

M.A.P.S SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES Date: March 28/2019

Attendees: Carol Mills, Shirley Bloxam (Headwaters Communities in Action Presenter), Monique Phillion-Smith, Colleen Bird, Diane Guldner, Karlie Wood, Celeste Toogood, Sarah Pink, Angela Lockhurst

Regrets: Demetre Papavasiliou, Jess Harrower, Jenn Cuthberson, Kristi Stenzel

Welcome and Intro: Carol Mills welcomed Shirley Bloxam, manager from Headwater Communities in Action who presented about HFFA Food Club & Farmer in the School Program. Shirley highlighted the main benefit of these programs is “Linking local farmers with families”. She discussed the importance of educating our kids around local food, and how these programs support this goal. She pointed out that a vast number of health concerns could be treated with better nutrition and these programs are just one step towards that. She also discussed the benefits of knowing where our food comes from and the safety associated with Canadian and more importantly local food. She left some handouts to promote Food Club and some info about the Farm to School Program which we may consider for next year.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Carol reviewed minutes; with two small corrections made re snow target discussion and a few typos. Minutes were approved.

Student Report There was no student report at this time.

Principal’s Report:

(Mme Monique Phillion-Smith)

Monique is waiting on junior basketball nets to be installed. Contact person at Board office is now in charge. We are awaiting further information re installation date and an invoice.

Monique will be away April 11-28., 2019; Suzee Kennedy will be covering during that time. Monique shared the student projections for next year: 374 current student and expected will be going down to 317 students next year.

The ‘Rural funding Application’ for School Yard Greening was successful, we received \$2600. If we spend up to \$2500 we do not require 3 quotes, funds must be used by August. The next meeting for interested stakeholders for School Yard Greening committee will be determined ASAP and Celeste will send out to those interested. Shawn from Evergreen will be invited to attend this meeting, Monique and Celeste will liaison with him.

Financial Update:

Carol reviewed current financial documents. Full documents are available in the office. Current estimated available funds for use are \$11 532.13 (We have \$2681 of that money tied up at the Upper Grand Learning Foundation from Sept BBQ, Santa Breakfast and Dance-a-thon.) Monique will look into why no funds have been returned yet, as well as the concern re tax receipts not being available as yet.

Expected further income from rest of pizza and pitas is about \$2000.
Estimated further expenses would be around 1000 for student volunteer appreciation and teacher appreciation to be discussed at next meeting.

We discussed the benefits of pre-approval of some items for next year ie. Grad, BBQ. , Principal Discretionary, Friends of Island Lake, etc. This would better prepare us for the start up for next school year given that there will be a new council starting up. This would amount to \$3500. To be discussed at follow-up meeting.

Other Business:

Regarding next years ProgGrant, we do not know yet if this Ministry Program will run. It would be anticipated this is announced before the end of the school year; and if it runs, we would find out if we got funding by October 2019. The UPower speaker we had discussed is still something Council would like to support regardless of if this funding is available. It was discussed that if ProGrant happens it could cover the parent portion of this; but for the cost for the full program would be upto \$2000 (this years prices for parent portion \$604; student portion (2 presentations JK-4 and 4-8) would be \$1,100). After discussion, it was approved that School Council will fund the UPower programs for student and parents in November 2019. If ProGrant happens we will use that funding to offset the parent portion, and Monique may also be able to access some mental health funds to offset student portion.

Given we do not know total costs for next year; we approved \$2000 towards November UPower Presentation. Carol and Monique will finalize date and book this speaker.

Ropes course for next year would be \$4,000 for whole school for 5 days. Council is not in a position to determine if this is something we can support at this time. Will remain on the table for further discussion.

Staff Report - No updated tonight.

