

Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019
5:30 pm

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Jen Lawless (Principal), Lisa Posthumus (Secretary), Eric Beers, Tara Beers, (Teachers), Alice Stagner, Judy Gerber-Van Vliet, Angela Macauley (Parents)

1. Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2019 were approved.

2. Principal's and Teachers' reports

Tara reported that there were lots of activities happening in October and this continues into November. The running club will continue as long as the weather cooperates. The Fresh From the Farm fundraiser was even more successful than last year. The school clothing fundraiser didn't raise very much. Lisa still has some items available for sale. The school attended the mariachi concert last week at the Grand Theatre. The school also participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony on the island.

Upcoming activities include bus safety and lockdown drill. Information on this was sent home today. Artists from the Jamii documentary project will be coming to the school next week to work with the students on storytelling and art work. The students will choose one community member and tell their story through art. Gary Rasberry will be recording his song about Living on Wolfe Island with the students singing along on the chorus. This will be on a new album he is working on. Grades 5-6 are entering the Legion writing contest. Grades 5-6 will be going to Molly Brant for cooking. Kylie has started a homework challenge for a few weeks, which is to do volunteer hours for homework for a few hours. The Grade 5-6 class made handmade paper and are looking at the energy expenditure of recycling. Grades 5-6 were also trained to be Playground Activity Leaders (PAL). They learned playground games and physical activities that they will share with the younger students. A buddy system is also starting, where older students will be paired with younger to share playground games, reading, skating, and other activities on Friday afternoons. Pink shirt day is next week.

Lisa is continuing to keep the MPS bulletin board at Early Years up to date with MPS news and information.

Jen has submitted a wish list for upgrades to the space, such as repairs and improvements to the building and yard.

Teachers begin Work-to-Rule job action on November 26.

3. School Council Finance Update

Lisa reported that the two fall fundraisers - Fresh from the farm and Poinsettias - likely each brought in \$450-\$500. We will also be receiving \$500 from the parent engagement fund. We still have \$450 in the account from last year, which was carried forward. This money can be used for guest speakers, pizza for meetings or childcare, or anything that attempts to increase the engagement of parents in education.

Our balance is currently around \$2000.

4. Fundraising Update Sept. - Nov.

- a) Hot lunch - Lisa will continue to perform lunch order collection. On December 20, we will have a potluck hot lunch and each member of the hot lunch team will provide a dish.
- b) Volunteers are needed to help with Fresh from Farm delivery on Monday November 25. We need to unload the produce and organize it. Delivery was in the morning last year. Pick up of orders will be 1-3 that day unless other arrangements are made. Volunteers are also needed on Thursday Nov. 28 for the poinsettias. These will also likely be delivered in the morning.

5. Santa parade December 1, 4pm

We have Tom's trailer again and will construct the float in his boat shop. Alice has a generator that can be used on the float for lights and music. The school also has lights and a christmas tree that can be used, as well as santa hats for the kids to wear. Angie came up with the idea of doing a christmas living room scene. She will paint a fireplace backdrop on a sheet. Students can bring boxes wrapped in christmas wrapping paper. Teachers may be on a Work to Rule which starts Nov. 26, which would mean that they could not participate in the float. Several parents have volunteered to help with decorating float. A few more volunteers would be helpful to help out at the parade and sit on the float with the kids. Alice will request assistance via email or messenger.

Next Meeting will be March 5 at 5:30 p.m.