

**Mitchell Woods Public School
School Council
Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date & Time:	August 31, 2020	
Meeting Participants:		
Amanda Dawson (Chair)	Layla El-Ayoubi	
Mair Gault (Principal)	Sheila Thomson	
Stephanie Sambells	Alison J Jones	
Sara Orrell (Secretary)	Maureen Battaglia (Teacher)	
Stacey Murphy	Andrea Reed (Treasurer)	

No.	Agenda Item	Summary Notes	Actions
1	Welcome	Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Approval of Agenda	An agenda was circulated at the meeting.	
3	West Willow Village NG	Linda unable to attend. Summary from Amanda: the food drive went really well, there were a few cars filled with food donations. Thank you to all those that delivered flyers and donated food.	
4	Treasurer's Report	Revenue: Mainly raised from Danceathon (\$1800), Lunchbox Orders (\$800) and Gift Card Fundraiser (\$1500). Expense: playground line painting (\$1500), pancake breakfast (\$225), snacks for movie night (\$460) and insurance (\$460). Full report in agendas & reports file folder for August 2020 in google docs	Amanda will email Lisa about Scientist in the school and whether payment was received.

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5	Staff Report - given by Maureen Battaglia	<p>There have been several “voluntary staff chats” to update each other and attempt to plan what back to school will look like. The staff are learning to be flexible. Changes are ongoing – rooms/jobs/etc.</p> <p>Phys Ed update is that kids can share equipment (within their class cohort) vs just fitness.</p> <p>Music – the music teacher (Kelly) will travel to classrooms. Only percussion instruction, no wind instruments.</p> <p>Teachers are busy re-organizing their classroom to remove anything that will allow them to have more space between desks.</p> <p>Teachers will go through quite a bit of training over the next few weeks related to safety and COVID, math (new curriculum) and anti-racism training, mental health (how to support students coming back to school).</p> <p>Teachers have been in to set up the school with directional arrows, signage, etc. and preparing for the return to school.</p> <p>Student council will begin again but it might be virtual to start.</p> <p>Extra-curricular activities won’t start right now because kids need to remain in their cohort (ie their class) but this will evolve as the school year goes on and we know there is an interest.</p> <p>Teachers have done a tremendous job adapting and maintaining agility to the ever changing environment. The focus is to make sure school is enjoyable and kids are excited to come back. Everyone can’t wait to go back.</p> <p>Open House: What might this look like? Outdoor option discussed. At this time it is not possible but teachers could give virtual tours of their classrooms.</p>	<p>Could council consider investing in some phys ed equipment? More “play” equipment. No access to the gym. All phys ed would take place outside.</p> <p>Can Sara donate more soccer balls?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sara is looking into it <p>Can we support with more instruments? Will revisit at next meeting.</p>
6	Principal’s Report	<p>Mair sat on the board committee for the summer. They started at the beginning of July going through Ministry, Sick Kids and Public Health documents. They</p>	

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		<p>spent the summer learning as the research kept changing which constantly dominoed the logistics.</p> <p>School re-organization: Mitchell Woods students for fall 2020 consist of 397 in person and 121 remote</p> <p>Friday morning Mair had a voluntary staff meeting where she had to inform teachers that their teaching assignments were changing and that class lists were changed.</p> <p>There has been loads of changing/moving of equipment and furniture.</p> <p>When people have questions. We should direct them to the Mitchell Woods website https://www.ugdsb.ca/mwoods/ . Items you can find on our website include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Parent handbook· Board website link· Staggered entry<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Families with different names will be contacted directly to organize○ Staggered entry will aid with the protocols required with back to school· What to bring to school· When you hear from your teacher (no earlier than the 8th)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The purpose of the call from your teacher is to confirm that their child is still planning to attend Mitchell Woods and provide some first day protocols. <p>Question? Is this the right time to talk to the teacher about IEPs? Answer: Not the time during that call. Teachers have the first 6 weeks and it is always considered a draft. Feel free to fill out survey when it comes home and connect with teacher after the first couple of weeks.</p> <p>Question: Will there be transition visits this year? Answer: Not doing this at this time unless absolutely necessary.</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents will be responsible for self-screening each and every day. If staff see students with covid symptoms the student will be isolated and a call home will be made to pick the student up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Transportation Safety Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What you need to know · Flow plan on how to enter the school and to mitigate gatherings · Funding for greeters and what they will do · Late arrivals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be a staff out front to greet students to keep all non-essential people out of the school. Question: What if a child has an appointment? Answer: Please call the office to let them know they will be arriving late and call when you are outside. If the child is very small there is a barrier the school has so the parent can watch the child walk into the office. · Recess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They will do flip recess where half the kids are in the school and half the kids are outside. All kids will be provided with a tear-away lanyard with a coloured square to help the teachers “sort” the kids and ensure they stay in their designated section. The lanyard is also a great place where kids can hook their mask onto. ○ Students are not allowed to bring items from home. · Lunch Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be no drop off of hot lunches throughout the day. Lunch will need to be sent with the student. Students are not allowed to travel “out” to eat, the exception is they can go home to eat alone (or with siblings, no friends). ○ Practice container opening with small children at home – please! · End of the day procedures · Communication with the School 	
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		<p style="text-align: center;">· Junior/Intermediate most have 23 kids</p> <p>Question: If your child is not feeling well, do you need to get them tested? Answer: We will follow Public Health Protocols - see school website.</p> <p>Question: Will kids still be able to take a body break/walk/etc? Answer: We need to limit the amount of crossover between students and movement through the school and shared spaces. We will prioritize this based on children's need.</p> <p>Registration Day is Tuesday, September 1st.</p> <p>Summary: They must bring a mask. Wear it the first day of school. Bring them to the property and go directly to your line up area.</p> <p>Mair: "The best predictor of future behaviour is past behaviour"- Dr. Phil</p> <p>Our past behaviour indicates that we will come together and be kind and compassionate to each other. We will work together to get through it and to make it work.</p> <p>Mask drop off is the 1st, 2nd and 3rd from 9-3pm there is a box for drop off at the school.</p> <p>There is an incredible parent making homemade masks for all kindergarten kids.</p>	<p>Mair to investigate when COVID testing should be done.</p>
7	Fundraising:	<p>Fundscrip: looking for someone to take this project on.</p> <p>Norwex: will determine.</p>	<p>Amanda and Alison to connect about Norwex fundraiser.</p>
8	Meeting Dates	<p>Next meeting: Monday, September 21st from 7:30-9:15pm</p> <p>To be confirmed the following meeting dates;</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · October 5th · November 2nd · December 7th · January 4th · February 1st · March – no meeting · April 5th · May 3rd <p>We will continue to meet virtually via zoom. We will look to recruit more members into the fall.</p>	
9	Other items	<p>All teachers are required to set up Google Classrooms. We can post to all the classrooms of all upcoming meetings.</p> <p>Question: Are we doing safety patrol?</p> <p>Answer: Yes. Mair and Sarah Garrett will follow up.</p>	<p>Sara G. to follow up with Ms. Abdool about procedures for safety patrol.</p> <p>Maureen to contact teachers about asking parents if their children are interested in being a part of patrol.</p>
10	Adjourn		

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