

**Parent Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 26th, 2022. 3:00pm  
(Online)

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

1. Minutes from November 17, 2021 were approved.
2. Principal's and Teacher's report:

Kylie: Staff and students are happy to be back to in-person learning. MPS Stars Assembly recognized the students for doing a great job with online learning. Recent activities were Bell Let's Talk Day (mental health), Family Literacy Day (parents read favorite books to the class on Zoom). Skating starts tomorrow and tobogganing will occur based on weather. The school has some skates and helmets, but students should bring their own if they have them. Walkers can bring toboggans to school on days when tobogganing is planned for. Valentine's Day is coming up soon - only prepackaged snacks please. February 9th the students will be having a Disco Dance at school. Kelly will return again to provide Indigenous teaching. Registration for Gould Lake grade 7 and 8 programs is going on currently - the information has been sent home for students in those grades.

Dawn: February 2 is a PA Day. Report cards go home on February 18. The school has received more Rapid Antigen Tests. They can be sent home with students who are symptomatic at school. The school also has PCR tests but those must be done in the morning and dropped off in Kingston within 2 hours. All MPS students are staying with in-person learning at this time. Staff have access to N95, medical masks, and eye wear. Thanks to all who participated in the Wolfe Island Santa Claus parade.

3. [School Council Financial Update](#): Our balance is currently \$6189.55.
  - SAC approved supporting the gr 5-7 classes participation in the Heritage Fair with \$400 being given for workshops and editing support/ collaboration with Mickayla Pyke. (motion and decision made via email)

4. Ongoing business
  - 1) [Hot Lunch program](#): The menu for February has been completed. The March menu is to be done by mid-February. We had very little leftovers today from the hotel lunch. Judy to follow up with other parents who might be interested in volunteering to cook. If Wednesday ends up being a snow day then we will move hot lunch to Thursday.
  - 2) Indoor gym equipment - staff will look into products that would work best for MPS and will make a wish list for the next meeting.
  - 3) Wilton Cheese Fundraiser - Angela will follow up with Wilton Cheese about the possibility of a spring fundraiser.
  - 4) Outdoor learning support - This yard improvement project is mostly complete. Dawn met with the board's facilities department. They will not invest in a gym for MPS because we have the multipurpose (kindergarten) room. We can't extend on to the school either. Kayo offered to approach the Community Centre Board regarding the idea of a community gym that MPS could utilize.
5. New business
  - 1) PRO grant application ideas ([forest school family workshops](#)): Kayo will work on the application to request \$1000 to support upcoming forest school family workshops. Dawn will find out if additional insurance is needed. Families may be able to just sign a waiver to participate. Grant money could be used for outdoor learning equipment, such as cooking materials or seating, ropes, tarps, books.
  - 2) 'Seven Grandfathers Teachings' exhibition: Kayo to approach The Hotel and/or library to see if they'll display the art. She will also approach Novel Idea and/or Tara Foods.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Mar 23, 2022

May 25, 2022