

## O.M. Mackillop School Council Meeting

### Minutes – December 9th, 2024

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- **Attendees:**
  - **School Staff:** Brandon Kliman (Principal)
  - **Parents:** JJ, LBN, VL, Venus, Maryam, Peruza
  - **Regrets:** Liudmila, Angelie, Mariya
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Land Acknowledgment**
- **Meeting Norms**
  - Pausing, Paraphrasing, Posing Questions, Putting Ideas on the Table, Providing Data, Paying Attention To Self and Others, Presuming Positive Intentions and being conscious and respectful of everyone's time.
- **Approval of previous meeting's minutes**
- **Principal's Report:**
  - Halloween Spirit Day
    - Ms. Paramathas' 6/7 class planned 5 activities (e.g., escape room, maze, games etc)
    - Each class participated in 3 different activities
    - MacKillop Pumpkin Patch - each student was provided with a pumpkin
  - Book Swap
    - The Eco team is organizing a book swap
    - Bring a book that you no longer read, exchange it for a new book
    - Books will be collected from December 2nd - 13th
    - Students will select a "new", previously loved book the week of December 16th - 20th
  - Holiday Food Drive
    - Ms. Paramathas' class is organizing the food drive this year
    - Bring in a non-perishable food item until December 13th
  - Holiday Assembly - December 18th at 9:15 am
    - Some classes will be participating (songs, dances, new learning)
    - Theme: Holidays Around the World

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- Extra Curricular
  - Reach for the Top - Junior/Intermediate students - like a game show - trivia questions on different topics - opportunity to compete with other schools
  - Student Leadership - opportunities for students to have a voice (social committee, athletic committee etc.)
  - Volleyball
    - Intermediate Girls season just finished
    - Junior Girls/Boys season just starting
    - Will host the area tournament on January 23/24
  - Eco Club - working on building up our eco status - we were a Silver school last year
- Fundraising Plan
  - Classroom Technology
    - Cost sharing with board - 20/80 split
    - School needs: classroom projection carts, Chromebooks, iPads
  - School Wide Presentations/Experiences for Students
    - Field trips are expenses with the cost for buses
    - To bring in presentations/experiences might be more cost effective
  - Tarmac Enhancements
    - Our school will be getting a new tarmac this summer
    - It is over 10 years old - puddles forming
    - The tarmac will be unable this summer
    - Opportunities to think through the features on the tarmac (basketball nets, buckets for primary classes etc.)
  - Classroom Window Coverings
    - Blinds have helped for south facing classrooms
    - This year, looking to replace blinds for north facing classrooms (contingent upon support from the board)
- School Council Principal's Profile
  - Will revisit the principal profile at the next meeting - to edit/revise
- PRO Grant
  - Ministry of Education has made funding available for the 2024-25 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

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- \$800 per school, with a rolling deadline
- Leila will work on the application, Vivien to seek out options and organize event
  
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - School Lunch Program - lunches are going well
  - Technology cost sharing with board - council will support the purchase of new technology
  - Requests for funding for a presenter for primary students and junior/intermediate students - council will help fund this performance
  
- **Questions and Comments:**
  - Traffic along Parkston Court - parents have commented that it's been busy and some cars have been blocking others

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Monday, February 3rd (in person/virtual)**

**Monday, March 24th (virtual)**

**Monday, May 5th (in person)**

**Year End Community Celebration : Thursday, June 12th**