

Ecole Harris Mill Public School

School Council Meeting – Tuesday October 5th, 2021 (Virtual)

In attendance:

Council

Jen Tulloch
Vanessa Ireson
Adriana Romero
Laura Christmas
Laura White
Jessica Munk
Charlotte Kerby
Angie Mochrie
Marylynne Sabbagh

School

Madame Shashana Hare
Mrs. Ashley Mulhern

1. **Welcome:** Chair Jen Tulloch welcomed everyone to the second meeting
2. **Attendance/Introductions:** The attendees did a round table introduction as there were some new faces.
3. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes:**
Motedioned by Charlotte Kerby
Seconded by Angie Mochrie
4. **Principle Update** (Madame Hare):
Great being back in school and hard to believe it's October already.

Reorganization:

There was some reorganization that happened within English classes, French immersion classes stayed the same.

Fire Drills:

- Fire drills have started
- Next steps it to work on exiting the building quietly
- Overall they are going well

Dogs on Property

- If people bring their dogs, they should stay on the grassed area on the other side of the parking lot (near wooden fence) instead of the side walk as there is only one path

- Some students/parents may have allergies or are not comfortable with dogs

Masks

- Good work on everyone continuing to wear them outdoors at drop off and pick up

Terry Fox

- Completed on Sept. 29
- Each grade group went at different times to complete a walk/run.
- Mme Webster put together an assembly that went well and had an impact on the students
- The school raised \$375 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

CCAT

- Grade 3 & 4 participating in it this year as they grade 3 students last year missed it.
- Starts October 4-8
- Parents need to give consent
- It helps identify academic needs.

Truth and Reconciliation Day

- Had the first one!
- Honoured the lost children and the survivors of residential schools, families and communities.
- Orange Shirt Day is a story of Phyllis Webstad

Unlearn Poster of the Month

- A poster is pinned up on a chalkboard within the school
- Poster is a picture of a head dress in a Halloween costume bag
- An assembly will be held on October 18th to give time to the students to walk by it and think about the poster and what the unlearn is
- Will be brought up again in November in council with the students meaning of the poster

Assessment Kits and Assessment

- Each staff has a kit in their room
- It determines what reading level the students are at
- PRIME kit is a math assessment kit for this tool
- They are looking into other assessments as well

Virtual Open House

- Posted on Google classrooms on October 4th

Book Bags and Welcome Packages

- Used some PIC money to ordered some bags for new students that arrive at the school
- In each bag continues information about school council, a couple books to go in there and about the school community

PIC Money

- Have \$500
- Looking at doing Magnets or welcome books – advised by Jen this will be brought up later in the meeting

Retiring

- Tianna Poster is retiring
- Last day is in a couple of weeks

5. Questions by Charlotte Kerby:

Year book

- Wondering if there will be one this year
- Mme Hare advised since it is only essential visitors in school, might not be able to
- Staff have been asked if they are interested in running a photography club

Pizza Day

- Working on the volunteer process (since they aren't allowed in the school per the Board)

Terry Fox Donations

- Confirmed they were done online
- Anyone that sent in money, it was counted together and added as a lump sum to the online funds

6. Teacher's Update (Mrs. Mulhern):

Unlearn Poster

- Having an equity assembly
- Kindergarten will be involved in it as well

Halloween

- No set information about it yet
- Once it is confirmed, should give parents enough time to get everything together for it
- If not, will have a spirit day instead

PA Day

- October 29th

7. Updates from Jen Tulloch:

School Yard

- Working hard to get outdoor classrooms added
- It is pending approval from the Board
- Have 2 quotes to have them completed, but they need 3 for the board before they can move forward

PIC (Parent Involvement Committee)

