

Metcalfe Public School Council Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

In attendance: Amanda Campbell, Cherie Stanley, Sylvia Chapman, Paula Paquette, Erin Jones Farmer, Jen Therrien, Katie McCarlie, Victoria Taylor, Amanda Bradford-Janke, LeeAnn Bogart, Gillian Metcalfe and Christine Levicki

Regrets: Arezou Bell, Tracey Heppell

1) Welcome

- Attendance sign-in circulated

2) Approval of agenda

- Approved.

3) Principals' report presented by Amanda Campbell

MURAL UPDATE

We are thrilled with the library mural and can't wait for the beautification to continue. The artist will be cleaning up the existing paint and will be focusing on creating a green screen and the wall at the back will be updated as well. The mural at the front of the school will also be started this week.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo retake day is tomorrow, as well as class photos.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK - November 6-12

The goal of this week is to promote public education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. All students benefit from learning about the histories, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Metis and Inuit people in Canada.

VETERANS' WEEK - November 5-11

Veterans' week is an opportunity for us to honour the brave Canadians who have served our country and defended the values we hold dear.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Our students and staff will be attending an in-person Remembrance Day ceremony. The timing of our recesses will be adjusted so that we are observing a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m.

2022-2023 FUNDRAISING PLAN

Each year a fundraising plan is developed in collaboration with the School Council to share fundraising efforts between our team and School Council. Please use the Google doc, which has already been shared with Council, to insert upcoming activities that require requesting money from our school community.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS

We will be working with the READ department to dive deeper into the meaning behind responses and will be using this data to further our learning and look at new ways of supporting students in order to increase their sense of belonging and well-being.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be available to parents on Thursday, November 17th.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/teacher interviews will occur on the afternoon/evening of Thursday, November 24th and the morning of Friday, November 25th. Teachers remain committed to ongoing communication with parents/guardians regarding student progress and development. Information regarding the scheduling of interviews will be sent via schoolinterviews.ca

BULLY AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

November 20-26 is Bully Awareness and Prevention Week. We know this important work needs to happen every day and is embedded into daily communication and learning. We want to ensure that all students learn in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

Bullying prevention requires a whole-school approach between staff, students and families. The OCDSB is committed to building a culture of caring within our schools, where each student feels welcome and has the opportunity to realize their full potential.

Our new Indigenous, Equity and Human Rights Roadmap is a critical part of this effort. The creation of a safe, caring and inclusive environment, where diversity is valued and celebrated, language is respectful, care and empathy is shown toward each other, and physical and emotional safety is experienced is key to bullying prevention.

WITS: At MPS, we have implemented a school-wide conflict resolution program called WITS. The WITS Program brings together schools, families and communities to create responsive environments that help elementary school children problem solve and deal with conflicts. Our students have been using their WITS on the yard, in the hallways and classrooms and have been recognized for their problem solving skills through WITS certificates.

MUSTANG SHOUTOUTS: We recognize the following characteristics through Mustang Shoutouts: kindness, acceptance, respect, empathy, perseverance, responsibility, cooperation, appreciation, fairness and/or integrity.

Mustang Shoutouts and WITS certificates are shared on our daily announcements.

BUDGET

We have received our Budget Allocation for the 2022-2023 school year. Based on our population and needs of the school, our budget is \$25,718. This covers all costs associated with running the day to day operations of the school.

UPCOMING DATES

November 9 - Retake Day

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 17 - Progress Reports available

November 20-26 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 23-25 Scholastic Book Fair

November 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews PM

November 25 - PA Day/Parent/Teacher Interviews AM

December 13 - School Council Meeting

December 24 - January 8 Winter Break

6) Teacher's report presented by Cherie Stanley

- Book fair (in person!). Kids shop Nov 22-23/22 and open to parents during P/T interview Nov 24-25/22. Mrs. Acres will be looking for volunteers to help with this event.
- Thank you for movie night - good feedback from kids
- Great Halloween day at school led by Ms. Bailey and Mrs. Pavalounis. - great school spirit
- Cross country has happened
- Volleyball ongoing
- Ms. Acres and Ms. Marleau running Primary Art Club
- Subway lunches have run well, kids like them
- Thank you from Ms. Acres for continued support of the library.

7) Treasurer's report/financial requests

- Treasurer presented her report. At end of October/22, \$7958.01 is the balance
- Library improvements funding - An amount was approved at June 2022 meeting, Jen to send email confirmation to Katie to confirm amounts, no need to approve additional funds
- Parent council requires a safe and cash box - \$200 approved for this purchase

- New helmets and skates are required for class skating trips - \$2000 approved to purchase (request for donations ongoing, to look into other options in the community to borrow or reduce cost)
- Top up supplies for next movie night required - \$100 approved.
- Forest of reading book purchase request for the library (for five categories of books) - \$750 approved for this purchase.

8) Overview of Committees

- Hot lunches.
 - Subway going really well, well setup, profit ~\$400 to date.
 - Looking for a parent to help every other Friday (+other Friday if we start doing more hot lunch days) - let Jen know if you are available and ask other parents too
 - School has 10 special event food days to allot over the year
 - Pizza days to become a student and parent council initiative
 - Do pizza once a month - perhaps the first Friday of the month - day TBD based on subway
 - Individual box pizza (Pizza Hut) won the vote
 - Hot dog day will not be happening at this point, potential BBQ?
 - Popcorn days and Freeze days in summer
- Communication
 - All going well, Gillian is going to help Jen with some of the social media programming issues.
- Jingle Bell Bazaar
 - Scheduled December 15, 2022
 - A lot interest, parents booking off time to come volunteer
 - Setup Dec 14 (last block + after school)
 - Changeroom(s) to be used for sorting and sorting gifts
 - Donation Drop off bin in front of office starting Wed. Nov 16/22, have it available for Movie Night Nov 18 and P/T interviews Santa suit, volunteer is available
 - Luncheon not potluck anymore, will be look at options to cater (subway/Stable)
 - No bake sale this year
- Cake Walk
 - Scheduled May 11, 2023
 - Vikki leading, looking for help - check with Joanna Lamour
- Mabels Labels
 - Recent cheque - 116.03
 - Ongoing means to fundraise.
- FlipGive

- Only 3 people sign up to contribute, to re-advertise near Christmas
- May not continue w limited interest

- Movie Nights
 - Oct 28 went really well, profit ~\$300
 - Next date Nov 18/22 - Bad Guys
 - Others: Feb. 10 and April 14.

- Little Caesars
 - Feb 19/23 will be the last order date, delivery in March - more to come in the New Year.

9) Mail/correspondence

- none
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10) Other/new business

- Student council food drive to occur likely around Christmas to meet seasonal needs
- Cereal box dominos to occur in Spring 2023.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: December 13, 2022 at 6:30pm in person in the library.