Event Planning & Fundraising, Committees Updates & Ideas

1. Booster Juice spring program has started, no concerns. Pita Pit is running smoothly; Helen will help to find a mature student to cover if Colleen is away. Colleen will speak with Melanie at Pita Pit to see if they can pack the cookies with the Pitas as we feel some cookies may be going missing from kids just grabbing them off the table. Pizza continues to run seamlessly via Rosanna.
2. Spring planning
 - a: Joint Parent Council Meeting Monday at 7pm - Karlie, Colleen and Diane to bake a few goodies for that night. Sarah to pick up thermos jug for tea from Mochaberry and deliver to school. Colleen and Karlie to bring tea bags and Carol will make sure hot water gets made. Estimate 20 people to attend from other schools.
"Double Gold" -Ophea and Eco schools to be discussed. Monique, Joan Heath (Health Nurse), Demetre, Nicky and Carol to present briefly. Video has been made by students showing some of the things we have done at our school.
 - b: Progrant- April 25th at 7pm
Flyers going home on soon to all families, Movie will be available for Maps kids for babysitting, Colleen to help pick out movie. Ms. Laughton has volunteered to help with movie supervision as well as Suzee will be available. Carol will monitor childcare

registration numbers.

Monique and Carol will send out another email promoting event. Hopefully everyone can spread the word that this event is open to all Orangeville Parents.

Carol requests help at 5:45 to help set up charis - Sara, Colleen, Jenn and possibly Karlie are available.

Monique will be away, she will look into sending out emails while away so that this event promotion doesn't get missed while she is gone.

Carol will print some colour copies of flyers for posting at various places.

Sarah suggested we contact the Banner and SNAPD and DCAF regarding outreach for the event, Carol will do this.

3. Recess bin- Evaluation

Intermediate Balls are all gone, they have not even been out for a week; some are out of air; some on roof. Primary balls also disappearing and going flat quickly.

This continues to be a struggle, but students are still very happy to have access to these balls. Colleen to look into additions for bins such as, hula hoops and skipping ropes etc and will get costs and price out with Helen/Carol. Carol to drop into school yard neighbours to see if balls are in their yard and return them to school. Deflated balls to be reinflated by Matt Wood. Colleen to collect balls from 3 bins and put in bag for pick up by Karlie to take to Matt. Colleen will determine how many balls are ruined as well so Monique can get replaced by company who provided.

\$500 approved to be spent from this account on additional items for the recess bins; Colleen will determine what needs to be purchased and coordinate with Helen and Carol.

4. Update on Playground committee- already covered in Principal's report.

5. Next year planning- UPower - November date and funding- already covered in Financial Updates.

6. School Council Input - Leadership Form for Principals. Form was filled out at the end of the meeting with Monique out of room; and Carol will submit to the board.

7. HFFA next year? - Carol sends out reminders every month however there is low school uptake, thought to be related to the fact that it is not on School Cash Online anymore. It was discussed that we look into getting the 'Farmers in the School' program in next year in a grade that doesn't otherwise have a special guest typically. There will need to be a new school champion for next year, as Carol will be stepping back; Kristi might be interested and will let us know. Carol will give feedback to HFFA re decreased involvement and factor that may contribute (off season produce; surprise doesn't work for everyone; not on cash online).

We also discussed a couple other programs around nutrition/farming/local food; and Monique will look into these; Sarah will help provide some information. Discussed: 'You're the Chef' cooking club and 'The rainbow plate program' for juniors which is all about food discovery.

Electrical still not sorted out for Garden Towers. Monique to check into that with Linda Geer, but for now the Garden Towers are not functioning.

Other Funding Requests & Disbursements

Celeste to get 2 large print outs of school yard for 'School Yard Greening' brainstorming meeting, Monique to reimburse for this.

PIC/Dufferin Joint School Councils Updates/Mtgs:

Next PIC mtg in Fergus on April 17, 5-7pm on the topic 'Effective and Impactful School Councils'.

Next Dufferin Joint Parent Council Meeting: April 1st at our school; then May 6th at Primrose; Karlie may be able to attend at Primrose.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Next Meeting

May 9th, 2019.