

May 2, 2023

Harris Mill Parent Council

Attendance: Hybrid meeting

Leslie Newman – Principal	Rebecca Abdelkader*	Charlotte Kerby*
Shane Keyes*	Carly Chow*	Jessica Jowett*
Laura White*	Angie Mochrie*	Mrs. Mulhern – Teacher Rep
Madeline Smyth	Katie Canning	Vanessa Bonanno
Tammy Hill	Nicole P	

Denotes voting member

ACTIONS:

1. Additions to June Council meeting:
 - a. All Committee Leads to come prepared with a year end review and update for the June meeting. Should include an update on any outstanding items and/or commitments.
 - b. Teacher Appreciation (from May agenda – item not discussed)
 - c. PIC bylaws (from May agenda – item not discussed)
 - d. Harris Mill School council bylaws (from May agenda – item not discussed)
2. All to review proposed by-laws and share any proposed changes with Carly by May 19, 2023
3. June meeting to go from 6:00 – 8:30pm

AGENDA:

1. **Welcome**
 - a. Hosted by Rebecca Abdelkader
2. **Attendance & Introductions**
3. **Approval of April Minutes**
 - a. Rebecca moved to approve the minutes from April. 1 edit noted - Live Free: January to March only
 - b. Rebecca – motion to pass the April minutes. Second by Charlotte Kerby
4. **Treasurer Update – Angie**
 - a. Fundraising general – \$5520.47
 - i. March 30 and April 27 bus trips accounted for
 - ii. Kindergarten trip coming from fundraising general
 - b. General – balance - \$343
 - c. Pizza - \$26,361.33
 - i. April, May and June still to be debited (estimated approx. \$4000)
 - d. Playground - \$15, 604
 - i. For additional equipment
 - e. P maintenance- 3,395
 - i. Repair \$2,825

- ii. Money needs to move from playground fund to maintenance now that the repair is complete
- iii. Council is requesting an update from the playground committee for the next meeting.

5. PIC Update – Laura W

- a. Pic update – Apr. 26 attending engaging school council.
- b. B/o session about different topics. Communication and best practices from other schools.
 - i. Google classroom notice
 - ii. Weekly email about what is upcoming.
 - iii. Robo calls
 - iv. Facebook and social media – there are guidelines. If the school has a Facebook page there are specific guidelines, and the principal must have the posting privileges. The school itself doesn't have a Facebook page.
 - v. School website should be main page.
 - vi. Discussion around communications and how to proceed next year.
 - vii. Principal Newman suggested that less is more in some ways. Be consistent.
- c. B/O topic - Being a parent member – what is your role?
 - i. Idea of childcare at meetings was discussed at PIC event.
 - ii. Parents send in topics of what to discuss – specific night for parents to come.
- d. Anti racism – May 9 at RCPS (will be in the newsletter) – all parents' welcome.

6. Principal/Teacher Update – Mrs. Newman /Mrs. Mulhern

- a. Thank you to the parents who helped with Dance-a-thon
- b. Great participation
- c. Principal for an hour – took place today. A lot of fun was had.
- d. Spring concert this Thursday – all are welcome.
- e. Kindergarten orientation is different this year. Not during the day on a PA Day but will be in the evening from 430 – 530 (May 30th). Passport system.
 - i. Tables by Rockwood library, parent council,
 - ii. Need Volunteers to serve juice. And sign up for emails.
 - Have some year books to look at?
 - Spirit wear?
 - iii. Rebecca and Carly have offered to work the school council table. Suggestion to have a sign-up sheet for new parents so they can be part of the email distribution list for council.
- f. Husky day – sports day – May 19th
- g. EQAO – test questions – we can share.
 - i. Remember that EQAO is a moment in time.
 - ii. It provides information about where we can focus and added for additional development.
 - iii. If a student is away the school nets a 0 for that.

7. Committee Updates

- a. Yearbook– Amanda
 - i. Orders go in May 15. If we don't get 101 books sold the prices go up. (currently at 85)
 - ii. Discussion around whether Council could pay for a book for each student? (\$25 per student). For 2022 Council will purchase a yearbook for any grade 5 student that did not already purchase one, plus one for each teacher and one for the school library. This will be noted as past practice and will be put forward for the 2023 council to fund year books for all graduating students as a gift from Council.
 - iii. Request was made for future yearbooks to include a photo and write up from that year's school council as a way of sharing what council accomplished and supported, in that year and as a way of thanks to the parents that volunteered their time.
 - iv. Rebecca – Motion to provide a maximum of \$1125 for yearbook purchases, with a footnote that if not all funds are used, we would provide \$250 to Madeline Smyth to purchase t shirts for all graduating grade 5 student as part of their end of year graduation activities. Seconded by Amanda
- b. Snack – Amanda
 - i. Currently out of food but will be restocking this week.
- c. Lunch programs – Jen Roberts
 - i. No update this meeting
- d. Playground – Jen Roberts
 - i. Recess equipment approved by council in September has been ordered.
- e. Spirit Wear – Jennifer Shaw
 - i. Orders have been sent home.

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8. Fundraising update

- a. Dance-a-thon – Charlotte
 - i. Final expenses: \$750
 - ii. Raised: \$9,800
 - iii. Over 100 prizes
 - iv. Need more volunteers for face painting next year.
 - v. Need more for counting money next year.

9. Other business

- a. Kindergarten trip
 - i. Discussed briefly above.
- b. Last week of school ice-cream truck
 - i. Rebecca proposed bringing an ice cream truck to the school on the second last day and providing each student with a treat. Discussion followed around whether the trucks currently sourced are board approved vendors, dietary/allergy offering of the trucks, and overall event logistics.
 - ii. Shane – pending approval from the board, we would fund up to \$1200 for use towards food (ice-cream truck) on the second last day of the year. Laura White – seconds under the direction that the truck meets the dietary restrictions .
- c. School council volunteers for Kindergarten Orientation evening (4:15-5:45)
 - i. Noted above.
- d. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Did not discuss. Move to June meeting.
- e. PIC bylaws
 - i. Did not discuss. Move to June meeting.
- f. Harris Mill School council bylaws
 - i. Did not discuss entirely.
 - ii. Carly asked that everyone please read and provide feedback before the middle of the month so that we can circulate another copy ahead of the June meeting.
 - iii. Carly requested that the June meeting be an extended meeting as it will be the last meeting of 2023 and along with the by-laws there are a number of things that need to be discussed before the end of the year. June meeting will start an hour early at 6pm.