

MAPS School Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Earl Liverance, Rhonda Forno, Alison Roberts, Jen Mackey, Dan Iantria, Jeremy Heinze, Michelle Vestergaard, Will De Villiers

Regrets: Heather Vaz

Absent: None

Welcome and Introduction:

- Earl welcomed everyone present and explained the roles and purpose of Parent Council
- Names and emails were recorded for future communication (see attachment)

Procedure and Operating Guidelines Review

- Earl outlined the guidelines that council members are expected to follow at every meeting

Constitution Distributed and Reviewed

- Earl handed out a handout titled, "Mount Albert P.S. School Council Constitution 2015-2016." He informed members that the constitution will need to be updated.
- Council discussed the role of the Treasurer - is this a role that needs to be continued?
- Earl will speak with the superintendent and see if Treasurer is a role that needs to be maintained.

Election of Officers

Chair: Heather Vaz

Treasurer: ?

Secretary: Rhonda Forno (minutes), Jeremy Heinze (newsletter)

Members at Large (Voting Members):

Alison Roberts

Dan Iantria

Michelle Vestergaard

Jen Mackey

Will De Villiers

This year's quorum: 5

Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward: \$ 8 762.79

Revenue: \$ 266.96

Expenses: \$ 1 356.00

Floating Balance: \$ 7 673.75

Administration Report

- MAPS 50th anniversary is this year, pins went home the first week of school
- September was very smooth, kids who had been at Munsch came back easily
- Very good transition
- Volleyball for intermediate teams are in the process
- Organization change - now we have two straight grade eight classes and three grade seven classes
- 348 students presently registered at MAPS
- Safety Week was last week: Lock Down drill was performed and went very well

- Two fire drills have also occurred. A hold and secure practice will be happening this week.
- Bus Safety was today and also went well
- Good news - the invoice for the second water bottle station has been put through. The installation should happen sometime this fall.
- EQAO results are in. Packages went home with the grade four students (grade three test scores). We will look at the results more closely at another meeting.
- Math will continue to be a focus. Professional learning opportunities will be available to staff.
- MAPS has purchased a license to a program called "Dreambox." This will be able to be used at school and at home
- BBQ went well and the book fair was well received
- Markham Fair - 5th out of 52 schools. The grade fours did a lot of work toward fair entries.

Principal Profile:

- Earl distributed a copy of last year's Parent Council Administration Profile
- Council looked at the profile and added updates
- Earl will update the profile and send it off

QSP Update

- Daily announcements are being made
- We will look to do the paperwork at next council meeting

Poinsettias:

- Alison volunteered to take over this fundraiser. She will make a new form for this year.
- Jen suggested that we could do a joint sale. Some members were not sure if this would work or not.
- Jen will call tomorrow and book a delivery date for Wednesday, December 7th

Flip Give

- Michelle let council know that Flip Give has added more stores. She has forwarded the email to Earl.

Other Fundraising Ideas

- Jen asked if there was any way for parents to donate to the school online
- Pizza days start October 27th
- Zucca's Lunch was done twice last year and it went over very well.
- The Iantrias volunteered to take on the paperwork for the Zucca's lunch.
- Dan will get back to us on a date for the first Zucca's lunch. Council discussed the possibility of the second Wednesday of the month as Zucca's Lunch Days. More information will follow.
- Tuesdays are Lunch Lady Day
- Michelle suggested adding the line "I would like to buy a pizza lunch for someone." Online paying option will be tough for this, but Earl will look into this option.
- Jen will also look into the Pita Pit as another possibility for a lunch day.
- Water bottles are still on sale for \$7.00

Santa Claus Parade

- Jen asked if MAPS would want join RMPS and participate in the parade with a possible theme "The Places You Will Go."
- Jen will email the contact to Earl. Earl will check with staff and see if anyone is interested

MAPS CLOTHING

- Earl will email Ryan and get the updated clothing and prices

Spirit Days

- The last Friday of the month is spirit day. Students are encouraged to bring in food bank donations.
- Halloween: costumes can be done but no weapons

Newsletter - Jeremy

- Earl discussed the idea of having a "Council Corner" within the school newsletter, instead of a separate newsletter.
- Council dates will be the third Wednesday of the month

School Council Forum

- No date has been set yet.

Next Meeting: October 26, 2016