

## **Parent Council Meeting Minutes - Princess Margaret Public School – November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

In attendance: Andrea Papavasiliou, Billie Jo R., Emily M., Tracy P., Rebecca L., Kelly H., Justine O., Ida C., Sabrina F., Tracy M., Emily D.

Regrets: Cindy S., Melissa, Racquel R.

1. **Principal's Report** (see longer version below):
  - a. EQAO results
  - b. Report cards issued November 16
  - c. Many upcoming spirit days
  
2. **Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser**
  - a. \$1550+ total commission so far in our sales window of 2 weeks (+ a 3-day extension)
  - b. Need more volunteers to help distribute on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5pm
  
3. **Review of Parent Involvement Committee event**
  - a. Useful exchange of info with local parent councils from Credit Meadows and Parkinson
  - b. Useful presentation from UGDSB Equity Advisor, Alicia Ralph. She focused on the question, "What might be the importance of thinking of individual privilege in the context of PIC and our work with parents, for the education system?"
  - c. Need to encourage representation of more lived identities through the parent involvement lens – host an event, parent interview style meeting, confidential mailbox?
  - d. We would like to use our \$500 PIC funding to host an event to include a more diverse range of family involvement to encourage greater representation.
  - e. Can we restructure our parent council roles to more than just Chairs and Secretary?
  - f. In the New Year, we need to create short and long term Parent Council goals
  
4. **Annual Fundraising Needs**
  - a. Forest of Reading program
  - b. Scientists in the School program
  - c. Mental health workshops (a specific one that would run next May)
  - d. Tech for the library and school in general
  - e. Accessible playground equipment
  - f. Gaga-ball pit, but do these tend to break?
  - g. Tarmac games re-painting (cannot be completed until repaving is complete)
  - h. Nutrition program (volunteers needed for Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:45 – 10:am, to help with food preparation and distribution)
  
5. **Healthy Schools Initiative certification**
  - a. This is based on 6 categories
  - b. Form a committee
  - c. Collect data
  - d. Identify goals and a plan
  - e. Accumulate points

f. The team consists of: 1 community member, 6-7 staff, students, data collection from parent council

**6. Holiday Craft Fair**

- a. Silent auction update
- b. Classes have chosen their themes for silent auction baskets
- c. Signage will go up after Remembrance Day
- d. We'll contact Orangeville Food Bank to drop off a drum for donations
- e. Tracy clarified some logistics for student council volunteers

**7. Other:**

- a. We are hoping to have a student council representative join us for future meetings (starting in February)
- b. On Mondays, we will do a social media blast of "This week at PMPS..." for events happening in the upcoming week
- c. Additional meeting in November strictly for Craft Fair final plans, plus another date for stuffing and prepping baskets

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Strictly for final planning of the Craft Fair**

**Principal's Report to follow .....**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

On Remembrance Day, I take time to reflect on how lucky we are to live where we live. I honour all the people who made sacrifices to protect our rights and freedoms that we have in Canada. This includes over 12,000 Indigenous soldiers who fought for Canada in its wars. 2,700 Indigenous Peoples continue to serve today. I hope you will take some time next week to recognize the contributions of Indigenous soldiers.

Here at PMPS, we have the responsibility to honour and respect the four directions: land, water, plants, animals, and ancestors. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous Peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek (awe-nish-naw'-beck) Peoples on whose ancestral and treaty lands we teach, learn and live. I also acknowledge that these lands are covered by treaties 18 & 19.

**UGDSB Anti Racism Statement:**

Anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism is deeply rooted in our country, society, institutions and our history, and much work needs to be done to address this systemic racism. As an educational community we have a responsibility to identify and describe racism and oppression and then work to dismantle it. The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to disrupting systemic racism and oppression in all of its forms. We will implement ongoing mandatory anti-racism and anti-oppression training for all staff, review

our protocols and policies, including our hiring practices, and be fully transparent and accountable to all Upper Grand students, staff, families, and stakeholders in an ongoing manner.

**EQAO Results:**

- **EQAO PMPS results: Results went home with our students (grade 4 and 7 students) the second week of October**
- **. Overall, here are the results for PMPS:**

**Primary Division: (% number of children who scored at or above the provincial expectation, level 3 and 4)**

<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>68.2% (down 1.8% from last yr)</b>	<b>54.5% (down 12.5% from last yr)</b>	<b>63.6% (up 19.6% from last yr)</b>

**Junior Division: (% number of children who scored at or above the provincial expectation, level 3 and 4)**

<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>66.7% (down 19.3% from last yr)</b>	<b>79.2% (up 8.2 % from last yr)</b>	<b>25% (up 2% from last yr)</b>

Report Cards available online, starting November 16th. If anyone has trouble accessing, speak to the classroom teacher, hardcopies to be sent home.

Interview Evening November 23rd and November 24th, Interview Day (PD day)

**Upcoming Recognition/ Spirit Days:**

**November 3rd:** Comfy Clothes Day

**November 10th:** Wear Red and Black for Remembrance Day. Wear poppies

**November 17th:** Anything but a backpack day (purse, grocery bag/bin, luggage)

**Thursday November 23rd:** Pink Day - Anti Bullying

**Important Dates:**

**-November 2nd:** Curling program at PMPS: Grades 1-8 (no cost to students)

**-November 6th to 10th:** Treaties Recognition Week

**-November 8th:** Indigenous Veterans' Day (Flags at Half Mast)

- November 9th:** Superintendent Denise Heaslip visit, Grade 8s to Career Pathways Event
- November 10th:** Remembrance Day Assembly (Flags at Half Mast)
- November 14th:** Grade 7 Vaccine Clinic at School (consent online)
- November 16th:** Progress Reports Go Home
- November 20th to November 24th:** Bullying Prevention Week
- November 21st:** Picture Retake Day & Class Photo Day
- November 23rd:** Dallas Squire visiting grade 6/7 & 7/8 classes
- November 23rd: Interview evening 3pm-7:30pm**
- November 24th:** PD Day: No School Parent/Guardian Interviews (info will be coming)
- November 28th:** K-3 Dairy Farmer Presentations
- November 30th:** Grade 8 Information Night at ODSS
- December 2nd, 2023:** Holiday Craft Fair