

Mary Honeywell School Council – Minutes of Meeting – May 12, 2016

Attendance: Total 16 (Council Executives, Members at Large, School Representatives, Parents)

Agenda Item/Person(s) Responsible	Decision Action Taken
1. Opening & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Conabree 	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced refreshments are available for tonight. Donna Blackburn sends her regrets. Rowan motioned to approve the April minutes and Natasha seconded the motion. Rowan motioned to approve the agenda and Barb seconded the motion.
2. Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Conabree • Wendy Firth 	Elizabeth provided an update on the financial report. Wendy noted there was a finance committee meeting on Monday, May 9. 7k was available and will be put toward school beautification, a new movie screen, 6 chrome books and \$1300 for the play yard. A landscaper will be coming in to advise on options for the play yard taking into consideration portable location and space availability.
3. Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zumba night went really well, Kim presented a few pictures from the evening. • A Parent online survey is coming from the District for the period June 1-15 titled "Our School". The district will be sending out a notice through Synvoice with additional information. • Kim provided information on the middle teaching block changes for the 2016-17 school year. Full information will be provided in the school newsletter complete with a chart showing the changes. The middle break will be a bit longer at 120 minutes instead of 100 minutes. This pushes the nutrition break/recess ahead 20 minutes. The new block structure will be 120/120/60. Start and finish times remain the same and instructional minutes remain the same. • Kim also provided information on the Primary EFI changes and how the homeroom teachers are distributed for the French Immersion program. Information was highlighted for grades 1-2 and 3-6 noting the differences between the grades and identifying changes that are being made to meet technology requirements for each class. • 4 more portables will be added to the school yard for the 2016-17 school year.
4. Vice Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherry Fetterly 	<p><u>Past Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 22 - Earth Day • May 2 - Music Monday • May 5 -Zumba Community night for students and parents 6:30 - 7:30 • May - one Grade 3's Swim to Survive session was held. • One Grade 3 Swim to Survive session has been held. <p><u>Ongoing and upcoming Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 19th - Track and Field • EQAO dates May 25, 26, 27 , 31, June 1 and 2 (8:30-10:30 a.m.) • Next Spirit Day is Polka Dot day, trying for stripes.
5. Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee - Elizabeth Conabree • Manordale - Elizabeth Conabree • OCASC - Elizabeth Conabree • Teacher Representative - Louise Cesario - teacher recap/play day 	Louise Cesario, as teacher Rep, provided an update on some of the activities taking place in the classrooms including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leaders attended a Core Symposium on May 11th. 8 leadership activities were run by high school students and the student leaders really had a great time. Roxboro Busline provided buses for students to get to Nepean High School for the event. • Name the Right to Play day contest is being held • 21 Activities are planned for "Today we Play". Additional activities include free play on the play structure and library activities. • Students are disappointed there won't be a bouncy castle this year but the risk and insurance requirements for this type of activity make it difficult to schedule.

- Student input for council activities - Barb Brunzell
- Vessey's Bulbs/Movie Night - Carole Laporte
- Yard Sale/Entertainment Book/Boston Pizza - Vikki Orphanos

- Freezie Day for the kindergartens will be held on another day.

Elizabeth provided background on Manordale School. She explained that in the past we donated money to Crystal Bay but were looking for options and alternatives for council donations. Donna Blackburn contacted council members about Manordale noting that due to the addition of new Syrian students at the school there is a lack of resources at the school. Manordale started the year with 282 students (k-6) and in a period of 5 months increased to 350 students. A vote was put to council members and approved for the donation of \$1000 for items such as back packs and school supplies to support Manordale students.

OCASC - Elizabeth updated members on the past meeting. The Ontario ombudsman's office representative attended the meeting and provided information explaining that the ombudsman's office has jurisdiction over Ontario School Boards. Elizabeth explained the complaint process and provided information about the types of complaints and number of complaints the Ombudsman's office has received this year.

