



Metcalfe Public School Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 6, 2009
Location: MPS library
Start time: 6:35 pm
End time: 7:45 pm
Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2009, 6:30 pm

Present

Vice-Chairperson – Val Leonard
Secretary – Christine Lee
Treasurer - vacant
 Cheryl Millard
 Kelly Mayo
 Tammy McCormick - Principal
 Cheri Stanley – Staff representative

Regrets

Jennifer Nutt – Vice-Principal
 Heather Jeffery – volunteer coordinator
 Sharon Goral – Administrator representative
 Jennifer Finniss – Chairperson
 Kerry Fonseca

Summary of Discussions	Action
1.Call to order Val called the meeting to order at 6:35.	
2.Approval of December minutes The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.	
3.Principal & Vice-Principal's Report <p>Happy New Year to our MPS community! We have an exciting year ahead and a great deal to look forward to in 2009!</p> <p>December was a fulfilled month filled with the spirit of the season! The month began with student report cards and parent teacher interviews. It was a pleasure to walk through the halls filled with discussion of student progress and success.</p> <p>Mrs. Nutt and I were treated to the Middle French Immersion Book Fair. We were very impressed with the student's publishing abilities, as well as, their grasp of the French language. We were delighted with the progress</p>	

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<p>our students have made in the first term of Middle French Immersion under the guidance and fine programming of Mme. MacLean and Ms. de Felice. Registration for September's MFI class will be the week of Feb.23-27 for all eligible Grade 3 students.</p> <p>The annual Jingle Bell Bazaar took place on December 11th, a major fundraising event of our spectacular School Council. The kids loved shopping for gifts for their families, visiting with Santa, and also enjoyed the lovely treats at the bake table. A big thank you to all parents and community members who sent in items for the Bazaar, bake table, and who volunteered their time. Volunteers and staff were treated to a delicious Luncheon which we all appreciated and enjoyed. The Jingle Bell Bazaar is a favorite day, one which the students await with anticipation.</p> <p>The following week was time for the Band and Sing-a-long as well as the Primary Play. These events provided an opportunity for the many talents of our students to shine! Our jr. and int. students were also involved in sports outings and competitions at MPS in December, with volleyball. Junior volleyball continues this month. We held our staff vs. student volleyball games which were fun for everyone!</p> <p>Well January is here and the time is right for our planning to begin for next year. Our staff will be busy creating a school improvement plan based on EQAO and assessment data. We have received 20 days of Guidance Release funding which we are busy crafting into a plan to ensure greatest positive impact on our intermediate students. Initiatives will include: antibullying and health programming.</p> <p>We will host an upcoming Information Night for Grade 7 students, Grade 4 Middle French Immersion students, and Kindergarten students; which will take place on January 29th, 2009 from 6:30-8pm. Would Council like to be involved in this evening? We welcome all siblings of our students as well as new families to our school. Please pass this information to your neighbors and friends who have children eligible for our programming. Kinder registration is Feb. 2-6.</p> <p><i>Val Leonard, Jen Finniss, and Christine Lee will be available for the evening to speak to the great work of our Council and to encourage parents to join.</i></p> <p>Another highlight of January will be our Spelling Bee scheduled for January 27th! Our Grade 7 Music Night will take place later in May, the 7th. Please see our calendar for all upcoming school events and activities in our newsletter coming out this week.</p> <p>Winter Activities planning is underway for Feb. 18 and 24. Ski Club/Gymnastics/Outdoor Activities will make for a great 2 days. Primaries will also have an Activity Day.</p> <p>Second term IEPs are on their way home.</p> <p>Our New Zone 7 Trustee is Pam Morse who brings experience to the role.</p>	

