

Parent Council Meeting Minutes - Princess Margaret Public School – April 4th, 2024

In attendance: Andrea P., Emily M., Justine O., Ida C., Billie Jo R., Becky L., Sabrina F., Kiri L., Tracy P., Emily D.

Regrets: Racquel

- Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement
- Principal's Report (see copy after the Minutes)
- Council Business:
 - Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser:
 - This fundraiser was slow, despite being requested by school community
 - Finalize Little Caesar's fundraiser details, including who can help with distribution on the 19th
 - Next time, let's staple a handout with the access code right onto the pamphlet, as some people struggled with the login
 - Helpers at 2:30 – 4pm Emily M., Billie Jo, after school ends Ida C.
 - Maybe: Sabrina, Justine
 - Emily M. & Emily D. to receive pizza upon arrival to the school, ETA btw 10am-12pm
 - What can Council do to support anti-bullying programs in the school?
 - Proposed purchase of anti-bullying books for the school library, agreed to by Mrs. Larsen (Librarian), in consultation with Orangeville Public Library
 - We voted for Emily to purchase 22 titles to donate to the PMPS library
 - How can we increase engagement from parent community?
 - Colour flyer idea, to ensure e-mail and social media posts/school initiatives are being seen by families
 - Andrea will send the print job to TJRC
 - We voted to print colour flyer for school families
 - Next fundraiser: BBQ at June's Arts Night/Family Fun Night (June 6)
 - Sobey's, Lions Club no longer provide BBQs
 - M&M does loaners if you order the meat from them
 - Smoke on the Water has done this for MAPS for about \$500
 - Logistics for Family Fun Night:
 - Offer a pre-sale for pizza and drinks on School Cash
 - Vouchers would be sent home with kids, avoids cash on night of event
 - Contact Pizza Depot for quote
 - Outdoor learning space update
 - Sub-committee working on quotes for a table and outdoor chalkboards
 - Emily has been in contact with several organizations for trees/funding. ACER is looking like our best option. Emily to review with Andrea for next steps.

- Next events:
 - Garbage pickup at Dragonfly Park: Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Next Parent Council meetings: Thursday, May 2 and Thursday, May 30 (so we can finalize details for Family Fun Night, as that falls on first Thursday in June)
 - "Parent Council Night Out": Tuesday, April 30th, at Bluebird Cafe!
 - **Next Parent Council Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024**

Principal's Report – April 4, 2024

OPP presentations today and tomorrow: grades 3-8. K-2 later in the springtime.

Chef L'Ecole, grades 4-8 a great success! Thank you to all of our parents/caregivers who volunteered their time.

EQAO preparation: May 27th to June 6th. Attempting to break up testing over longer periods of time, in small groups. We are hoping this helps children be more successful. Children are using technology and using board approved resources to prepare for the testing. Our school was chosen to do some pre testing from our program department to help us determine our next steps. Families will be getting letters closer to testing to explain more.

Staffing for 24/25: We have maintained 13 classes, number of staff allotted to us, and the LRC 8 classroom. All allocations are tentative. Enrollment is submitted again in June and September. I do not take teacher requests for placement. Staff build classes based on student needs, friendships, groups for small group instruction etc.

Multi Year Plan: 2 week sprints (goals): Director and Superintendent focus: grade 3
-Meet with math facilitator and grade three and six staff to examine EQAO testing practices
-Create a plan for all grade 3 and 6 students to use board provided practice tests in BrightSpace and from EQAO website.
-Investigate grade 3 support for selected reading goals as provided by Carrie Conrad (goal selected: fluency)

OPP Presentation for Parents in Person at PMPS April 23rd at 6pm with Officer Amy-Lynn Pitton: I am pleased to share that our OPP community engagement officer will be coming to PMPS on April 23rd at 6pm to host a one-hour parent information evening about how to keep your child(ren) safe online from bullying and predators. The officer will also take questions. All parents/caregivers are welcome. Children are not welcome to attend at the request of the officer, because of the subject matter. Please RSVP by email to: princessmargaret.ps@ugdsb.on.ca by April 19th at 3pm with the number of parents attending, so we can plan accordingly. Currently, we have received very few RSVPs, so please RSVP so we can make the event run. Thank you.

Professional Activity Day Description: April 8, 2024, Full Day

Elementary Topic AM: Mathematics

Elementary Topic PM: Mental Health and Well-Being

Entity Hosting: Upper Grand DSB

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser Ongoing (Last day to order: April 7th)
- April 8th: PD Day (am math PD for staff & , pm mental health training for staff) No School for students.
- April 9th: Kindergarten Oville Fire Presentations in LLC
- April 10th: Grade ½ Oville Fire Presentations in LLC
- April 11th: Michale Jacques Presentation am K-8 & Rescheduled Grad Photos
[MichaelJacques_1Pager_2023-R.pdf](#)
- April 19th: Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser Distribution
- April 23rd: Parent Presentation from OPP Officer Amy Pitton 6pm Library
- April 24th: Office Coordinator Appreciation Day
- April 25th: UGDSB Director of Education & Superintendent Visit 1045-1145am
- April 26th: K-3 Author Visit in Library am

Upcoming Spirit Days for April & Early May:

April 10th: International Day of Pink

April 11th- Autism Awareness Day: purple

April 16th: Disney Character Day (Pixar, Marvel, Princesses, etc.)

April 26th: Comfy Clothes Day

May 3rd: Star Wars Day (May the 4th be with you)- Star Wars, clothes representing space etc.