Barb Brunzell introduced a draft survey for children and parents which will allow everyone to provide feedback on the types of events they would like to see council support and help organize for the coming year. Teachers will also be asked to fill out the survey and brainstorm ideas in the classroom. Barb explained the types of events that are included in the survey and asked for feedback on the activities, revisions, changes etc. Council members discussed the survey and provided feedback to finalize the survey which will be administered in electronic form through Survey Monkey. As part of the discussion Barb provided examples of many activities outlined in the draft survey (Appendix A).

Additions to consider

- Sports Event
- Pop up Painters

Elizabeth thanked Barb for providing the information as it was very helpful, informative and extensive - Great job Barb!

Vessey's Bulbs - 964.50 raised - a fall campaign will be run and Carole Laporte provided an update on the Vessey's spring campaign.

Family movie night - Scheduled for Friday June 3 - the Good Dinosaur

Yard Sale - Vikki Orphanos provided an update on the Yard Sale. 10 tables are rented to several from members of the community. May 28th is the scheduled date for this annual event. Teachers will be invited to stop by at the end of the sale to see if there are any unsold items that may be useful in the classroom.

Entertainment books - Vikki provided an update on the prizes that can be used as an incentive for students who sell multiple books. 5 free books will be provided to volunteers, teachers are offered a buy 1 get 1 free deal. We will be receiving 50% of sales if we sell 200 books, 40% if we sell less than 200 books. Council discussed if we should use the "oldest and only" list for book distribution or if all students should be provided with a book. A decision will be made and communicated to council.

Boston Pizza fundraiser - Vikki noted that a fall fundraiser will be held in lieu of another fundraiser before the end of June.

Rowan and Kayla provided information on school beautification. Kayla updated council with information obtained from the City of Ottawa on how to reduce graffiti. The main idea

	<p>included adding murals to the walls that are often impacted. Rowan and Kayla thought of a few ideas for a mural wall and have suggested multiple designs explaining the strategy behind the designs that may reduce the repeated negative graffiti that is added to our exterior school walls. Elizabeth asked Rowan and Kayla to follow up with the city or Ottawa Police for possible grants that could fund a mural project. Additionally, we need to confirm with the school board if a mural is an option or if there are restrictions to this activity.</p> <p>Elizabeth also asked Rowan if there has been any discussion on how to improve the stone wall area at the front of the school Rowan will follow up with Peter to determine if there is anything that can be done to improve this area.</p>
6. Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional items were discussed.
7. Adjournment	8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2016.

Appendix A

Mary Honeywell Elementary School Council

Activity Survey

May 9 2016

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MHES Activity Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Does your child wish he had more opportunities to show of his dance moves? Is a school carnival or sports event more her speed? Perhaps a wacky board game night sounds intriguing?

Mary Honeywell Parent Council organizes numerous events for families to enjoy throughout the school year. Some events also have a fundraising component that supports Mary Honeywell Elementary School students and staff, while others provide a platform for the school community to come together for a little fun.

Before this school year comes to a close, we want to ask you what kind of after school and evening events you wish to see at Mary Honeywell. The short survey below asks you to rate the events we currently host, as well as a few new ideas council has been bouncing around. We have also provided a section for you to outline your own ideas.

We encourage you to sit down with the children in your home and do this exercise together. The survey results will help inform what events you will see at Mary Honeywell in the 2016/2017 school year.

Please note, a variety of factors will determine what events are chosen such as: popularity rating, number of volunteers, cost, timing and so forth. If you are interested in volunteering, please check the volunteer box and include your contact information at the end of the survey. **Please submit by XXXX.**

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Warm Regards,

Mary Honeywell Parent Council

QUESTION 1: The events below are current or past events run by MHES Parent Council. Please rate your top five events in order of interest, with number one being the event you are most interested in. (Note: We will need to add short descriptions.)

Monster Mash Bash

Best of Season

Crystal Ball

Family Movie Night

Family Skate Night

Fun Day (Runs During School Hours)

Snowhawks/Ski Club (Gr. 4/5)

Greening Club

Boston Pizza Night/Family Restaurant Night

Cake Walk/Cat Walk

MHES Yard Sale

(Note: I noted as many as I could remember. We can clean up this list when we review. Please note any I may have missed. Descriptions need to be added as well. Also, Family Zumba Night was a great success, however, this was not a council run event so it has not been included. It can be added if all are in agreement.)

