



MPS School Council Meeting
Maryborough Public School
Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Present: Alan Gouk, Karin Harwood, Shannon Frook, Kristina Signer, Lori Klopper, Melissa Gleeson, Amanda Stege, Kerin Harwood, Mandy Mulder
Via Zoom: Michelle Fear, Jenn Bailey, Jenn VanDriel

Principal's Report:

Superintendent update - Matt McCutcheon on leave as of last year - he is not returning to the superintendent position. Carlo Zen was interim but retired as of December - Brent McDonald is current superintendent.

Friday Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day - a collective gathering outdoors (gym deep clean) to observe a moment of silence and The Last Post. This was followed by a variety of classroom activities. It went well with positive feedback from staff.

Nov. 2 - Directions Team (Sarah Nichol, Jen Smart, Jodi Abra, Kerin Harwood, and Lori Albrecht) literacy release time. The team met to look at assessment data and set grade level and individual literacy goals

Nov. 16 - Progress Reports went home, ease of access? Is everyone accessing them? SCA members agreed reports seem to be easy to access; no known issues were reported.

Nov. 20 - 23 - Bullying Prevention Week. Activities were done in individual classes.

Nov. 24 - PA Day / Interviews - Michelle mentioned it is cumbersome to have to login with individual OEN's for each child; suggestion was made to put families together in the system. Alan said this can be brought back to board. Kristina & Kerin also mentioned it is okay to book all under one child's name; teachers are aware of who it will actually be for.

Nov. 28 - 30 - Directions Team, Release Time, partnered review of previous literacy goals and updates accordingly. Also, an opportunity to gather the necessary resources centrally

Dec. 5 - Junior Volleyball Tournament - Girls and Boys 2nd place finish

Dec. 8 - Colour Houses - going well, great community builder. Another one planned for Feb.

Dec. 12 - MPS-SC Turkey Luncheon

- overall a great success, food numbers were good with just enough leftovers for a soup day.
- Some kids were missing the ham from previous years, can keep in mind for next year.
- Food donations worked well, reach out again to school community next year.

Dec. 13 - MPS-SC Holiday Craft

- Everyone agrees it is nice to be back as a community.
 - Suggestion to split kids into smaller groups to reduce waiting for help.
- MPS Food Drive - Great!

Dec. 14 - Shop with First Responder

- A great success, wonderful opportunity for kids.
- Keep in mind for next year to notify community of use of lights and sirens to reduce concerns. It was mentioned in the Mapleton: What's Happening Facebook group.

Dec. 19 - Holiday Performance @ 11:30

- Went very well! It was asked whether it could be shared online - cannot be live streamed on a public service for privacy concerns, but a recorded version could be shared in Google Classroom. Alan will look into it.
- It was requested to consider evening or end-of-day performance for next year to better accommodate working parents.

Dec. 21 - School wide skating

- Skating is covered, bussing costs are outstanding yet - can either be paid for by students or look into sponsorship from local businesses again.
- Junior Salad Day
- Well received! More days are planned.

Jan. 9 - 26 - Kindergarten Registration

Jan. 15 - Gr. 3/4 Crawford Lake Field Trip

- Interesting trip - Kristina attended as chaperone and said it was a neat experience for kids, albeit very cold to be outdoors.

Feb. 16 - MPS-SC Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs: 177, Grilled Cheese: 138, Chicken Burger : 136

- Hot dog day went very well, kids were excited to see hot lunch back. Will discuss once the first three days are done how we want to go forward with frequency/options, etc.

Feb.22/23 - Grade 6 to Camp Kintail.

Kerin expressed gratitude to SCA and our parent/school community for all the efforts made to bring back many of our special Maryborough traditions. It contributes to a rewarding and positive experience for all.

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balances:

- Classroom: \$12, 462.56
- Fundraising: \$5292.52
 - JD Sweid - \$1650
 - Harrison Packers - \$868
 - Candles - \$419
 - Huron Ridge - \$201
 - Ornaments - \$178
 - Mabel's Labels - \$54.66
- General: \$165.46
- Hot Lunches: \$984.82
- Open House: \$20.80
- Playground: \$5000
- School Projects: \$8788.38
- TOTAL: \$32, 714. 54

Fundraising:

- Candles went well, good return. Ornaments may not do again.
- Discussed Harriston and JD Sweid orders are lower than prior years - many local clubs are doing this now. Look into options.
- Freshbox Market is an option for a winter/spring fundraiser. Option for 1 week or 4 weeks of boxes. Melissa will continue to connect with them for more details regarding how often we can run the fundraiser, and if existing customers switch to the fundraiser.
- MacGregor's was suggested as well as an alternative meat supplier.
- Spring meal fundraiser → aim for March/April timeframe, Melissa to look into chicken BBQ, or we can do pork chops at Optimist Hall.
- Soup day → Leona Ottens will make soup again.

Other:

Spring Electives

- Staff has been discussing this. Alan suggested starting smaller with a one day, all-day rotation; kids can have choice of which activities to participate in.

- SCA can come up with a sub committee to plan for electives; what we want to do, who we want to lead, etc.
- Bring in volunteers to lead stations with teachers providing classroom management support.
- Mrs Harwood and Mrs Adams are interested in joining the sub committee for planning.
- If successful, we can do it again in fall and perhaps expand.
- Timing would be best in April.

End of year school trip

- African Lion Safari is being discussed as an option this year, staff are finalizing pricing details.
- Splash Zone will not be an option this year if this is chosen. Pricing is similar to Camp Kintail.

Swim to survive

- was done in the past for Grade 3's, is this something that will come back? Alan will look into it.

March School Skating

- Alan asked if SCA would be ok to cover costs

Fundraising Projects

- Gaga Pit - Alan found portable interlocking panels for \$1000. SCA agreed would be good as an option to try first; if they hold up and are good quality we can purchase more. More permanent structures run around \$4000-\$6000. Need board approval yet, Alan has sent email.
- Outdoor Learning area (picnic tables, etc) has approval from Superintendent, just finalizing pricing details.

Parent Drivers

- Inquiry was made regarding use of parent drivers as some schools are switching to this. Alan has said that he is going to organize parent drivers for 3 or 4 smaller events such as Gr. 5-6 sports events. For larger events such as track and field and school skating, buses will still be used. It will save on costs as busing prices have increased.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting date: March 7th @ 7:00