

Mary Honeywell Elementary School Parent Council Meeting 2020-2021

Thursday, September 23rd , 2021

Sarah Misseri
Audrey Buache
Julia MacEwen
Pete Veurtjes
Jessica Stairs
Mark Diamond
Jillian McClave
Rachel Sturgeon
Michel Sturgeon
Stefanie Rowan
Meaghan Allen

Angelina Nikkel
Robert Crampton
Jaclyn Katz
Meaghann O'Neill
Nivin Radwan
Elvan Kuzucuoglu
Pthandi Simpson
Liz Popovich
Martin Nieves

MINUTES

Meeting started @ 6:55pm.

1. Welcome
2. Explanation of Elections
3. Elections
 - a. Chair: Robert Crampton
 - b. Vice Chair: Julia MacEwen
 - c. Treasurer: Angelina Nikkel
 - d. Secretary: Sarah Misseri
 - e. Council Members:

Audrey Buache
Rachel Sturgeon
Michel Sturgeon
Stefanie Rowan
Meaghan Allen

Meaghann O'Neill
Elvan Kuzucuoglu
Pthandi Simpson
Courtney Hirota

- **Action:** Is the rule if a parent misses 2 meetings or 2 in a row they lose their voting rights?

4. Volunteer Positions
 - a. OCASC: 3rd Thursday of the month
 - i. Meaghan Allen
 - b. Deferring the other volunteer positions (for lunches, dances etc) until we know what the Board will allow
 - c. Parent Resource Library Rep: Meaghan Allen

5. Finances - Angelina
 - a. Bank Balance \$16891.43
 - b. Adding \$500 from parent involvement grant from 2019/20 school year that was reissued
 - c. Motion for chair discretionary fund \$500
 - i. **Approved**
 - d. Motion for funds required for Parent Resource Library \$36/year
 - i. **Approved**
6. Fundraisers
 - a. **Action for Pete:** Teacher wish list to be gathered and sent to Council
7. Principal and Vice Principal Report
 - a. 526 Students with 26 homerooms, currently there is no plan to reorg
 - b. National Day for Truth and Recognition is September 30th. Mrs Stairs is managing the program with the school to educate the students.
 - c. Gym is not closed, but they are encouraged to use the outside as much as possible. Each class has their own gym bags that cannot be shared between classes.
 - d. Library remains closed, but the books will be able to be used. The school is creating a form so that teachers can request books for their classes on a rotational basis.
 - e. Terry Fox run is happening this year on October 1st. Classes will be running in their own cohorts
 - f. IEPs going home on Oct 22nd, feedback forms are coming home with students soon.
 - g. Progress Reports go home November 4th
 - h. Week in Review continues to keep parents updated on what is going on with the school
 - i. School pictures are currently on hold for this school year.
 - j. Meet the teacher evening will be virtual and later in October. Dates will be confirmed closer to the date.
 - k. Our librarian has put together a list of Indigenous books in both English and French to stock the library with. The total cost is \$1144.02
 - i. **Motion** to support the cost of half of the books \$572.01
Approved
 - l. Body Break room schedule is posted and being used. If there are several kids in a classroom who require a break, the entire class is being provided a body break.
 - m. Request was made for Admin to find a way to inform parents of the items in the lost and found. (Maybe look at using google classroom)
 - n. Technology in the classroom; the kids who have been approved for IEP chromebooks have been handed out. A number of chromebooks have been

lost due to ageing out and are not being replaced. 60 have been removed from our school in the last few years.

- o. Absenteeism; if a child has to be sent home for a valid sickness, they are able to access the student's google classroom to do the work at home if they want to.
8. Teacher Update - Jess and Jaclyn
- a. Equity programs are being done in the school and each month will have a different theme. This month is about people's names and how to pronounce them. October, the students are going to be creating their own land acknowledgement for their classroom and will design on for the school. The staff are also creating a book club with equity themed books. The third pillar is the community and reaching out to the school community for parents to help with the school understand what needs
 - b. French reading program "je lis je lis" and "info-jeune" subscriptions are coming to an end.
 - i. **Motion** to fund the 2 programs \$1655.95 for this school year

Approved

9. Other Items

- a. Update on the CPC Fund - Sarah
 - We were not successful this year with the application for the Canada Post Foundation Grant, but have been encouraged to apply next year.
- b. Meaghan Allen - cars are still going way too fast around the school. Meaghan will be putting together a letter to send to our municipal and provincial governments on behalf of council to ask for reduced speed zones.

10. Next Meeting

- a. *October 14, 2021 6:30pm*

Meeting adjourned @ 8:23PM