

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

Meeting Date: Feb 5, 2024

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

Location: Meadowbrook Public School Library and virtual via Google Meet.

Minutes recorded by: Devon Searle

In attendance: Linnet Richmond (Principal), Michelle, Tiffini, Lindsey, Ivy, Phoenix, Sarah, Devon.

Regrets: Olena.

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	1. Call to Order, Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Chairs, Admin) -Constitution and bylaws approved, motion made by Tiffini, seconded by Michelle, Quorum obtained.	Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Sarah.	-Minutes from December meeting were approved as written, no changes, motion by Tiffini, seconded by Michelle, quorum obtained.
	Admin Report (Linnet) 1. Staffing Updates. -Ms. Baptiste has left. Ms. Scobie is now with us 50% of the time, what this will look like is two days a week at one school, and three days at the other, alternating weeks, so that typically she will be at Meadowbrook at the end of the week. She will be sharing her duties between here and Mount Albert Public School. She was at Wendat Public School the year before. -Ms. Davidson, from the Kindergarten team, has taken a		-Linnet will connect with teachers regarding their wish list and let Council know the dollar amounts and items associated with the list.

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	<p>leave, Ms. Laliberte has come in to replace her, and is doing a great job.</p> <p>-Ms. Goad is also on leave, she is a prep teacher, Ms. McCabe is back in that role, and doing a great job.</p> <p>-Blue Monday, an event for the younger grades with assistance from the intermediate students, was a huge success. The intermediate students had a wonderful time helping out the younger kids. Making bracelets and hot chocolate were the highlights of the event, and this event will definitely return in the future.</p> <p>- Admin has provided release time for professional engagement opportunities, a chance for staff to indicate what they would like to learn, differentiation of instruction for Spec. Ed. and Multi-Language Learning (MLL), as well as release for Kindergarten teachers to observe UFLI for phonics instruction and language acquisition. The teachers went to a pilot school and were able to see the program in action and get questions answered.</p> <p>-Additional staff learning taking place tomorrow and Wednesday. Arts team from Board coming to each class. Dismantling Anti-Black racism and lessons around equity, a series of lessons around equity for everybody. Meadowbrook is also hoping</p>		

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	<p>to bring in an artist to learn steel pan drums and the historical and cultural significance associated with the instrument. Students were polled, and chose the steel pan drums over the other options of hip hop or spoken word. The school has signed the drums out from the board, and is working with an artist who could come and teach, dates and cost are being worked out and a related grant will be applied for to offset the cost.</p> <p>-Admin has also reached out to Aurora Cultural Centre. Bringing a presentation here for free, details TBA. The programs offer culturally relevant teachings in support of diversity within our school community. Previous presentations, at other schools have taught about the significance of and how to play Djembe drums, silk scarf dancing, etc. This is an interactive program which covers the curriculum in a fun and engaging way for our Early Years and Primary classes with a focus on the Arts curriculum, possibly April or May dates for presentation.</p> <p>-It is a busy month, upcoming. -Bell Let's Talk Day. -Will discuss both negative and positive thoughts. - Ms. Shepherd received a grant to create a Zen Den, through the Youth Space initiative with the Board, it will be a chill and calming space in the school, not sure</p>		

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	<p>exactly where it will be yet, but it will be somewhere students can go to calm, and there will be a supervising adult there all the time. Ms. Shepherd is leading this initiative with a group of students and their voice is largely directing what decisions are being made to bring their 'vision' to life.</p> <p>-Ms. G. is doing social skills classes at recess.</p> <p>-Ms. King has also been doing a social skills program, SNAP, Stop, Now, Act, Plan. These programs are meant to help address the gap in primary social skills and socialization, especially post-COVID.</p> <p>- Grade 8 grad picture challenges as well as several mistakes in other grades with class photos. Linnet has reached out to a photographer who will be working with the school going forward. Will be doing the grad pictures, and then also the school pictures in September with the new photographer; Life Touch</p> <p>-Jump Rope for Heart and dental screenings also upcoming this month.</p> <p>-The new school in Sharon will be opening in September. Children who wish to stay at Meadowbrook may have that option; however families will have to figure out transportation and apply as a transfer, as board will not be able to provide for younger grade, Grade 8 students will</p>		

