

Harris Mill School Council Meeting – October 4, 2022 (7:00 pm – 8:45 pm)

Agenda:

- 1) *Welcome*
- 2) *Attendance/Introductions*
- 3) *Approve September Meeting Minutes*
- 4) *Principal Update*
- 5) *Teacher Update*
- 6) *Committee Updates*
 - a. *Yearbook (Amanda)*
 - b. *Snack (Heather)*
 - c. *Playground (Jen)*
 - d. *Lunch (Jen)*
- 7) *Treasurer Update (Angie)*
- 8) *Fundraising Plan*
- 9) *Events Plan*

Meeting Minutes:

Rebecca Abdelkader – Welcome

Shashana Hare – October Slideshow

- Playground update:
 - Logs deteriorated due to weather. They are going to be replaced
 - Zig Zag structure (\$1950)
 - Perimeter of the primary area (cost \$550)
 - Jason will also remove bolts sticking out and scrape down any sharp edges
- Bullying Prevention Plan & Code of Conduct
 - Update on school website
- Hiring New Staff
 - Erin Peters (Gr 3)
 - Jen Dandullo (Gr 1)
 - Amanda Gudino (w/ Mme Sargeant, JK/SK)
 - Megan Diefenbacher (ECE with Mme Webster, JK/SK)
- Halloween
 - Kids can wear costumes
 - Parade with the entire school
 - Discuss the difference between costumes and appropriations of people's cultures/beliefs
- Assembly
 - Last week of October

LUNCH PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Pizza Day
 - 1st day (Pizza Day) is tomorrow!

- Jen will be sharing instructions with the volunteers
 - Volunteers to arrive at 12:15 pm
 - Children will now eat first and then go outside (pizza comes before break)
 - Tons of volunteers make delivery to classrooms quick
 - 50 new volunteers will be paired up with volunteers from last year (work in pairs)
 - We are back to pre-COVID levels --- we have 51 pizzas being delivered tomorrow!
- Lunch Box
 - Working with a company to get Pitas set up
 - There have been some communication challenges
 - Might have to wait another week or two (aiming for Oct 21st) – more info to come
 - With Lunch Box, you can order all at once or 1 week at a time. Only 1 week notice required.
 - Kimber can set up 'cash app' with this
- **ACTION: Rebecca will email Kimber next week to see where we're at****
- Snack Program
 - Volunteer, Heather Garbutt – runs the program in the school
 - Nutrition Program
 - Up and going thanks to volunteers who went shopping and filled the bins
 - Students can have a snack from the nutrition bins only if they are still hungry after they finish the lunch they were given
 - Safety Drills
 - Fire, Lockdowns, Hold & Secure, and Tornado drills
 - 3 in the fall, 3 in the spring
 - Terry Fox
 - Was 2 Friday's ago – it was nice to see the school outside together
 - School raised \$718 (online) – which is the most we have ever raised
 - Husky Days
 - Sparkle & Shine
 - Cozy Comfy
 - Beach Day
 - Rainbow Day
 - Husky Colours Day
 - Athlete Day
 - Yearbook Update
 - We had pics done for September
 - Pictures taken at the open house
 - Waiting to hear back with login information so that the photos can be updated
 - Will be looking at dates, and then will be emailing who can come during school hours to take some candid photos, Halloween parade photos, posters in the hallway, etc.

- Playground
 - Goal is to get an outdoor classroom running and get shaded areas for the children
 - There is money set aside for the playground (approximately \$6000)
 - Next phase of outdoor classroom is to find a shade sail (pitched 3 locations)
 - Need to decide on location – eg. Close to tarmac
 - Shade sail company will want us to have the layout, posts in, THEN make/install the sails
 - Possibly purchase a white board that is on caster/wheels, as a permanent whiteboard outside, might pose an issue of potential vandalism.
 - Timeline for this project: end of 2024. We have funding – just takes time to be approved.

Q: Could we provide a visual map of the existing playground?

 - Interested individuals can/should join the School Yard Committee**
 - Pursue grants (for additional funding) – Carly Chow could help with this!

Q: Are donations (of services or supplies) allowed? Can it be sponsored?

A: The playground most likely needs to be built by a board approved vendor. But we can look into if sponsors are okay, if we do not put up a permanent sign, but that we can just tell people who sponsored the project.

- Bins for Classrooms (for the winter season)
 - Maintain plastic tubs with sports balls, skip-its, scoops, ropes, etc.
 - \$1500 was spent on these items last year
 - Proposed that we take \$1000 to replenish, as necessary (after we assess what is there)
 - Will have to purchase through board-approved vendor
 - Angie: There is funding to support this (out of general account? Or surplus from pizza fund?)

MOTION: Council has supported this idea. If under \$1000, go ahead and place order

- Recipes in a Jar
 - Reallocated that for the year
 - Used for resources for the school (books & musical instruments...)
 - Spent \$4K on instruments! (Xylophones, ukuleles, shakers, rhythm sticks)

- Freezie Days
 - Used for resources for the school (music and literacy materials...)

- Q: Can the council see the financial situation? Where does this money come from?
- A: This info will come from the Treasurer’s Update/Announcement made by Angie

- Treasurer Update:
 - 5 Accounts:
 - General Fundraising (\$5041.82)
 - Pizza Fund (\$11,231.61 – all going in, and not out, yet)

- Playground (\$15,604.02)
 - Playground Maintenance (\$6,220.10)
 - General (\$334.27)
- Fundraising Ideas Discussion
 - We will start thinking and planning for fundraising events to be spread out throughout the entire school year
 - Dance-a-thon (Lindsay will need help! Volunteer: Carly Chow)
 - Last day of term – bring in a toy – donate \$2
 - Photography sessions
 - Would need privacy waiver signed
 - Discuss potential of using an off-school property site
 - Could piggy-back on events already happening (parent teacher night, Christmas assembly, for example)
 - Prepared Chicken sale (pick up and go)
 - Local Business coupon card – Laura Christmas' idea
 - Spaghetti Dinner/Auction idea (similar to what Preschool in Rockwood has done)
 - Would hold at Rockmosa

*need to look into the rules/regulations for having events on site vs off site