- Remote school numbers are one third of the volume they were last year, people feel that the school is very safe
- Working on some type of volunteer process and what they will require from volunteers – whether it is vaccines and/or covid tests
- Permanent staff is 92% full vaccinated, 5% didn't want to share the information (they are treated as incomplete/unvaccinated and do a rapid test, provided by the board, twice a week)
- Unable to continue with lunch programs (pizza day/sub day) but are working on it
- Have received money from PIC; the goal is to involve and engage parents in the school to help them feel more involved / know more about the school

Magnets/Calendars

- Did this the first year the school was open with the school number and website link
- Jen created a draft for one with the school number, website plus all the PA days/holidays over the year, \$150 for 300 and about \$25 more to print 500.
 - o 300 to have the dates
 - o 200 to have only the number and website, no dates
- Idea of the dates was like by a few members, with the idea of putting a sticker on top every year to update the dates, others thought it would be more durable year to year to just have the school number and website
- Final decision: to make magnets with no PA days, just the school information

Calendar

- Have calendars made for students to bring home
- Would include all the holidays the students celebrate and PA days
- More expensive
- Could have a content between the students for drawings for each month
- Could make it as a fundraiser
- Will follow up in Jan/Feb to consider as PIC project for the following school year

Snack Program

- Alive and well, each classroom has a snack bin
- Being run by Heather as she is there during the lunch breaks
- Looking for a partner to help keep an ongoing record on a monthly/quarterly basis
 - o Involves an online training
 - o Not a huge commitment, about an hour a month
 - o Connect with Jen if interested

Volunteers

- Looking for more volunteers for committees
- School yard
- Outdoor classrooms
- Adding shade to more areas outdoors (tree planting, shade structures)

- Equity and Inclusion committee – someone from that committee would join in on council meetings and listen to what is being said at the meeting through the lens of Equity and inclusion – Possibly Laura White was interested in doing this
- Grant Writing

8. **Treasure Update** (Angie):

- No update as she hasn't been in contact with Kimber
- Update will be next month

9. **Fundraising** (Angie) :

- Recipes in a Jar – purchase a jar that has a recipe in it (cookies, soups, dog treats, vegetarian, chili, energy bites, etc.) (www.recipesinajar.ca)
- Every jar purchased, 1 jar goes to your local foodbanks
- 3 ways of running this fundraiser; direct sales, all-inclusive (paper order taking) and online or 100% web - would have a specific link for Harris Mill
 - o All inclusive: we set the selling price, dictates profit back to the school, customize the store, orders are prepared for each participant and then the bulk order is sent to the school where the parents would have to pick it up
 - If price was \$9.99, 30% profit at \$2.99
 - o 100% web: price is set, a minimum of 6 jars is required per order but it gets sent directly to purchaser.
 - Price is \$11.99, 25% profit at \$2.99
- Looking at doing this either after Thanksgiving or after October
- Pending: Allergies – if there are foods for certain types of allergies (tree nut, gluten free, etc)
- Confirmed we will proceed with online only, so there is no contact and if there is an option to have a donation only if someone doesn't want to purchase jars
- Will have to confirm what the funds will go towards (tech money, music classes, literacy)

10. **Other Things Discussed:**

Literacy

- Library book exchange started again this week
- Guided books (home reading programs) need some replenishing as they don't always come back (could possibly use the Recipes in a Jar funds for this)

Chromebook

- Tech company may be able to donate some
- Mme. Hare will have to look into this and see if they would be able to accept donated Chromebook

Spirit Wear

- There is a big need for this as it is now 2 years of students starting at the school that haven't been able to order any
- Local family has produced it in the past and they can see if they will do it again

- Will need to obtain 3 quotes again
- Will also have to see if it can be done 100% on the web due to Covid
- Don't know if they want to ask for 2 asks right now with spirit wear and recipes in a jar

Update to parents

- Everything gets posted on the school website
- Maybe update parents how to get to the website
- Teachers generally update on the Google Classrooms
- Confirm if it would be possible for council to put together a message and have the teachers post it on our behalf on their Google Classroom

11. Wrap up:

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm

Next meeting: November 2, 2021, 7:00pm