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	<p>have the option of staying at Meadowbrook and will be bussed. Though this is an option, most families will likely be leaving the school so as not to split families as siblings are in differing grades, will be losing quite a few students. This will mean changes at Meadowbrook for the next school year.</p> <p>-The teachers have provided a list of things they would like to purchase - a wish list. It was proposed that rather than vote on each and every item, that Linnet go through list to see what the school can cover and then divvy up fairly what are the priorities across the divisions, in conjunction with staff input, and then report back to Council on the total amount to be spent, and once updated amount is calculated, Council will vote on whether to spend the whole amount or part of it, rather than each individual item, for next meeting.</p>		
	<p>1.Treasurer Report (Ivy)</p> <p>-Balance from December - opening balance was \$15,099.76.</p> <p>-Balance opening for January is \$22,929.28, but does not reflect pizza totals as we are awaiting invoices from them, Ivy will get updated totals from Lauren Malcolm and send out, as pizza has not been paid out of that amount, numbers need to be updated to reflect those totals.</p>		<p>-Ivy and Olena will look into getting updated numbers from Lauren Malcolm to reflect current balance.</p>

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	<p>Hot Lunch Update (Michelle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hot lunches are going great. -Have a good team of parents in place helping out, Lindsey, and other parents helping out. -Brainstorm extra pizza ideas, what to do with leftover pizza? Is difficult to know how much to buy with kids coming to the office to buy slices the day of, not wanting to waste food. It was suggested that perhaps it is not feasible to continue to order and sell extra, as the cost is adding up. -Siblings may pick up pizza if a student is sick, help to cut down potentially on waste, is not widely known, make sure students know about tis. -It was decided we will try ordering less extra pizzas, taking into account the kids who order every week consistently, also email staff at lunchtime to let them know when there is extra, to try to recoup some of the cost. -Kid's Kitchen is doing great on their own now, is running well. -Mucho Burrito was looked into by Michelle, but at the moment there has been no volunteer response to help, so it is not feasible at this time. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Michelle will talk to Mucho Burrito and find out if they could come to school and run lunch program with minimal volunteer assistance. -Michelle will also look into Kid's Kitchen numbers to give an updated report on how Kid's Kitchen is doing for the next meeting. - Will look into whether Mucho Burrito could organize and do that themselves, Michelle will call and discuss with them.
	<p>Fundraising (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Looking into less labour-intensive fundraising options, as there is a lack of volunteers to assist with fundraising at the current time. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sarah will look into the feasibility of a plant sale for spring. -Devon will assess whether a bake sale is still possible with interested bakers from December, and once Ms. Kwong has set a date for the spring concert, will look into

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	<p>-Plant sale, hanging baskets? New Roots Garden Centre, Bradford, Garden Gallery, Sarah will look into talking to nurseries in the area about possibly selling.</p> <p>-Little Caesar's Pizza Kits- conflicts with pizza orders, not sure about how feasible this is as we would need volunteers to pick up and sort the orders, will put a pin in this idea for now. Hold on this option at this time.</p> <p>-Discussion of doing a plant sale pickup at the same time as a bake sale, to help ensure a good turnout, or doing a bake sale to coincide with the spring concert.</p> <p>-Ms. Kwong has not yet set a date for the spring concert, Council will revisit this idea as soon as a date is set for the spring concert.</p>		<p>organizing a bake sake for a same night, if possible.</p>
	<p>Other Business</p> <p>-World Autism Awareness Day - Devon inquired about flag raising, getting a new flag for school with the new design from Autism Ontario. for April 2nd. Linnet will also double check as there may be a flag from last year that is already in the school</p> <p>-Next Gen Men Club- comes to schools much like Girls Inc. does, Council expressed interest in this program running at Meadowbrook if possible.</p>		<p>-Devon will look into getting a new flag from Autism Ontario with the updated design for April 2nd.</p> <p>-Linnet will look into whether Next Gen Men is a possibility for this year and what costs may be associated.</p>

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	Meeting Adjournment	- Motion to adjourn was called for by Sarah at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Michelle.	

Next meeting will be **March 4th, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Meadowbrook School Library or virtually (via Google Meet.)