

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

Meeting Date & Time:	December 14, 2020	
Meeting Participants:		
Amanda Dawson (Chair)	Andrea Reed	
Mair Gault (Principal)	Layla El-Ayoubi	
Stacey Murphy (Secretary)	Eli Garrow	
Maureen Battaglia		
Stephanie Sambell		
Bryan VanDerZwet Stafford		
Indu Arora		
Alison Jones		
Ton Ngoc Ba (Annie)		
Sheila Thomson		

No.	Agenda Item	Summary Notes	Actions
1	Welcome	Chair welcomed all to the meeting. As a group we each told a holiday tradition that our family participates in.	None
2	Approval of Agenda & Minutes	An agenda was circulated and approved.	
3	West Willow Village NG	<p>West Willow Village Neighbourhood Report – MWPS, December 2020</p> <p>An exciting note about the organization: We have submitted the final document for our Charitable Status and are looking forward to having our status confirmed shortly. This is very good news as the \$5,000 total we receive from the city of Guelph is not enough to fund the activities and support the neighbourhood residents would like to access.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Food Support</p>	

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		<p>Our weekly food program currently provides support to approximately 55 families, over 100 adults and children each Wednesday. We anticipate that this will continue to grow.</p> <p>We have a relationship with a farmer who provides eggs weekly, and we also receive bread from the food bank weekly. We are working with Pet Pantry and have added cat food to the dog food we currently provide. We are also working with a meat company and hope to add this to the food orders in the new year.</p> <p>We are grateful for the clothing and food donations dropped off by neighbourhood families. <i>We want to share that we were truly overwhelmed by the \$665 in grocery cards that the Student Council collected, this will help us provide fresh produce in our weekly food supports. Please thank the students again for their kindness!</i></p> <p>Holiday Supports</p> <p>This year, like everything else, the holiday supports looked. Our group was not as central as we have been in the past. Communication was really difficult as we do a lot of outreach and extension work in the neighbourhood. We called families to remind them of sign up days for programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 38 Families referred for Adopt A Family · 15 Families will receive Zehrs food/ household boxes on Friday · Salvation Army sign up took place at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Marksam Rd but we have no information or role this year, so we do not know if anyone fell through the cracks · December 25th we will be delivering cooked hot Christmas meals to residents at 150 Imperial who signed up for this support · We provided winter clothing to children that was made available by the Children’s Foundation · We are waiting to pass out any socks we receive from Toast Toes · We received Hair cut coupons and Once Upon a Time gift cards that were provided to some of the new moms in the neighbourhood 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · We received a donation of some new Toys, these will be given to non-custodial parents and grandparents who missed other community support opportunities · We provide Goodwill dollars throughout the year for families to purchase items at the Goodwill store <p>CVITP Taxes</p> <p>We continue to complete taxes and have completed almost 800 returns with over \$2.5 million dollars brought into the community through refunds and benefits.</p> <p>We have signed a MOU with Immigrant Services who have asked us to take the lead in 2020 taxes in the community. There is no funding to/from either agency. IS-GW will promote the support, refer clients, identify multilingual volunteers willing to help file taxes, and will assist with training.</p> <p>Indu Arora appointed to the UGDSB Safe Equitable and Inclusive Schools Steering Committee on behalf of WWV. The community knowledge and experience we accumulate through WWV can contribute to the conversations and engage some of the voices that may be at the margins.</p>	
4	Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Get Real online workshop - Grade 5-8 participated in on anti-racism -Live streaming holiday concert from Casa Loma happening Dec 15th -Virtual Christmas concert will hopefully be put together later in the week of Dec 14th to be enjoyed -Tech Day for intermediates - Program awareness on tech opportunities -GCVI and College Heights information sessions have happened virtually with the Grade 8's. -Food Drive - went well \$660 raised and donated to the Willow West Community Group -MW Spirit Wear -arrived and handed out -Grad Wear coming out early in the new year -Holiday spirit week going on the week of Dec 14th -Virtual Book Fair - 54 books sold 	

