

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

Meeting Date & Time:	September 13, 2021 @ 7:30pm	
Meeting Participants:		
Stephanie Sambells (co-Chair)	Mair Gault (Principal)	
Sara McConaghy (co-Chair)	Maureen Battaglia (Staff)	
Rachel Cooper		
Layla El-Ayoubi	Linda Busuttill (WWV)	
Eli Garrow	Miranda Ivany (WWV)	
Indu Arora		
Bryan Stafford		
Sheila Thomson		
Andrea Reed		
Stacey Murphy		

No.	Agenda Item	Summary Notes	Actions
1	Welcome and Introductions	Chairs welcomed all to the meeting.	None
2	Approval of Agenda & Minutes	An agenda was circulated at the meeting. The corrected notes for the June 9, 2021 meeting were accepted as circulated and will be posted on the website.	None
3	West Willow Village NG	Annual Fall Fair – unfortunately cancelled again! Like many other events in the community we are cancelling the 2021 annual Fall Fair that we hold at Margaret Greene Park for families and children. We have planned a smaller event that allows for safe distancing and some fun outdoor family activities. Unicorn Scoops will be on site with some cool treats, Office Kyle with Guelph Police stickers, some games, arts and crafts.	Miranda will be sending a community survey for Parent Council to distribute

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Neighbours in the Garden!

Saturday, September 18th 9:00am – 11:00am

155 Westwood Road, in the field next to St Peters CS



Neighbourhood Food Support – still providing support

We have a food support program that has continued during the stay at home order and throughout COVID. Prior to March 2020 families would come to our location and we have a market style self-serve set up where families can select the items they need. Due to the pandemic we have pivoted to a delivery model of food support. Respecting choice we have created a way for families to order on-line, and custom boxes are packed and delivered or picked up from our office. We have eggs, bread and have added some fresh produce to the orders supported by grocery card donations.

Families who require food assistance should continue to contact the Neighbourhood Group 519 826 9930.

Back to School Supply and Backpack Drive

We supported over 100 children this year again. We appreciate families who donated backpacks and supplies. We accept items all year round so if you see them on sale please think of us!

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Village Community Garden


In 4 months 34 community garden plots 10x20 feet have been established. The garden is located in a field next to St Peters CS, 155 Westwood Rd. The first 14 plots were quartered due to the overwhelming response and need expressed by families for a space to grow their food.

This Wednesday, September 15th from 6-8pm there is a Garden self-guided Tour and we would like to extend an invitation to come out to see the garden.

This weekend 600 ft of fence was put up around the garden, there is still a bit more work to be done, gates, hardware cloth, but we are excited to add this space to our neighbourhood food support system and efforts.



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4	Treasurer’s Report	Andrea relayed the Treasurer’s Report Approximately \$5715 in account	None
5	Staff Report	<p>Maureen gave a report on behalf of the Staff:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Changes at school: Access to gym is allowed and play equipment has been distributed to classrooms, some classes have access to music room, library space used as additional space for classes 2) School patrols have started this week 3) Met with student executive council and applications will go home this week for additional student council members, will be up and running by end of month, good partnership between Parent council and student council 4) Emphasis on building good mental health – respectful listening, participating, keeping an eye on children’s mental health and mental health of staff 	None

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		5) Happy to be back in person and seeing students	
6	Principal's Report	<p>Principal's Report provided by Mair: Details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Three main pillars of focus are: Learning (how to support students, where they are learning at, observations, conversations and standardized diagnostics will be used to determine next steps to address student learning. CCAT will be done for Gr 3 and 4, EQAO will be back in spring). Parental survey and student survey from 2019 pre-pandemic provided data in regards to Anti-Bullying, Equity, Safety and how students can be supported 2) Second Pillar is Mental Health – many resources for teachers and parents to help students be supported in regards to mental health 3) Third Pillar is Equity – put funding into creating inclusive resources that are reflective of the Mitchell Woods population. Three guiding questions for stakeholders to look at when looking at school and to hold staff, board accountable to look through lens of anti-oppression, inclusivity 	Mair to send link to three guiding questions to include on minutes.
7	Executive Appointments	<p>Co-chairs: Sara McConaghy and Stephanie Sambells Treasurer: Andrea Reed Secretary: Indu Arora</p>	
8	Fundraising Update	<p>Fundraising Update:</p> <p>Lunchbox Update provided by Bryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lunchbox – shared pricing from 20-21 prices ● Bryan needs some volunteers to help with in school deliveries ● Milk program on hold <p>Mabels Labels update provided by Sheila</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mabels Labels 	<p>Layla and Sheila have volunteered to help Bryan with Lunchbox</p> <p>Mair checking if volunteers allowed for Lunchbox and if school is able to run program, Bryan to email Mair about</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approximately \$40 in account to receive, at \$50 mark they send a cheque. They had sent a chq in summer which was returned. ● Fundscrip – no update for this meeting ● Other – draft letter to families in regards to above mentioned fundraising initiatives 	<p>program and person to answer questions to fill out forms</p> <p>Stacey to volunteer to write a letter to parents for the Fundraising Initiatives</p>
9	Mitchell Woods 101	<p>Mitchell Woods 101 – tour of school, support for new families, provides insights into Mitchell Woods</p> <p>Agenda for event:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Talk from Mair – provide awareness and notes about Mitchell Woods, procedures, policies 2) Piece from Parent Council – why it’s important, what group does 3) Piece on School Clubs – what is running, what students can engage in 4) Pre-recorded virtual tour showcasing key spots of school (Student Council could tour when school is empty, ie) Recess, after school) 5) Highlight Fundraising Initiatives 6) Video incorporating students (singing, music?) 7) Have prizes (trivia contest, etc.) <p>Tentative dates: October 28, 2021 or Nov 4, 2021 – cannot be an in person event, only online</p>	<p>Stacey, Layla, Andrea, Rachel, Maureen, Mair to assist Sara and Stephanie with Mitchell Woods 101 event</p>
10	Meeting Dates for Next Year	<p>Second Monday of the month</p> <p>7:30pm start for virtual meetings:</p> <p>October 13, 2021 (Thanksgiving is 11th)</p> <p>November 8, 2021</p> <p>December 13, 2021</p> <p>Time TBD for possible in-person meetings:</p> <p>January 10, 2022</p>	<p>None</p>

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		February 14, 2022 No meeting in March April 11, 2022 May 9, 2022 June 13, 2022 NEXT MEETING: Wednesday October 13, 2021	
11	Adjourn – 9:18pm	Adjourned	None