

MPS School Council

April 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes: Chandra Copeland

Attendance

Paula Paquette, Erin Jones -Farmer, Amanda Campbell, Chandra Copeland, Cherie Stanley

Amanda Janke, Sylvia Chapman, Arezou Bell, Christine Levicki, Mireille Scrivener, Vicki Taylor, Katie McCarlie, Jen Symonds

Approval of March Minutes

- On hold, will need to be approved at the next meeting

Principal's report

- School climate survey
 - o Grades 4-8 participating in
 - o Measure school climate to ensure positive school climate that is inclusive and prevents bullying
 - o Anonymous survey at least once every two years for older grades, parents and teachers
 - o New survey started in 2021, key indicators and outcomes are outlined in the ministry of education and the OCDSB
 - o Assesses perceptions of safety, helps create bullying prevention and intervention plans and continue to develop these over time
 - o Computer based survey done in class time – is school based but not tied to students
 - o Completely voluntary, but we have all participating, no one opting out
 - o Sense of belonging, participation in school, safety, bullying, school and learning environment, questions about identity
 - o 2 surveys – 4-6 and 7-12, 20-30 minutes each, due by April 22nd
- First Staff meeting
 - o Jamboard activity
 - o What teachers love about MPS, what they would like to see in coming days
 - Consistent conflict resolution toolkit for behaviours was something teachers brought up
 - Bringing in a new program – WITS program – helps elementary school kids learn to manage conflict
 - Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, seek help
 - o Doesn't have to be in order
 - o Good to have common language around the school so that kids and staff are all on the same page and use the same words to explain
 - o Launching next week in assemblies

- Also Dare to Care (starting in the fall) – focuses on differentiating between conflict, mean moment and bullying
 - Consistent approach to behaviour and showing kindness and having ways to problem solve
 - K-9 subscription program that includes toolkit and professional development for teachers and resources for parents
 - Getting a mural in the library
 - Going to ask students and teachers for words and thoughts of what makes MPS special
 - Intention is to be inviting and very indicative of OUR school and community
 - Going where the bulletin boards are, they are already coming down
 - Have an artist already lined up, will look for the school council for some money for help
 - Lock down practices happened in March, and review of "stranger danger"
 - Fence being discussed with facilities and it is being reviewed by school board
 - The school board will determine if it's a need and if it is it will be covered by the board
 - Grade 8 grade – June 27th
 - EQAO grade 3 and grade 6 - June 6-11

Staff update

- Cherie Stanley and Mireille Scrivener
- 3 events have started/are in progress
- Eco club
 - Meets Monday, outside, tidying up the yard, currently grades 5-8
 - Mimi and Cherie to look into having a Jr eco club as some grade 2's are already doing this
- Mr K is going to organize a free throw "bracket" competition – grades 6-8, during recess
- Student council is back together with Cherie and Mrs Stanley
 - Not executive based because of the timelines, but has leaders (grade 8's) and then younger students all working together
 - Two bigger events – May and June
 - Hoping for Spring fling dance, primary, Jr and Sr separated with a canteen and the funds going to the school
 - Smaller ones – spirit days – some activities and games tied to them

Treasurer's report

- Still sitting over \$12,000 with few expenses

\$\$ Asks

- Metal picnic tables – Cherie to get more details
- Wagons for the kinders – for science things in the yard and for community walks

- What about starting a "donation list" as some of these things we can probably get things like this donated
- Erin and Chandra both have wagons!
- Pinney's for the gym
 - What we have is old!
 - Looking for 4x12, \$220
- Gardening supplies for eco club and kinders, planters and things
 - \$250 – for kinder yard and the gardens at the front of the school
 - To be further researched to find out if it is for kinders since they got bulbs in the fall
 - Going to approve \$100 for the eco club and if they need more we will consider at a later date
 - Consideration of raised beds in the front so they don't get walked on
 - There is a student at the school who builds things like this, Vicki to see if maybe they would be interested
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- Mural
 - \$500 is deposit going to the artist
 - He will mockup designs once we provide input
 - Once we determine which one, he would start, hoping possibly by end of year
 - Request is up to \$4,500, it will be in the school for many years to come
- \$100 for eco club - voted yes
- \$250 for pinney's – voted yes – added a buffer for taxes/shipping
- \$4500 for mural – voted yes

- Little caesar's will be \$1-2K, plus hot lunches are coming back so will generate more funds

Committees

Communications – Jen posted flipgive recently, will post mabel's label's next week, will sort of alternate between the two and if anything else comes up will slip them in. Plans to continue to keep the FB page informational primarily

Little Caesar's

- \$1794.00

Mabel's Labels and Flip Give

- ML - \$39.32 sitting in our account
- Flip Give - \$255

Hot Lunches

- These are going to start again!
- Not doing hot dogs – covid reasons

- Subway is gtg – going to raise our prices a little bit as before we weren't making much, since we aren't doing hotdogs where we make more money
- Pizza hut – Cheese and Pepperoni – can do individual pizzas so less handling – Amanda to review if we can do it
- Might do it Thursday instead of Friday

Cake Walk

- Not a go this year, no food related activities in class, while hot lunches are a go but other food activities are a no

Mail and correspondence

- Some fundraising stuff, nothing overly interesting

Other/new business

- Fence
 - o See above