance Company if we can be added as an additional insured on their policy.**
- Movie Night - Next movie night April 26th. Spiderman in the SpiderVerse has been selected.
- Community Garage Sale – On track for June 1st.
- Leaving Grade 6 dance – June 6th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm for Grade 6s only. Wendy organizing.

Fundraising (Sarah M & Julia)

- Teacher rep for Boston Pizza – Ms. Brydon is the rep. Will take place on April 17th. There will be three seatings for reservations – 4, 5:30, 7pm. Reminders to start on Facebook page and in weekly email in April.

Safety (Robert)

- Concerns were raised about parking in the daycare lot during drop off and pickup. As daycare is private property there is nothing the school can do to control this.
- Lots of ice on the side path; school is aware and doing all they can. With the thaw and then freezing temperatures, it poses a challenge.

Principal's Update (Pete & Denise)

- Math Night was February 28th. It had a lower than expected turnout. 6 classrooms were setup with EQAO math questions for the families to work through. Surveys coming out for feedback.
- Triple Ball Tournament was hosted at MHES
- Admin are transforming part of the library into a maker space. This is will be a three year transition. This summer the “pit” in the library will be filled in and some shelving rearranged. *(A makerspace is a collaborative work space inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses high tech to no tech tools. ... They provide hands on learning, help with critical thinking skills and even boost self-confidence).* Admin is **not** looking for funding from Council for this, will be using proceeds from School Book Fairs to support this, and perhaps donations of items (such as Lego, household items, etc...).
- A new SRO has joined the school Josh Kavickioli
- April 2nd is World Autism Day
- EQAO will run during May 21st – June 3rd with a blend of testing and classroom time during those weeks.

Round Table:

Hot Dog Day (Julia)

- Julia asked if there was interest in running a Hot Dog Day as an option for more hot lunch days/fundraisers. **Council agreed to support.**
- **A motion was passed to allocate \$500 to Hot Dog Day, more than likely the revenue from the day will cover this cost.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.