

O.M. Mackillop School Council Meeting

Minutes – October 8th, 2024

- **Attendees:**
 - **School Staff:** Brandon Kliman (Principal)
 - **Parents:** JJ, LBN, VL, Liudmila, Angelie, Mariya
 - **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:**
 - Mustang Meadows
 - families and students are using this area
 - new additions this fall - mud kitchen and chalkboard wall
 - looking to enhance this area with storage bins and materials for students to use
 - Terry Fox
 - school assembly and Terry Fox walk
 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day
 - school wide assembly - what does reconciliation mean?
 - build understanding - launch age appropriate discussion
 - school wide project - how children should feel at school - illustrate on a feather
 - School Wide Initiatives - Wellness Board
 - Things students can access, take a pause - doodles, art sheet, recipes on the Wellness board
 - Positive affirmation - look into a mirror - take a compliment
 - Early Reading Screening - all students in SK to Grade 2
 - standardized screening tool in Ontario

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- teachers have been trained and will be administering them to our students
- report card will include checkboxes where results of the ministry-mandated early reading screening(s) are recorded
- o EQAO
 - results from last year's grade 3 and grade 6 students are in
 - statistics/surveys can be skewed since we are a small school
- o School Email Communication
 - thoughts on school email communication - changing from pdf attachments to having it written in the body of an email
 - many emails within a week vs one email for the week
- o School Athletic Teams
 - Cross Country - Thursday, October 10th Area meet
 - Intermediate Girls Volleyball - new staff member that coaches and has an expertise in it
 - issue with commitment amongst students on the team - working to improve that
- o Mixed Media Mural Project
 - 2 staff members have volunteered to create a mural at the front of the school with big canvas
 - identity themed
 - create a club - focus group - to create the mural
- o Halloween Spirit Day & MacKillop Pumpkin Patch
 - October 30th - pumpkin patch at Mustang Meadows
 - October 31st - Halloween Spirit Day - 5 activities
 - primary - until recess
 - junior - until lunch
- o Milk Program Update
 - milk vendor changed their policy to only accept automated payment, school board doesn't support this

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- school is looking for other vendors that can accommodate our payment
 - o Fundraising Plan
 - Volleyballs - purchased new ones \$1100
 - MacKillop Pumpkin Patch - \$200-\$225 (a little pumpkin for the students and a big pumpkin for the classroom, decorations for the maze in the gym)
 - Cost sharing for Chromebooks
 - o Lunchbox Trail (Tuesday and Thursday)
 - Lunch program that is a company of school cash online - they receive the money - they communicate the order to vendor - the families can make changes and Lunchbox can relay the message to the supplier
 - Minimum two days a week, must select a vendor without requiring a minimum spend
 - o Spirit Wear
 - Looking into vendors to get spirit wear for the school
 - o Year End Community Celebration
 - Thursday, June 12th
 - Perhaps look into the bucket drumming performance from last year?
 - o Central School Council Forum
 - Wednesday, November 6th at 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Richmond Hill H.S.
 - Workshops and dinner
 - o School Improvement Plan Goals
 - Instruction and Assessment: Science of Reading
 - Mental Health/Well Being & Equity: Students see themselves reflected in the hallways, classroom and learning
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- **Review of School Council Roles and Responsibilities**

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- **Election/Nomination Process**

- Executive Team
 - Chair - Janet Jarvis
 - Treasurer - Leila Burden Nixon
 - Secretary - Vivien Liao

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Cash online fee - increase to 5%
- 4 lunch sessions - 8-9 weeks each session
- fundraising ideas from previous years: magazines, big box of cards, chocolates, wreath greenery sales etc.
- welcome additional fundraising ideas

- **Questions and Comments:**

- Fundraising and Community Engagement
- Edsby - maybe used as a form of communication, but not every staff member will use that, perhaps emailing staff would be
- New crossing guard at the front of the school, still asking for one for the back of the school
- Parent Teacher Interview - November 14th and 15th
- Book Fair - November 14th and 15th

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Monday, November 4th (in person) - TBD

Monday, January 13th (virtual)

Monday, March 3rd (virtual)

Monday, April 7th (in person)

Monday, May 5th (in person)