

# Metcalfe Public School Council Minutes

## Tuesday, June 9, 2021

In attendance: Todd Thompson, Paula Paquette, Erin Jones Farmer, Sylvia Chapman, Victoria Taylor, Jen Therrien, Kilmeny West, Amanda Bradford-Janke, Sylvia R., Chandra Copeland, Cherie Stanley and guest Louise Vaillancourt

Regrets: Katie McCarlie

### 1. Approval of agenda

Approved.

### 2. Approval of May minutes

Approved.

### 3. Treasurer's report/financial requests

-Financial statement was reviewed. \$320 came in from Little Caesars. Amounts showing in expenses: 111.55 teacher appreciation, 425.15 for Marian McEwen memorial, 1000 for Forest of reading from 2019/20, 500 for grad, 3500 for picnic tables, 390.68 for brain pop, 300 for emergency food cupboard donation to the school

- \$ 1236 from Little Caesars to be added; cheque was written to the school and to be transferred over

- There are a number of funds to be transferred over and that will happen when the account is closed out for the year and balances settled out to start out next year.

- Balance of \$9,610.35, with Little Caesars cheque to be added we will have a balance around \$10,800.

Requests:

- 1) Mr. Thompson updated us on the purchase of picnic tables approved last month. He noted that he got a discount, when purchased 3 or more the cost of the picnic tables went down. However, he did not add in shipping costs and because of the weight the shipping will be close to \$1000.

He requested that Council increase the amount approved to account for shipping.

This request led Council to revisit a discussion from last meeting to approve an additional table, given the cost for shipping and discount for 3 or more

tables, we might as well as the fourth table for the school and do the one order all at once.

- Council approved an increase to \$5,000 to cover the cost of an additional table and shipping.

#### 4. Principal's report

- Welcome our visitor, Louise Vaillancourt
- Mr. Thompson delivered his Principal's Report (full report attached at end of minutes)

##### 1. School Leaving

The school is following the plans that were in place prior to the recent announcement.

Plan is to proceed with virtual leaving ceremony, scheduled Wednesday June 23. The following day the graduates will come to pick up their certificates, take photos, there will be names in chalk and a line of congratulation signs. This is similar to last year with positive feedback.

There have been questions about milestone photos. They are trying to arrange with the photographer (Lifetouch) to do the milestone pictures early next year in either September or early October and this year's grade 8s will be invited back so that they can participate and have those milestone pictures.

The grade 8s have been tasked with preparing a 30 second video sharing MPS memories that will be put together into a leaving video.

##### 2. Collecting Materials

This year students were told to take things home before the April break and there is not as much left at the school compared to last year.

MPS is awaiting parameters from OCDSB. The present plan is to have this occur next week and to be done by a drop in system. Teachers may plan to be at the school on certain days and to communicate that to their classes so that they will be able to say goodbye. This will not be as heavily scheduled as last year.

An announcement will likely go out in the weekly newsletter.

### 3. Chromebooks

Learning will continue to the end of the school year, so Chromebooks are not expected to be returned until that time. There will be a drive through drop off on June 25<sup>th</sup>, which will be a hand out the window of your car at the front of the school. Following which they will be sorted and ready for the appropriate classrooms next year.

Some families are opting out now and the school understands that the mental health of students takes priority at this point.

### 4. Staffing Update

Full staffing update provided in the full report.

Notes that CF is Courtney Fontaine and SL is Sarah Lynch, followed by LTO.

There was a question about music. Unfortunately, there are no plans for music next year based on parameters by the province. There has been an emphasis placed on integrated arts to try to compensate for this.

### 5. School of Tomorrow

Mr. Thompson commented on the idea that has been expressed about students experiencing learning loss because of COVID. He asserted that that the experience from the education stand point has not been an experience of learning loss, maybe not as much advancement as might have been seen in person, which is better framed as “unfinished learning”.

