

**Meadowbrook Public School Advisory Council (MPSAC)
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Nov. 4, 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Meadowbrook Public School and online .

Minutes recorded by: Devon Searle

In attendance: Linnet Richmond (Principal), Lisa Aldrich, Sarah, Michelle, Meaghan, Tiffini, Kim, Jen S. Lindsey, Victoria, Devon, Athyrai, Jen K.

Regrets: n/a.

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1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Land Acknowledgement (Sarah) -Welcome, and Land Acknowledgement read by Sarah.	Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Sarah Bunker.	-Minutes from October meeting were passed by electronic vote.

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<p>Admin Report (Linnet)</p> <p>-Purchased ACF film licence effective November 1st. Purchased a year's worth of movies to show for events, teachers can use educational streams as well.</p> <p>-PRO Grant: How to start, what is entailed. Parents Reaching Out - focusing on bringing parents and students together. Each school is eligible to submit one proposal. We have until July to submit report on how funding is used.</p> <p>Criteria - aligned with Board goals, equity, inclusivity. Cannot use for prizes, honorariums, etc. Well-being and mental health, addressing social inclusivity, responsive to needs of community.</p> <p>Youth Speak has come in years past.</p> <p>No submission deadline, have until June to complete the event/activity/initiative. They will provide feedback when we submit a proposal.</p> <p>The PRO Grant is optional, but Council has discussed participating in the past.</p> <p>\$800 is the amount, Council could cover more of the cost if there was something special we wanted to put the money toward.</p> <p>-Report cards will only be shared on Dashboard now, as of this Progress Report.</p> <p>EQAO Results:</p> <p>-Gr. 3 last year, students currently in Grade 4.</p> <p>Reading: 43%, at or just below grade level.</p> <p>Writing: 52.4% at Level 2, Level 3 - 40.5%</p> <p>Math: 46.4% at Level 2, 33% at Level 3.</p> <p>Math scores were lower, curriculum has</p>		

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<p>Teacher Update - (Lisa Aldrich)</p> <p>Initiatives -</p> <p>Family Engagement Evening Over 50 people came out. There will be another one at the end of November.</p> <p>Sandra collected feedback- for the next time, it would be good if the kids could go to one place, a movie or the gym, and the adults could have time to chat. Organizations like York Hills, Library, PFLAG, SEPYR - Settlement Education Program - translation. Council could come, it will be on Nov. 28th.</p> <p>There is a display case the front of the school for different events, heritage months in particular.</p> <p>- Garden - Staff are putting together a wish list for the garden.</p> <p>-Families are being brought in to judge colouring contest for Diwali as we work to further engage families and celebrate and educate around the diversity of our community.</p>		

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<p>Treasurer Report (Victoria)</p> <p>Opening balance: \$7,639.61</p> <p>Closing balance sitting at \$9,614.69</p> <p>Movie charge came out of funding, \$714.88</p> <p>Lunch program: numbers are fluctuating, so is still coming in from hot lunches.</p> <p>\$35.02 came out of Wynn Fund so far to sponsor hot lunches</p> <p>Gloves have been paid for, came out of hot lunch money – used in handing out pizza.</p> <p>POs for sensory items have been paid, for the Chill Zone items Council purchased.</p>		

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<p>Hot Lunch Update (Michelle)</p> <p>Hot lunch is going well.</p> <p>Parents are asking about paying with cash. Families can ask to pay cash for hot lunch if they do not have the means to do it online. It was mentioned that this may cause a barrier for some families who might not feel comfortable asking to pay cash, but school will accept cash if necessary, but needs to be done within hot lunch ordering deadline. It can go back on fliers that the school will still accept cash until order deadline. Snack Shack will still be accepting cash from older kids.</p> <p>-Leftover pizza is allowed to be sold. Staff or parents can buy, so it not wasted. We can't buy half a pizza, so sometimes there is extra. Siblings can go get pizza if their sibling is away or sick. Council will wait until the new year to revisit the idea of selling extra slices to students at lunchtime.</p>		

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<p>PEAC Update (Devon, Linnet, Michelle)</p> <p>Event was well-attended and lots of ideas shared.</p> <p>-Devon: Attended smaller seminar on inclusivity, many of the ideas mentioned highlighted things that Meadowbrook is already doing very well, and that we can be proud of our initiatives in community-building and outreach, attempts to boost engagement, one suggestion was holding different types of events at different times of day to see which ones are the best times for the community, really listening to needs of community, participants talked about how to help Council be more accessible to all.</p> <p>-Michelle - Attended smaller seminar on fundraising, Talked about Kid's Gift Shop/Bazaar idea, something fun for kids, small gifts that could be donated and sold for a small amount of money. Is a really popular fundraiser and community activity. Other schools have used Grade 8s as gift-wrappers.</p> <p>Linnet - No raffle licence, raffles are not allowed. Attended smaller seminar about how to engage newcomers, being respectful and responsive to who is coming to represent families and how to make them feel welcome. Bringing back the hybrid meeting, that way it will be more accessible, can offer the Google Meet link in newsletter, will include in agenda posted on school website as well and see if anyone attends online. Also can promote that childcare is available</p>		

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	<p>Community Communication (Lindsey)</p> <p>Newsletter is going well. Needs more questions to be asked, anyone with any questions that could be featured or answered should pass them on to Lindsey. Anyone who has not been featured yet should send their pictures and bios to Lindsey. It makes people more likely to approach us if they know who we are.</p>		

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<p>Budget and Fundraising</p> <p>Wayne Wynn fund - \$500 allotted, we have spent \$35.02. Garden - \$100. Sensory - \$1,000</p> <p>-Money is there for the teachers to use for buses or special events for each class. The kindergartens used some of their money for a trip to a farm already.</p> <p>-Recess boxes, teachers will come up with list, as well as each division wish list.</p> <p>Movie Night - Will be free, but Council will sell chips, juice, pizza, etc.</p> <p>Movie Night Subcommittee: Victoria, Kim, Devon, Sarah, Meaghan.</p> <p>Send out choices, earlier and later movies could be for different age groups.</p> <p>Jan. 16 potential movie day.</p> <p>Kids Gift Shop: Will take place during the day.</p> <p>Gift Shop Subcommittee: Michelle, Devon, Jen S., Lindsey, Meaghan.</p> <p>Bake Sale - Let people know about in newsletter, so that could attract bakers. Try to be more diverse in baked goods.</p> <p>Bake Sale Subcommittee: Devon, Michelle, Athyrai, Victoria, Lindsey.</p> <p>Apple fundraiser is more expensive, not inclusive because of price.</p>		
<p>Other Business (Sarah)</p>		

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	Meeting Adjournment	- Motion to adjourn was called for by Sarah at 8:36p.m., seconded by Tiffini.	

Next meeting will be **Dec. 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Meadowbrook School Library or virtually (via Google Meet.)