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5	Treasurer's Report	<p>Crazy carpets -\$338.32 Flyers for Webinar -\$81 Honorarium for Webinar -\$500 Playground Balls- \$1686 Lunchbox +\$255 -unknown deposit potentially from last year \$6039 current account balance</p>	
6	Principal's Report	<p>Playground Zones -Survey flags purchased and put out to give visible boundaries. Positive Covid Case -process explained by Mair Reorganization -26 students moved to remote and every class needed to be reorganized. UGDSB - Mental Health for Parents resources offered by the board. https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/mental-health/ Guelph/Wellington: 1 844 437 3247 (HERE247) -Walk in Services on Tuesdays for Children/Youth 1:30- 7:00 at 485 Silvercreek Pkwy, Guelph -Immediate support if needed</p>	
7	Webinar Report	<p>Team: Amanda Dawson, Stephanie Sambells Date: Was held on Thursday, November 19th 7-8PM via Zoom Speaker: Andrea Groenewald (registered Psychotherapist)</p> <p>Topic: Managing the Chaos</p> <p>Advertising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website - Tweet - Google classroom - Robo call - Sign in front of school 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Take home flier with details <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Total amount was \$563.87<ul style="list-style-type: none">o \$300 from Upper Grand Granto \$263.87 from our accounto Will get the HST reimbursed = \$64.87- Used Zoom (Amanda's husband allowed us to use his account)- Mair spoke for 5 minutes about her journey with mental health during the pandemic- Andrea shared for ~40 minutes and provided some very practical things we can do to support our own and our children's mental health- Amanda & Stephanie managed the meeting- Allowed to video the webinar and have posted the video to our website- Used polls to help engage the audience <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o I was disappointed by the small audience numbero Those who came were appreciative of what was sharedo One of our crossing guards came and spoke with me the next day and was very appreciative for the evening.o Couldn't have done any more for advertising: feeling is that people just couldn't add one more thing to their plates even though they knew it would be beneficial.o Moving forward: point people to webinar's being funded by other groups like the Parent Involvement Committee and the Children's Foundation. <p>14 people attended virtually. Video is available online. Mair shared parts of the webinar with staff.</p>	
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8	Fundraising: Fundscrip Mabel's Labels Norwex	<p>Fundscrip FundScrip Fundraiser Update – Katie Matheis</p> <p>December 7th, 2020</p> <p>1. Round of Applause and Appreciation (in no particular order).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to everyone who has purchased gift cards, every purchase has pushes us closer to our goal. ● Thank you to everyone who has shared this fundraiser information on social media and by word of mouth. Awareness of our efforts is a free way to increase the success of our fundraiser. Many hands, light work – every share increases the chances that we reach our goal. I do believe that was how we came up on the radar and resulted in an article in Guelph Today as well as a 106.1 Magic FM contacting Mair Gault for a phone interview. ● Thank you to our school staff and school council members, who have helped with all the moving parts of making the fundraiser public – advice, the school sign, website, announcements, handouts, hanging posters, social media tweets and robo calls. <p>2. The Numbers (As of November 30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November 13 – December 11: 51 orders, \$426.97 raised ○ 93 new people have registered with our fundraiser since going live <p>3. Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Handout and Online Shopping Planner to be sent home: December 3, 2020 ○ Robo Call reminder of Fundraiser and December 8 deadline to order to ensure people receive their gift cards in time for holiday gifting as well as limited time offer of free shipping for the purchase of 4 cards with a total purchase value of \$200 - 500: December 4, 2020 ○ Group Broadcast reminder to everyone registered on FundScrip of the December 8 deadline to order to ensure they receive their gift cards in time for holiday gifting as well as limited time offer of free shipping for 	Alison offered to pick up tennis balls
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		<p>the purchase of 4 cards with a total purchase value of \$200 - 500: December 4, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After holiday season, reassess approach and frequency of communications. <p>4. Final Note and Kind Request Please, if you can, share the tweets and fundraiser information on your social media and social media groups. Every little action makes a difference and every little help can have a huge impact.</p> <p>One Child One Toy slogan resonated with families. Tennis club offered used tennis balls from the advertising for Fundscrip</p> <p>Mabel's Labels -20% goes back to school. Fundraiser can be done anytime throughout the year. Once \$50 is raised in the account the money is automatically sent to school. Looking to launch in January.</p> <p>Norwex - Alison going to run her own personal fundraiser/party and will donate her earnings to MWPS. Alison will share it out informally if council or friends want to participate. Consider running a larger fundraiser for Earth Day - April 2021</p>	<p>Amanda & Alison to follow up with Lisa Horn.</p> <p>Sheila to organize. Layla willing to help out.</p>
9	Playground Equipment Report	\$450 to be spent on outdoor winter items suggested by Maureen. Curling and Broomball sets -Phys Ed equipment to be looking after by Mair	Sara and Stacey to order items Amanda to follow up with Lisa Horn about funds donated to Learning Foundation.
10	Next Meeting Date	January 11th 7:30 Zoom Meeting	
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