QUESTION 2: The following ideas are events up for consideration. Please rate your top ten picks in order of interest, with number one being the event you are most interested in.

___Wacky Game Night

A spin on family game night with oversized versions of Twister, Yahtzee, and Scrabble or remakes of favourite game shows like the *Wheel of Misfortune*. Take part in crazy "Minute to Win It" challenges such as a goofy 60-second challenge like moving a cookie from your forehead to your mouth using only facial muscles. Try crazy new games such as bubble soccer or try on a sumo suit and knock your opponent off his big foam pedestal.

___Family Board Game Night

An evening of board games ranging from old classics like Pictionary, Snakes & Ladders, Connect Four and Monopoly to a some you have never tried before. Use one of the many board games provided or bring your own. Don't forget to check out the gigantic versions also on site.

___Family Carnival or Circus

A weekend carnival full of old-fashioned fun. Lots of games, a bouncy castle, dunk tank, or photo booth, food trucks and more. These are just a few of the options for this fun family event.

___Science Night

Science Night can take on many themes from an out of this world astronomy event to a mini science fair and more.

___Math Night

A night of fun math games for the whole family including math bingo, geometric puzzles, estimating games and more.

___School Dances

Kids get their groove on while a DJ spins child-friendly tunes. Dances can happen several times a year and they can be themed (Rock of Ages, Halloween Bash, Valentines Day Bash, From Sock Hop to Hip Hop etc.)

___Messy Art Night & Show

With the assistance of visual art professionals and volunteers, Messy Art Night is about trying something new, being creative, and having fun. Kids can try pottery, wire sculpture, oil painting, and mosaics. Kids also get a chance to show off the work they have been doing in school in the make-shift school gallery.

___Variety Show

In a twist on the student-centred talent show, this variety extravaganza showcases parents, teachers, and staff, as well as kids. Parent/Child duos are also welcome.

___Family Yoga Night

An hour-long family yoga class led by an instructor. Can be held indoors or outdoors in nice weather.

___Fossil Dig

Meet a palaeontologist and learn about the tools they use to dig for dinosaur bones. Inspect real fossils or dig for your own on site. *Real dinosaur bones note included.*

__Get Connected: Family Lego Night

A pile of Lego boasting more than 25,000 pieces will have your child awe-struck. They say a community that builds together stays together, so come and connect with neighbours and friends at what is sure to be a fun event for the whole family.

__Great Book Exchange & Literacy Night

A book exchange encourages students to read for pleasure and step outside their comfort zone. Kids can turn in their summer beach reads and take some new books home. Adults can exchange novels, fiction and non-fiction they have at home too. A local author or librarian will be on hand for scheduled readings of childhood favourites.

___Recycle & Upcycle Event

Learn about your environment from scientists. Find out a few facts about recycled products and landfills. Make a work of art or handy gadget from recycled materials and more.

__Instrument Petting Zoo

This event features a performance by a university or school band, a musical petting zoo sponsored by a local music store. Students get to touch instruments and listen to how each one sounds and learn about different styles of music from classical to ragtime, from bop to swing and more.

__Family Bingo Night

Enjoy bingo with family, friends and neighbours.

(Please note: these are just a few ideas I saw on Pinterest, PTO Today and a number of other websites. I merged a few events I found as well. They are only a starting point. Bring your ideas to school council on Thursday and of course there will be ideas coming in from kids and parents too.)

QUESTION 3:

Do you have a few ideas of your own you would like to share? Let us know in the space below.

Question 4:

Are you interested in attending social or educational events for adults, such as lectures on child-rearing or social events to get to know others in the MHES community?

YES___

NO___

If you answered yes, please let us know what types of events you would like to attend in the space below.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey. Before you go, let us know if you are interested in volunteering and how to get in touch with you.

___YES

___NO

Contact Information: