

Michael Cranny Public School



School Council Meeting Minutes

Location: In person & Virtual through Google Meet

Date of Meeting: April 4, 2023

Time: 7:00pm-8:20pm

Minutes by: Min Li

Participants in person (M- members) : Anna Bruno (Principal); Ecaterina Agheeva (M), Joe Cargnello (M), Despina Elahi (M), Celine Stavrou, Min Li (M), Paramjit Kamar (M)

Participants Virtual (M- members): Kathy Raufi (M), Babak Bahrami (M), Yanna Zinovyeva; Cristina Hagivreta

(1) Mrs. Anna Bruno presented school updates:

- First welcome everyone and requested previous minutes approval from meeting participants. Minutes approved.
- Movie night on March 30 was successful, thank you to the council members who planned and organized.
- Junior Girls basketball team won 2nd place at Pierre Berton PS's tournament.
- Graduation committee is busy planning away an amazing event for June 20th. Emails and invitations have been sent out to grade 8 families along with the information for an exciting Grad Trip on June 1st.
- Government has yet to release budget therefore at this time full staffing is unknown and we know across province to expect cuts.
- Gifted Program Update: New gifted program will be offered at Nellie McClung Public School starting next school year with Grade 4 and continue to grow. MCES will no longer host the gifted program however we are grandfathering gifted program for existing students. No more new gifted program in MC mainly due to capacity. Existing gifted classes will be continue.
- School Plan for 2023-24 class organization begins. Parents can email privately to Mrs. Bruno to share their children's info which may impact class placement decisions. Mrs. Bruno will try to honor some email requests from parents.
- Shared a sample letter sent by a grade 1 class. The letter asked the school to buy some whiteboards for the class. It was approved.
- 4 SIP Goal plans were distributed to parent councils in this meeting (Goal#1 Fostering well-being and mental health; Goal#2 #3 Champion Equity and inclusivity Goal#4 Provide Effective instruction and assessment). Parents attended provided sample existing activities happening in the school to support these plans and any suggestions and feedback. Mrs. Bruno collected those awareness and feedback in writing during the meeting to share with staff and to inform our collective work at MCES.

(2) Treasurer's report: Mrs. Bruno didn't hear from Raheel, but will provide treasurer's report in next meeting. Money collected from movie night is yet to be counted. Chalk boards have been approved from the funding. Extra 25 Chrome Books are approved as well. Funds for green initiatives like outdoor education classrooms/outdoor wifi/outdoor gardens for next 3-4 years are considered.

(3) Committees update ----- Ecaterina Agheeva

- Fun Fair will be held on Jun 15th. BBQ vendor, ice cream truck have been booked. Celine volunteers to co-organize Fun Fair with Ecaterina. Min volunteers to lead the recruitment of Maple high school volunteers.
- Monthly character awards need more clarities. Parents and students have concerns around on this topic. Mrs. Bruno mentioned there is a need to discuss the shift of monthly assembly to a different program. Current monthly assembly main topics and slide shows were made and organized by students and only discussed what had happened in the school.
- Babak suggested to have backup parent councils to participate May-June lunch program since existing lunch program organizers will not be in MC coming September. Current member Ecaterina mentioned that she was not inherited any documents to help with lunch programs as long as new members can dedicate their after-work hours. Mrs. Bruno will support the lunch program even if there are no new parent councils in May/June. Min will send a new flyer to Mrs. Bruno for Chronicles to call on parents to join parent council team.
- Appreciation breakfast for school staff. The date hasn't be set but will choose from early June in a no-Friday date. Donation of cash and goodies are welcome. Tentative time will be during lunch recess instead of morning because more parent volunteers can join and help with this event.

Next School Council Meeting – May 9th, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 pm in person or online