

# Montgomery Village Public School

## Parent Council Meeting: Minutes

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**Date:** March 27, 2024    **Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm    **Location:** Library Commons

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Parent Council Executive: Co-Chair: Annie Gordon; Co-Chair: Menora Marks; Secretary: Jodie MacLean; Treasurer: Denise Pereira; Member at Large: Fatemeh Nabizadeh

- Minutes from [January 2024 meeting](#)
- School Council [What'sApp group](#): All parents are welcome to join
- School Council email address: [schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com)

### Topic / Discussion Item

#### Montgomery Village Update

- Thank you to School Council for huge success for the social media presentation. Event was very well attended and FTP did a fantastic job. Parents walked away knowing more
- Immunization suspensions start tomorrow. It is not a board suspension but Public Health suspension. Public Health will issue the suspension and school delivers the message. Messaging was sent out more than a month ago; 6000k students in the board were behind in immunizations
- Discussion around bullying and programs running at the school
- Staff PD Mandatory training for staff on Equity, mental health, anti-racism, inclusion - ongoing.
- Mandatory training, staff work with Principal of program Sherwyn Solomon come in to speak to staff and students about racism. Staff works with Sarah Beemer-board equity lead, since the beginning of the year working on Equity and Inclusion and Mental Health of students.
- Robust resource bank provided by our school board that has resources and training available that would support each grade level.
- Wellness Works - program guide and resources - the first 9 days
- Programs running:
  - Tool Time - K-2 - Teaching self-regulation tools - such as breathing, walking, drawing, etc. Work to identify feelings and emotions and to manage expected and unexpected behaviours.
  - Moo Zoom - 3-4 - Social Emotional Learning Platform - deals with day-to-day issues students may be encountering and how to manage them

- Roots of Empathy - Gr 5 using a baby in the community to talk about connection, development and empathy FTP runs 8 weeks of programing 5 - 8
- Stereotype Busters - makes links between stereotypes and discrimination, intolerance and bullying. Inspire - using empathy to build healthy relationships and to help students manage personal hardships and bullying.
- Power - Personal safety through the development of healthy relationships. Teaches skills to help students with unhealthy relationships, harassment and unsafe communication.
- I Am - Teaches the importance of a positive self-image through self-esteem building activities and mentors
- CYC Conflict Resolution, Team Building and Anti Bullying Lessons
- Biggest impact is on day-to-day messaging students get from teachers and their parents. Most powerful means of helping students navigate getting along and understanding what being part of a community looks and sounds like.
- Brent encouraged parents to reach out to teachers, VP and Principal if still have concerns

PD Day change: April 8th - instead of April 19th - due to the solar eclipse Days change between April 9th and the 22nd. Beginning with Day 2 On April 9th.

Class Photos: April 18

Grade 7 Vaccinations: April 29

### **Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Grant**

- Discussion around recent social media presentation and getting in another speaker
- Money to be used by the end of the year

### **Fundraising Updates**

#### Pizza Depot

- Discussion around last block being very expensive
- Consider smaller blocs for next year

#### Boston Pizza

- Going very well; new volunteers have joined
- Always looking to take on more volunteers
- Movie night was well attended; about 100 people
- Suggest having the movie night on Live Free pancake breakfast again as there was lots of food leftover that was given away at the evening movie

### **Other Business**

#### MVPS hockey team

- Teacher has to have training from national Hockey Canada to have a certification; big liability to run a hockey program

- Have to have a staff member to take on that certification
- Needs to be viewed through an equity lens—who could join and how could the cost be brought down to open it up to the whole school

**Meeting Dates for 2024**

**Next meetings: May 22, 2024 and June 19, 2024**