

## Margaret Avenue School Council Meeting

Oct. 23, 2019

6 pm

Present: Silvana Hoxha, Mary Sue Meredith, Rachel Bolton, Tracy Hodson, Christine Rose, Sherrie Hyde, Tanya Otterstein-Liehs, Allison Law, Tanya Sheinin, Heidi Langenberg

1. WRAPSC Rep and Secretary - Christine Rose  
Treasurer - Tracy Hodson  
Chair - Allison Law
2. School Update
  - a. Emma Galbraith will share about Guidance at the November meeting
  - b. Mindfulness Assembly and choice of mindfulness activities - SLAM is organizing - happens tomorrow (Oct. 24)
  - c. A.C. and SLC - events coming up - We Scare Hunger, Halloween fun activities rather than holiday specific events
  - d. Hoping to put out more teacher and school information on School Day - increase of activity should've happened already
  - e. Volleyball is starting -school teams and intramurals
  - f. Progress Reports - Learning Goals and progression toward reaching the learning goals
  - g. Meet with Teachers - some teachers are using paper invitations and others are inviting parents using School Day - afternoon of November 15 - it is teacher decision whether they do interviews on Thursday evening - more information will be shared when decision is made
  - h. Ms. Breckles is returning on Monday
  - i. Every staff meeting includes pedagogy, equity and well-being
  - j. Loss of custodian - Leiry moved to another school
    - i. Hiring new library clerk
  - k. Need to put High School Information nights on school website and on School Day
3. Bob Miller - Celebration of Margaret Avenue's 125th Anniversary
  - a. Ex-students who helped at 100th Anniversary are willing to assist again
  - b. Committee from School Council for the 125th
    - i. Zoomer magazine to retired individuals
    - ii. how to communicate anniversary
    - iii. Ideas from Cameron Heights 50th Anniversary
    - iv. What happened for the 100th Anniversary
      1. Decade rooms, Friday night the whole school was open, staff members in shirts, library was meeting room, Saturday am pancake breakfast, Saturday afternoon presentation (band and

choir with dignitaries), Saturday night attendees went to the bar, students made a canoe to raise money for the anniversary, souvenir mugs and pins, Friday night the former staff members met at 9 pm at the Granite Club

April 25 or May 23 is the date for the 125th Anniversary

Formal presentation in gym with former students, admin, staff and dignitary

Set up rooms with artifacts

Food truck - possible donations from vendor?

Saturday will be better for former students who live out of town now

Current staff will attend

Gym, library and a couple of classrooms

People who come back want to see their former classrooms

Dates will be taken to the staff to get their input

Idea to contact Business leaders who were former students

Communication Department - push out "Calling all Mavericks"

Instagram Page started in January for Margaret 125 - Tanya

Sub-committee for 125

- Allison
- Christine
- Tanya
- Tracy

4. WRAPSC - Christine reported

- MayCourt presented - Margaret Avenue has Nutrition for Learning rather than MayCourt
- MayCourt supports schools and KidsAbility
- Principal of KCI and Parent from Westheights shared ideas of school councils from their schools.
- John Bryant will attend the November meeting
- PRO Grant will not happen for 19-20 school year
- Any parent can attend WRAPSC meetings- at FHCI on first Tuesday of the month

5. Fundraising

- a. \$450 donated for Nutrition for Learning plus the physical collection of money will increase the amount (fruit, veggies, penguins (goldfish), cheese strings, cheerios
- b. Teachers requested possible presenters for equity and resilience
  - i. Mr. Creech asked for \$1000 - they have raised \$300 for presenters
  - ii. Gr 7 Trip format may change for this year

- iii. Mr. Hill will start information nights for camp after high school information nights - Application for the WEFI grant will be submitted
- iv. Music equipment may be donated through Kitchener Music Association (Rachel contacted them) - keyboard and bass guitar are the key items - recording studio
- v. Mr. Creech would be fine with \$500
- vi. Mr. Kiernander would be keyboard and bass guitar

6. Graduation needs to be booked at Bingeman's, DJ, photo booth

7. What's on your mind?

- a. Role of the homeroom teacher - connections with students, Student Success guidance periods for teachers to support their homeroom students, report card learning skills are written by homeroom teacher in collaboration with other teachers' input