

# MILLIKEN MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL - COUNCIL MINUTES

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### School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

7:00 pm

#### In attendance:

Nandy Palmer (Principal), Anders Rawlins, Adil Nashed, Kim Loftus, Mary Massoud, Budi Yusino, Fiona Veeling

**Regrets:** Jim Yang, Tania Fung

#### Meeting Norms

Anders and Adil reviewed the norms for the meeting:

- begin and end on time
- attentive listening
- mutual respect of perspectives
- items not on agenda to be discussed at the end if time allows
- raise hand to speak

#### Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the last Council Meeting on October 26, 2015 and adopted by Anders Rawlings and Adil Nashed.

#### Treasurer's Report

As the Treasurer Jim Yang was away, the Principal provided the bank statement and the current balance is **\$3,469.14**.

This includes a debit of \$500.00 to Mme Hwang to purchase musical instrument that was budgeted for last year.

#### Donation/Fundraisers:

- Subway sandwich fundraiser was discussed and Mary advised that there are some parents who help with the Snack Program that may be available to help with distribution of the subway lunches and she will confirm with them. It was suggested that the paperwork be organized like the pizza lunch program to make it as easy as possible to administrate. Anders and Fiona offered to help with the collection of paperwork.
- Anders and Adil will review the choices parents made on where to direct the funds and provide a chart for next meeting.
- Kim will request that MMPS be placed on the list for Big Box of Cards fundraiser for next fall.
- More fundraising ideas need to be explored by Council.
- Kim provided a chart of local businesses and community partners/companies that

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have been given a Donation letter was circulated and will be followed up on.

### **School Council Constitution:**

Ms. Palmer had drafted a School Dress Code and a School Code of Conduct that the Council spent time reviewing and approved. These policies will be specific to MMPS students and teachers to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all.

### **Teachers' Report**

No report due to work-to-rule sanctions.

### **Principal's Report**

Ms. Palmer reported that even though there is a tentative agreement in place, things are not yet back to normal but hopefully will be in the near future.

The first teacher's staff meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov 30.

Parents will receive Progress Reports in early December.

Coming soon – School Cash Online – more information to follow.

Many activities are (or will be) underway:

- Wee Care Café – held each Wednesday, Ms. Palmer led the discussion with about 10-15 parents this morning and spoke about the French Immersion program
- Opus – December 17
- Gifted Testing (Gr 3)
- Trip to Milne (Gr 4 and 7)
- Girls/Boys Volleyball
- Bus Evacuation Day
- Gr 5 Government Presentation
- Road Safety
- Bully Prevention – vouchers handed out if you catch someone “caring” for another
- Martial Arts
- Book Fair Nov 30 – Dec 4
- Fire Safety Program for Grade 1 - Jan/Feb
- Last day of school is December 18
- Upcoming Meetings are tentatively planned to include Literacy (in January); Numeracy and EQAO (in April)

### **School Council Forum**

Ms. Palmer and Kim Loftus plan to attend this event that was rescheduled for next Wednesday, December 2.

### **School Council T-shirts**

Adil reported that costs for t-shirts are \$10.95 each plus tax for a minimum of 12. These would be paid for by each member and there is no obligation to purchase one. For free delivery we need to order 6 or more T-shirts and the price includes the printing. The T-shirts can be one colour and the print can be another colour which will state **MMPS School Council**. There were around 3-4 council members who were interested in purchasing one so Adil will send out a message to all Council members to check/confirm who is interested

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in purchasing. The Principal also indicated that the T- shirt may come in handy for three upcoming school events in the first quarter of next year.

### **Miscellaneous**

A member noted that there was an article in The Star (Monday, Nov 23) regarding the growth of French Immersion in Ontario that outlines the shortage of qualified French Immersion teachers compared to the number of students. The Principal has tweeted this out as well.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates in Library at 7 pm:**

Monday, January 11, 2016

Monday, February 1, 2016

Monday, April 4, 2016

Monday, May 16, 2016