He read a statement that he had given to teachers today, which mentioned that the pandemic has taught us that learning can be done differently and that teachers have a responsibility to change the narrative, to grasp the new opportunities, to embrace the possibility of rebound and go back to schools that are better.

Staff were asked to work through 3 questions:

- How could teachers prioritize the strengths, well-being and identity of students
- What disappointment would teachers experience if thing went back to what they were before
- How would teachers re-imagine their classroom and describe what it would look like.

It was noted that there were both benefits and negative aspects of our experience with virtual learning. One benefit was that parents became

more involved in their students education; more involved than they have been for some time.

Video was played for Council – it suggested that this is a time to consider and to re-envision what education looks like. That our experience in the pandemic has exposed inequities and has provided an opportunity to re-imagine what school look like. There is a call to be leaders in this new envisioning.

Mr. Thompson expressed that this is his hope for MPS. He noted that there will be some bumps along the way, but that he is excited about returning to the school and moving forward. He noted that there would be opportunity for both student and parent input.

6. Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you

## 5. Teachers report

Cherie Stanley said her own thank-yous. She thanked parents, students and council. She is sad to say goodbye to students and families leaving us, but is also looking forward to seeing everyone else next year and looking forward to working with her new class next year.

## 6. Overview of Committees

- Communication

Jen has been posting.

- Mabel labels

To be promoted for back to school on Facebook.

- Flip Give

Council members encouraged to look at it over the summer and we will revisit next year, likely in consideration for the Christmas season.

## 7. Mail/correspondence

Bank statements came in but not aware of anything else.

## 8. Other/new business

- Teacher gifts

Mr. Thompson reminded families that there is no obligation to give a teacher gift. However, for families that wish to do so, they are welcome to do so. It is acknowledged that transmission is less of an issue on surfaces and staff will quarantine or sanitize as appropriate.

Families are welcome to drop off a gift and they will be directed to the appropriate staff. Please identify if something requires refrigeration.

All teachers will be in school before the end of the school year and likely in the last couple of days of the school year. Dropping off gifts earlier rather than later is better to allow them to get everything at that time.

- Thank you for a great year! Have a wonderful summer!!

While virtual meetings have had some challenges, there was appreciation of everyone who continued to participate this way. While Council is hopeful to be back together in person next year, there was discussion that we may want to keep the possibility of virtual participation open in the future so that people who may not be able to attend for childcare or other reasons, or maybe for those who prefer to participate virtually rather than in person are able to do so.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: September 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm

# Staff Report June 2021



## 2020-21 Theme: Do differently... not more

### 1. School Leaving

- Following OCDSB protocol as it relates to equitable practices
- At present - virtual
- Photos - September 2021 will invite this years Grade 8's back
- Wednesday, the 23

### 2. Collecting Materials

- Waiting for parameters from OCDSB
- Plan at present is next week
- Drop in system
- Teachers may plan to be here on certain days to be able to say goodbye

### 3. Chromebooks

- Drive through on June 25 - hand out the window of your car at the Front

### 4. Staffing Update

Grade	
R1/2A	Cherie Stanley
R3/4A	Jessica Eastman
R5/6A	Ben Byers
R7/8A	Ben Kleinherenbrink
R7/8B	Sue Brown
R7/8C	Maureen Toohey
Kinder A	Pam Savary
Kinder B	Paula Vidovich

EFI 1A	Sarah Marleau
EFI 2A - CF	LTO
MFI 4A - SL	LTO
MFI 5/6A - Kinder Coverage	Dina Pavlounis
MFI 7/8A - CF	Stacey Lillico
MTFI 1 - Kinder Coverage	Erin Daley
ETFI/MTFI 2	Donna Bailey
ETFI/MTFI 4	Donna Bailey
ETFI/MTFI 5/6	Megan Redmond
ETFI/MTFI 7/8	Megan Redmond
LRT	Wendy Braid -
LST	Lorri MacGilivray
ISST	Ben Kleinherenbrink

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[https://youtu.be/jLKR7f\\_MRXc](https://youtu.be/jLKR7f_MRXc)

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