

Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, 3:00 pm
(Google Meet - Online)

MINUTES

Present: Dawn Diamond (Principal), Lisa Posthumus (Secretary), Tara Beers, Kylie Etmanskie (Teachers), Judy Gerber-van Vliet, Kayo Murakami Wood, Angela Macauley (Parents)

1. September 23rd, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
2. Principal and Teacher Reports
 - a. Tara reported on recent activities: Gould Lake day at MPS, Remembrance Day Service (All students performed well), Pizza lunch to say goodbye to Celia, and Spirit Week this week. Fresh from Farm fundraiser and Poinsettia pick ups are next week. Senior students will help organize this. Picture day is next week. Progress reports go home this week.
 - b. There will be a virtual Christmas concert again this year. The kids will also have the option of participating in Secret Santa again this year.
 - c. Dawn says that some of the work on the curbside appeal project is still outstanding. We are waiting on mulch for the south-west corner and trees to be put in.
 - d. Thank you to Dawn for providing music education, such as drumming, for the students this term. Principals are waiting to hear from the board how the instrumental music program for grades 7-8 will work this year.
 - e. Question about PAC Indigenous Rep: does not need to be Indigenous person, although that is generally the expectation. Any current executive members can take this role, but for now it remains vacant.
3. School Council financial update
 - a. We have \$5,225 in our account presently. At this time we may not need to pursue any further fundraising as we have a healthy amount in the account and not much to spend it on. Tara raised the idea of fundraising for a gym. We cannot use Sacred Heart gym this year and we didn't have the rink last year. Mr Bencze sometimes uses the rink as a covered space but sometimes it is too wet from the rain. Dawn has spoken to the Facilities Department but they will not add on to the building. If parents want to advocate to the board for more space, such as a portable unit, we can contact the Facilities Department as well by sending our messages to Dawn to forward on to them.

Dawn suggested that PAC could buy a Gaga Ball Pit that would be inflatable. Kylie said an indoor net system would be useful for playing volleyball. Staff to make a list of gym equipment that can be used indoors in the Kinder room.

The rink is opening this year. Tara will call to book time slots for school use.

4. Hot Lunch

- a. Hot lunch has been going well and the new containers work very well. We will have some extra vegetables from the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser that can be used for hot lunch. The Hotel also offered to store some vegetables for us. There will be no Hotel lunch in December, but we agreed to make our last hot lunch of December free to all students.
- b. The Trudeau Government (Liberal platform) announced plans to develop a National School Food Policy and work towards a national school nutritious meal program with a \$1 billion dollar investment over five years. In the Kingston area, Food Sharing Project will be a lead agency. If any further information from them is received, the Principal will inform us.

5. Fundraisers

- a. Fresh from the Farm pick up is from 12-3 pm on Monday, November 22.
- b. Poinsettia pick up date is November 25.
- c. We've done Wilton Cheese in the past and Angela volunteered to pick up the cheese if we decide to do it again this year.
- d. The collection of bottles at the dump is another good fundraiser and we could add ourselves to the rotation if we wanted to be a part of it.

6. Outdoor Learning Support

- a. More recess equipment is not needed at this time; balls were just ordered and there are plenty of jump ropes. Students just need to ask the staff person on duty.
- b. The South-West corner is awaiting delivery of mulch, which is on backorder.
- c. Outdoor classroom: seating logs, white board, pergola, etc. This would need to be completed through Evergreen.

7. Other

- a. Santa Parade: Since MPS is one cohort, we can participate if all covid protocols are followed: masking, parents involved need to be vaccinated and show proof to Dawn if they are working with the children on the float. We will ask all parents and then decide if we have enough participation to enter a float.
- b. We would like to see more parent involvement in the council as we've had the same few parents on council for the past few years. We'd also like to have a few more cooks for hot lunch. We will approach parents individually to see if any would like to get involved.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Jan 19, 2022

Mar 23, 2022

May 25, 2022