

Parent Council November 13, 2019

"As Mavericks we are mindful and make a difference"

Monthly Parent Council Meeting	
Location	Janet Metcalfe School – Library
Date	November 13 th , 2019 – 6:30pm
Attendees	Lalita Premasukh – <i>President</i> , Jess Peer – <i>Vice President</i> , Gregorio Garcia Ventura – <i>Treasurer</i> , Tara Barone – <i>Secretary</i> , Cinnamon Abdallah, Sara Styan, Janet Hale, Farzana Chansisay, Said Elmansori, Nasir Mehmood, Arpita Shah, Sakshi Sharma, Nour Abdulmajid, Lola Shnyder Mazour, Ashley Atcheson, Taryn Martin, Elaine Atcheson, Karen Madsen, Angela Szijarto, Shonna Giles, Julie Breen, Sangita Bijukuchhay, (To Be Confirmed)
Regrets	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve Minutes2. Committee Updates<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Book Fareb) Fundraising3. Math Night4. Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools5. Teachers' Update6. Principal's Update
Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Volunteers needed for Fun Fair – first meeting Tuesday November 26th2. Volunteers needed for Math Night – first meeting Thursday November 21st, following school3. Explore options for snow removal of path connect Grove Hill to school groups

Committee Updates

Book Fare (Sara Styan)

- Current plan for book fair to take place the end of April (Pick up on the 30th)
- Waiting for the board calendar to officially book the date for next year
- Maria (Librarian is in the loop already)

Fundraising (Jess Peer)

- Popcorn Sales continue
- Gift Card fundraiser finished
 - Lower than anticipated volume
 - School take is approx. \$500 – Final numbers to be confirmed
 - Consideration for next year

- Payback isn't as lucrative as some other promotions
 - Adding order form to School Day as attachment could improve sales-not sure if this is possible -will check with Tracy.
- Fun Fair
 - Date set for Thursday May 28th
 - First meeting is Tuesday November 26th @ 6pm – meeting room by main office
 - Looking for donations – form will be available at the meeting
 - **ACTION: Volunteers are needed – all parents are welcome – get the word out**

Math Night (Ms.Hale)

- Wednesday November 27th
- Each grade will come up with a game to teach the concept of a math concept from that grade. Participants from the grade will explain the game, and provide basic materials to play (dice, cards, etc).
- Idea is for each person to leave with some swag that they can take home and use to reinforce math learning at home
- **ACTION : Volunteers needed: Help is required. After Friday Ms. Hale will have a list of items needed and organization that is needed.**
- Meeting: Nov 21 Right after school (pending all materials being available)
- Consideration: If work to rule is announced there may be impacts to Math Night Date. All work will be held, and the date will be pushed in the future.
- People interested in helping:
 - Lalita
 - Khayla
 - Lilly
 - Ashley Show
 - Cinnamon Abdallah
 - Nasir Mehmood
 - Sangita Bijukuchhay
 - Leah Peer
 - Elaine Atcheson
 - Ashley Atcheson

Transportation/traffic committee -Gregoria Garcia

- Walk to School Concept
 - If you live within walking distance, instead of driving walk your children to school
 - Need: Organize a small committee, group of parents to spread the word of walking to school
 - Posters available (Leslie Maxwell)
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Safe caring and inclusive community (Angela)

- Trait for November - Efficacy
- New Campaign - Try something new - have courage to try something new
- Assembly - November 26th
- Remembrance Day Assembly was held on Nov 11. - beautiful tribute to past and present military
- Intermediate Activities underway

- Volleyball
- Cooking Club (Wednesdays)
- Band
- Drama
- Important Dates
 - Twin Day – November 22
 - Photo Retake – November 25
- Nov 17 -23 - Anti-bullying week
 - Unity Poster – Children will work on puzzle pieces for what anti bullying means to them. The puzzle pieces will then be connected to make the UNITY sign. – Children Initiated Campaign

Teachers update

(There was an EQAO math test ☺)

- EQAO grading explained:
 - Grades are provided on a level system. There is more than one correct way to get the right answer.
 - Level 1: Student performs significantly below the provincial standard
 - Level 2: Student performs at the level approaching the provincial standard
 - Level 3: Student performs at the level of the provincial standard
 - Level 4: Student performs at a level that surpasses the provincial standard
 - Grade 3 results are not part of the Report Card Results
- Winter concert on December 11th - 6:30-7:30pm for kindergarten and primary students

Principal Update (Ms. Hale)

- School improvement plan
 - Academic focus (math scores are the lowest, comparative to reading and writing) – we want to take the time to teach the skills - academic vocabulary & Strategies, and problem-solving skills to solve complex questions
 - Deepen relationships with students and community
 - Teacher actions will follow for each.
- Graduation – June 24th
- Staff Changes
 - Mr Mason – Personal Leave
 - Ms. Jewson (P4) – Leaving November 15th
 - Replacement (P4) – Ms. Danielle Kunkel
 - Ms. Matthews (PM grade 2/3)- leaving Nov. 20th
 - Replacement (PM Grade 2/3)-Ms. Chelsea Cook
- Janet Metcalfe is working to foster a culture that is child focused – Children are involved in making decisions on their environment. (ex. wall stickers and Mission statement)
- School Sign is officially moving forward – previously stalled due to zoning.
- Basketball posts are up, company is coming back to install the nets.
- Mission Statement: As Mavericks we are mindful and make a difference
- Snow Removal:
 - Recognition of the path and parking lot conditions recently. There was confusion with the current WRDSB contracts where some schools received snow removal

service, and others did not. We are diligently working through the challenges to ensure our grounds are safe and accessible.

- Pathway that connects Grove Hill to the school has no winter maintenance – this is a danger to those who use it. Concern if we are encouraging "Walk to School" –
ACTION: Review of current ownership and if snow removal contract covers this

Next Meeting is January 8th at 6:30pm in the library