

November 1, 2022

Harris Mill Parent Council

Attendance: Hybrid meeting – 8 in person, 5 virtual

Shashana Hare – Principal	Danielle Oudesluys	Adriana Romero Radaelli
Shane Keyes	Carly Chow	Jessica Jowett
Jenn Tulloch	Laura Christmas	Vanessa Ireson
Jon Hancock	Laura White	Angie Mochrie
Mrs. Mulhern		

Agenda :

1. Welcome
 - a. Hosted by Carly Chow at the request of Chair, Rebecca Jenkins (Vacation)
2. Attendance/Introductions
 - a. Introduction for those new to the meeting
3. Approval of October Minutes
 - a. Motion by Adriana Romero Radaelli to approve October Minutes
 - i. All for, zero against, zero abstained
4. Treasurer Update – Angie
 - a. Funds In:
 - i. Mable’s Labels - \$134.19
 - b. Funds Out:
 - i. No invoice for pizza received yet
5. PIC Update – Laura White (Update took place later in the meeting due to technical difficulties)
 - a. \$500 to spend on parent communications
 - b. CUPE in strike position as of Nov. 3
 - c. EQAO results – decrease in results
 - i. \$200 per child government funding (parents need to apply individually)
 - ii. Early readers program happening in the schools - A parent shared their experience with the program to help provide some context to what it is.
 - d. Mental health session happening Nov. 8
 - e. PIC “parent night” event on December 3 @ Centre Wellington HS. All are welcome
6. Principal Update – Mme Hare
 - a. Presentation on recent and upcoming activities
 - i. Unlearn Assembly, which included a presentation by the equity class representatives
 - ii. Halloween Parade – fun and successful
 - iii. Special Assembly Nov. 2 with children’s author Chad Solomon re: Treaties, environment and sustainability.
 - iv. Diyas for Diwali (grade 2 class)
 - v. Soccer team field trip – fun experience. Exciting to have field trips back
 - vi. Fire safety visit – October 28
7. Teacher Update – Mrs Mulhern
 - a. Upcoming Husky days

- i. Nov. 10: Farmer/AG appreciation day – dress in plaid or flannel
 - ii. Nov. 18: Party animal day – dress as your favourite animal (or interpretation of party animal) **note this date may change
 - iii. Dec. 5 – 9: 5 days of giving with Dec. 9 being Husky colours day
 - iv. Dec. 19 – 22: A variety of spirit days tentatively include sparkle/glitter day (what makes you shine), Holiday hat/sweater day, holiday colour day, cozy day
- b. Lunchbox update (on behalf of Mme. Webster)
 - i. Subway is coming. Hope is to start around Nov. 11 until Dec. 16 with the exception of P.D. days
 - ii. Pitas to be offered beginning in January for 9 weeks
 - iii. Milk – working on it but no date yet.
 - c. Parent Teacher Interviews
 - i. In-person P/T interviews planned for November 25 with some teachers offering times on November 24.
 - A request was made by the parents in attendance to ask if it would be possible for teachers to offer both in person. Mme. Hare asked Mrs. Mulhern to take it back to the teachers to see if it would be possible

8. Committee Updates

- a. Yearbook – Amanda – no update this meeting
- b. Snack – Heather – No update this meeting
- c. Playground – Jen – Playground officially closed today for the winter months
- d. Lunch programs – Jen – Pizza is going well.

9. Fundraising Plan

- a. Chicken Dinner – The board neither approved or denied the request, but did advise against it due to risks around hot food and covid transmission. Mme. Hare requested we not move forward with the event
- b. Family photography session – Ok from the board but with specific stipulations surrounding 3rd party insurance, liability waivers and it being an approved photographer
- c. Due to the Chicken dinner event not proceeding the group discussed other possible ideas for a fundraiser prior to the holiday break. A gingerbread house decorating event was suggested. It would be hosted at the school on the same night as the December parent council meeting.
 - I. Danielle and Carly to look into pricing for gingerbread houses and if they could be secured at a low enough rate we could proceed with the event.
 - II. Mme. Hare was to look into the rules around having a silent auction/raffle at school events
- d. Carly asked the council to consider using council funds for upcoming bus trips to the River Run theatre. Mme. Hare advised that the total cost for all of the trips currently planned, including one trip that has already occurred, would be \$3,190. Jen T suggested that the funds from Pizza day be allocated to this. There was a request that we look to sponsor a co-curricular activity for the kindergarten classes as they are not currently slated for any field trips and the council agreed to discuss ideas further at an upcoming meeting.
 - I. A motion was put forward by Shane Keyes to have the pizza money allocated for co-curricular activities. All for, zero against, zero abstained

- e. Jen asked if we could ear mark some funds, approximately \$100 per teacher, to allow them to purchase supplies for their classrooms based on a unit they are teaching. All agreed to discuss further at an upcoming meeting.
- f. It was suggested that teachers create a “wishlist” that council could use to help guide future fundraising dollars
- g. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of providing each student a small amount (\$5) that they could use at an upcoming bookfair. Mme. Hare advised that currently there is no planned book fair but there is possibly an opportunity for one early in the new year, in which case we could discuss this idea further.

10. Events Plan – no update