

Mary Honeywell Elementary School Parent Council Meeting 2020-2021

Thursday, October 14th , 2021

Sarah Misseri  
Julia MacEwen  
Pete Veurtjes  
Jessica Stairs  
Sherry Jessup  
Jillian McClave  
Rachel Sturgeon  
Michel Sturgeon  
Stefanie Rowan  
Meaghan Allen  
Courtney Hirota

Angelina Nikkel  
Robert Crampton  
Jaclyn Katz  
Nivin Radwan  
Elvan Kuzucuoglu  
Pthandi Simpson  
Liz Popovich  
Martin Nieves  
Virgilio Cadete  
Tyler Furness

**MINUTES**

*Meeting started @ 6:32pm.*

1. Welcome
2. Review of minutes
  - a. Action item clarified from previous meeting: If a voting member misses 2 meetings without notice, they lose their voting rights

**Minutes passed**

3. Treasurer Report - Angelina  
No change since the update provided. Current Balance is \$14,510.27
4. School Hall Buddies - parent item from Tyler Furness  
The parent is proposing that the school use a buddy system when kids are leaving their classroom for purposes such as office visits, washroom trips etc. This would help with students who have not had any school experience due to Covid.  
**Request to Admin/motion** to remind the teachers of younger children to ensure they are comfortable and confident enough to be in the hallways alone. **Motion passed**
5. OCASC Update - Meaghan Allen  
OCASC website is down, which will make getting links and minutes difficult for now. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC); the body parents have to talk to the school district. PIC reps are votes in by OCASC  
SEAC - Special Education Advisory Committee; a forum for parents to review  
Lots of discussion about what can be brought back into the schools (sports, hot lunch days, etc) for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Principal Report

IEP goes out October 22nd, Progress Report November 4. PD Day November 12th  
Wish Lists have been provided to the council. Items that would complement the curriculum, in order of most desired to least desired.

Concussion protocol will be on the staff meeting agenda next week along with some technical changes which include major overhaul of the systems that the teachers use. Question about when parents are able to come into the school to volunteer for activities; **currently there is no plan in place but Pete will keep us posted.**

7. Teacher Report - Jaclyn and Jessica

Divisional Meetings are coming back to the school. Kinder, Primary, SPEC Ed, Autism and Junior teams will meet separately to review what is going on in the classrooms, moderating school work etc.

Some gaps are being noticed in the children's learning. Teachers are working on diagnostic reviews to better understand where the students are and to help close the gaps.

Equity focus for last month was about names and how to pronounce them, the story behind the name and what it means.

Equity focus for October is on land acknowledgement and how to make it more personal for the students. Each class will be creating their own land acknowledgement. Parent survey about equity will be going out the first week of November.

8. Round Table

Fundraising: As we are hoping for a school year and the wish list is looking to occupy a lot of that. Should we consider raising some funds for the school?

**Motion:** To send out a fundraising letter to the parents for the donate what you can fundraiser. **Approved**

Wreath Fundraiser: Parents can buy wreaths from local makers. They makers donate a portion to the school that the school donate to the Barrhaven Food Cupboard.

**Motion:** to send out link for parents to purchase a wreath. **Approved**

9. Next Meeting

a. *November 18th, 2021 6:30pm*

*Meeting adjourned @ 8:00PM*