

O.M. Mackillop School Council Meeting

Minutes – October 2nd, 2023

- **Attendees:**
 - **School Staff:** Brandon Kliman (Principal)
 - **Parents:** JJ, LBN, VL, AC, MD
 - **Regrets:**
- **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:**
 - Terry Fox Run on September 21st
 - school raised \$950
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - New for this year - the Every Child Matters flag
 - Assembly end of this week
 - School Organization
 - Full building with 240 students
 - New Autism community classroom this year
 - Not a big reorganization - just the grade 7/8 class turned into a straight grade 8 class
 - Teams and Clubs
 - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), Cross Country (grades 4-8), ECO Club (participation status), Choir (grades 4-8)
 - TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant
 - Applied for a grant last year, however we are still awaiting the result
 - Funds would be used to build seating/play equipment for Mustang Meadows and materials for teachers to use for outdoor learning

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- EQAO
 - Results have been received by the school and these should be coming out to families soon
- Year End Community Celebration
 - Tuesday, June 25th - BBQ vendor already booked
- School Council Form
 - Wednesday, October 25th at Richmond Hill H.S.
 - One of 42 schools in the area - come together to attend workshops and various sessions to learn more about initiatives in the board
 - Keynote speaker - Active School Travel - encouraging students to walk, ride their bikes etc.
- School Improvement Goals
 - Instruction and Assessment - Literacy - Science of Reading - shift the way we are delivering reading and writing instruction
 - Mental Health/Well Being & Equity - identify affirming curriculum and spaces
- **Review of School Council Roles and Responsibilities**
- **Election/Nomination Process**
 - Executive Team
 - Chair - Janet Jarvis
 - Secretary - Vivien Liao
 - Treasurer - Leila Burden Nixon
- **Questions and Comments:**
 - Translate Hot Lunches forms into Arabic, Farsi, (computer translation maybe different from what families speak)
 - Perhaps send home with students paper copies of order forms
 - Community Ambassadors - MLL team to coordinate families that speak different languages - partner up with new families
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Fundraising and Community Engagement

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Monday, November 13th (virtual)

Monday, January 15th (virtual)

Monday, March 4th (virtual)

Monday, April 8th (in person)

Monday, May 13th (in person)