

# Montgomery Village Public School

## Parent Council Meeting:

### Minutes

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**Date:** January 24, 2024    **Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm    **Location:** Library Commons

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**Attendees:** Parent Council Executive: Co-Chair: Annie Gordon; Co-Chair: Menora Marks;  
Member at Large: Fatemeh Nabizadeh

**Absent:** Secretary: Jodie MacLean; Treasurer: Denise Pereira

- Minutes from [November 2023](#) meeting

#### Topic / Discussion Item

##### Montgomery Village Update

- Discussion of groups currently running: badminton, quiet club, zumba, games club, BIPOC group, environmental club
- It is free to be in a group; Zumba has been a big hit
- Family Transition Place presentations have been going on in class
- New portable has arrived; not being used this year; could be 3 more arriving to be replaced
- New portable has more natural light
- There are no temperature thresholds to reach to keep children inside during recess; up to Principal and VP
- The UGDSB website has information on school bus cancellations; the school does not determine school bus cancellations; VP and Principal just report decision made
- <https://www.ugdsb.ca/schools/transportation/>
- School has a hat and mitt bin that can help kids that need warm clothes
- Request for parents to stay out of the bus lane for drop off
- No issues have come up with the removal of devices in the classroom; very positive feedback
- Feb 12 report cards will be uploaded for parents; can still call the school to get a hard copy
- Review of school [wish list](#) and money raised
  - School Council voted to pay the full amount for FTP next year; Going from the requested \$4800 to the actual cost of \$5040
  - \$1800 from Winter Wonderland to Library to offset Forest of Reading
  - \$416 from Winter Wonderland to Athletic General - to be spent on DPA equip
  - \$584.19 from Meet the teacher night to Athletic General - to be spent on DPA equip
  - Brent will speak with staff on any other items to put on school wish list

##### Action Items:

Brent to speak with staff on any items to add to school wish list

### **Winter Wonderland Debrief**

- Event was a success; raised \$2992.09
- Student volunteers were crucial; most were grade 9; had lots of responsibilities; just not handling cash
- There was no pizza left over; suggest ordering more for next year
- Had perfect amount of tables (20); suggest ordering tables in Sept/Oct for next year
- Having event week before Christmas was also a good time

### **Pizza Fridays**

- Always looking for volunteers and backup;
- If any parents are interested, email [schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com)

### **Additional Fundraising Ideas**

- Boston Pizza
  - Has been going well; also looking for volunteers on Wednesdays from 12-1pm
  - Very organized; might request food to come later so that it's not getting cold
  - Will look into gluten free options
- Quest for Cakes Cookies
  - Has been a great success; organizing cooked for Valentines, St Patrick's Day as part of the 10 treat days allowed through the school board
  - Might also have a muffin day
  - Discussion around parent interest in food and volunteering and sending out survey
  - Will see if any interest in setting up muffin day through results of parent survey
- Pita Pita: Smoothies
  - Looking to add smoothies from Pita Pit in the warmer months
  - Can provide veggie and meat sandwiches for an additional food day
  - Will see if any interest in either option through parent council survey
- Movie night
  - Discussion around setting up a movie night similar to last year
  - Need to sign into school account and pick approved movie
  - Last year a backup disc was used
  - Date to be set for before March Break
  - Food could be provided by the school for free; cookies through the school program
  - Bring your own water bottle (BYOWB); just a fun night; no fundraising
  - Tentative date will be March 01, 6-730pm
- Spring Fling
  - Will determine at next meeting if we want to have a spring fling/goodbye picnic
  - Big commitment and volunteers needed
- Emily Press Labels and [FlipGive](#) account have been set up
  - Send out email to parents to notify it is ready for use
- Discussion on creating a survey on what parents think of the food options at school

**Action Items:**

- Create survey and send out to parents on food choices and volunteering
- Contact Boston Pizza to see if there are any gluten free options to add to next round of orders
- Send out email to parents for Flip Give and Emily Press labels
- Determine if we have a spring fling at next meeting

**Parent Involvement Committee (PIC): Reaching out Grant (ROG)**

- School council could receive up to \$1000 of additional PRO Grant funding provided by the UGDSB's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC).
- Project or purchases must be used to support parent and community engagement at school and support the diversity of parent needs and parent communities at the local level through an equity and inclusion lens will be prioritized for PRO funding
- Some broad categories of possible projects or expenses:
  - Creating a safe and welcoming and inclusive environment for families and parents
  - Eliminating barriers to equitable access to the education system and relevant information
  - Anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigenous and anti-oppression initiatives
  - Supporting mental health of children, parents, and families
  - Supporting parents and families in learning about student transitions
  - Enhancing communication with teachers and other school staff
  - Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources
- Application is due Jan 26; school council voted to go ahead and submit an application

**Action Items:**

- Submit application for Jan 26 deadline

**Council Bulletin Board**

- Vision, mission statement was added to the board
- New items will be on display continually throughout Feb as more materials are gathered
- Suggestions for items from parents would be welcome

**Equity Work**

- Discussion around BIPOC group at MVPS
- Meet weekly in the gym; around 12-15 students
- Collected information on struggles and issues
- Equity audit debrief at the next staff meeting

**Meeting Dates for 2024**

- [Religious Holiday Calendar](#)
- <https://www.uoguelph.ca/studentexperience/religious-holidays/>

**Next meeting: Feb 28, 2024**