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<p>The possible changes to Delivery of Transportation Services for 2009/2010 was discussed.</p> <p><i>These changes plan to be implemented in September 2009. Currently no rural schools are included in changes.</i></p> <p>Osgoode Public is a possibility for a new Early French Immersion program.</p> <p>We need donations of helmets for the skating program. Skates are also welcome, but we desperately need all sizes of helmets, from small child to large adult as all adults who skate with the children need to wear helmets.</p> <p><i>Cheers to a great 2009!</i></p>	
<p>4. Teachers' Report</p> <p>Spelling Bee will be on January 27th. Hedy Burton, Courtney Maclean, Jean Giroux and Rebecca Black are organizers. Marion Manzo and Izzy Orso will be playing piano for the program. The grade 7's and 8's are helping with the decorations. Parents are welcome & there will be refreshments. There will be a donation jar to help with expenses.</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland – Jeremy Alward and Hedy Burton are organizing a performance of Alice in Wonderland with the Junior and Intermediate students. Rehearsals have begun. Tentative dates are April 29 at 10:50 for students and April 30 at 7pm for parents and community.</p> <p>Chess – Dave Fitch will be beginning the chess club for grades 4 to 8. All students will need their home room teacher's permission to join and must keep up with homework.</p> <p>Primary Winter Activity – currently in the planning phase.</p> <p>Blue Spruce/Silver Birch – Reading programs for grades 1 through 6 will be starting soon. The students read and review recently published books and are able to vote for their favourites. Blue Spruce, for grades 1 and 2, is led by Cheri Stanley. Silver Birch, for grades 3 through 6, is led by Marion Manzo.</p> <p>Sports –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary are participating in Bucketball with Cheri Stanley. ● Intermediate Volleyball boys are led by Craig Groen, girls by Rebecca Black. ● Junior girls Volleyball is led by Courtney MacLean. 	
<p>5. JBB</p> <p>The JBB went very well with many positive comments coming from parents, children and staff. A big thank you to all volunteers for making this event a success again. Also, a special thank you to Cheryl and her team for organizing the food.</p> <p>Estimated profit came to \$1500.</p> <p>Santa made a request that he be allowed to visit the classrooms next year – this had been done in the past and he would like to do it again.</p>	

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<p>The jellybean cups sold at the bake table were a great hit. Next year pass on the information that not only baked goods can be donated to the table.</p> <p>There were issues with how the free tickets worked. This needs to be reviewed prior to next year's event.</p> <p>There was some confusion with the JK's purchases. It was recommended that next year the JK class get first crack at the sale with no other classes (except helpers). The SK's had the hall to themselves during lunch break and the confusion factor was much lower. We may want to communicate with the SK/JK teacher(s) about what would work best for them.</p>	
<p>6. Fundraiser – Garage Sale</p> <p>We will discuss this more at the next meeting.</p> <p>Date set as May 30, 2009, unless this must change.</p> <p>Cheri suggested that we plan on having a 'sale' near the end of the garage sale for donations – everything reduced to \$1 then \$0.50 then \$0.25.</p>	
<p>7. Hot Lunches</p> <p>There were some issues with the pita supply, but they have been fixed.</p> <p>Cheryl will get the letter out for the next group of lunch dates.</p>	
<p>8. Fundraiser – Casino</p> <p>Kelly came up with the name of a company that provides casino night events – 'Sugar and Spice'. No more information was available.</p> <p>We discussed putting off the event until next year due to the lateness of the year already and the lack of information currently gathered. This was agreed upon by everyone.</p> <p>We will spend the rest of this year getting the information that we need to put on the event and be ready in September 2009 to set a date for the event.</p> <p>Possible information needed: locations – availabilities, liquor certificate, cost; event companies – names, availabilities, cost; liquor license; who will work the event;</p>	
<p>9. Financial Review</p> <p>Bank balance as of December 17th, 2008 is \$8080.57.</p>	
<p>10. New Business</p> <p>Mailbox – various fundraising information & information about a teacher award.</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment of Meeting</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on February 3, 2009, 6:30pm, MPS library.</p>	