

## Moffat Creek P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 8, 2014

**In Attendance:** Sue Van Wyngaarden, Jocelyn Seeley- Baechler, Barb Hewitson, Carrie-Ann Delane, Sonia Bryson, Heather Peagram, Sheri Green, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Sheetal Shenoy, Grant Prince, Lillo Ognibene, Christine Roth, Allan MacKay, Amanda Kelly, Kristine Duench, Jennifer Hacking, Sarah Peterson, Christy Phillips, Nancy Paulitzki, Tracy McGrath, Lauren Manske Agar

**Regrets:** Lisa Christy, Georgeanne MacGregor-Fox, Kelly Balsom

**Welcome & Introduction:** Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm. Motion to pass agenda.

**Presentation from Regional Representatives/ Q&A Session:** To address student and traffic safety concerns in front of Moffat Creek Public School and the intersections of Branchton Road & Myers Road, as well as, Gatehouse & Myers Road.

Bob Henderson talked briefly about traffic and safety management

- Update: construction of Myers Road is scheduled for 2019, Project manager Don Pluck
- The plan is to reconstruct Myers Road and clear for new cycling lanes, replace asphalt sidewalk with a permanent sidewalk on the school side of Myers Road. There is consideration being made for sidewalks on both sides of Myers Road (this is not definite).
- The intersection at Branchton Road and Myers Road – no planned changes, will be similar to what it is today. Currently, a sidewalk is not present. Issues raised regarding concern for students walking along Branchton Road (no sidewalk at the present time, walking on a gravel shoulder).
- Why not 40km/h with flashing lights in front of Moffat Creek P.S.? There is a process in place to assess this issue (ie/ similar to the one in front of Cambridge Christian School and Monsignor Doyle). Awaiting safety studies, accident analysis etc...
- Locations have been given in map format with suggestions for parking – Examples of locations: Madeira Crescent & Lisbon Pines, McNichol & Gatehouse. The map will be posted in the upcoming newsletter.
- Deeply unsatisfactory situation. The suggestion from the region is to park and/or drop-off children at alternative locations (as above).
- Questions can be forwarded to Bob Henderson – ie/ deficiencies at Myers Road and Branchton Road Intersection, Gap Analysis study will need to be done to assess whether a crossing guard would be appropriate etc...
- **Discussion Point:** to bring our concerns along to our local Councilor and MP. Council was discouraged that no immediate plans are in action.

**Teacher Report:** Mr. O & Ms. Roth

- Intramural Soccer finishing up
- Intermediate Volleyball Teams - Girls and Boys to start soon
- 4-5-6 Running Club
- Grade 8 Students - Learning Leaders (Peer Learning), helping JK-SKs to read and this process is evaluated with regards to Kindergarten learning.

- PALS – Playground Activity Leaders, Junior students lead this programme. This is to help Primaries engage in games at nutrition breaks. Intramural activities for Primary students. Indoor and Outdoor activities.
- Halloween – Black & Orange Day. Option to wear costume – no masks or weapons.
- Milk Programme – Run by the Grade 8 class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, money collected daily (\$1/ milk). Delivered to Kindergarten classes directly by Grade 8 students.
- Sales going well so far. Proceeds go to Grade 8 class trip.
- Colour House Activities to start soon.

**Community Representative Report:** Barb Hewitson & Carrie-Ann Delane (YMCA)

- YMCA Daycare
- Registration for toddler and pre-school programmes is complete, age 22 months+ will be participating in a Wilfred-Laurier Math Study, and will be followed to age 6 to assess learning skills
- Strong Kids Campaign – helps to send children in the community to camps etc...
- November 23, 2014 – Jingle Bell Run. 2km Walk or Run. Community Event. Registration information will be made available in the MCPS Newsletter. Proceeds to Strong Kids Campaign
- 2 new staff members

**Treasurer Report:** Jennifer Hacking

Opening Balance: \$1706.07 + FF BBQ 550 = \$ 2256.07

Proposed Budget Discussion and Approval:

- What's new = basing resource money on student #'s instead of \$100 per class (due to fluctuating classroom numbers). \$4 \*654 students
- **"NEW"** Pizza Compassionate Fund – Due to orders being placed on School - Day, there is no longer a fund of donations for children who do not get pizza. Therefore, a Pizza Compassion Fund has been created (Suggested amount \$400) to provide Pizza for children who otherwise would not get it. There was a suggestion to also place information in Council Newsletter about the Pizza Compassionate Fund for families to donate if they wish
- ACTION ITEM: Mr. MacKay offered \$400 from his Compassionate Fund to assist with the Pizza Compassionate Fund. Agreed upon.
- Divisional Budgets: Funds have been shifted to keep the priorities based on the Inaugural Parent Study: 1) Playground, 2) Classroom resources and 3) Field Trip Subsidies. Therefore, no divisional budgets. There will be resource money allotted for 27 classroom teachers (\$75\*27 classes).  
Requests: for resources from Teachers will be requested on the "Blue Request Form" as per past years and this will be forwarded to council. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis.  
**All Classroom resource requests must be in DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**
- 2014 -2015 Budget approved by council

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WRAPSC Update:** Sheetal Shenoy

- Human Library at Eastwood Collegiate. A library based on humans as "books" – act as experts about topics, answer questions.
- "Think Campaign" in November – about social media, new topic each week. This is geared towards Junior/Intermediate grades. Find more information on the website: [www.preventingcrime.ca/THINK](http://www.preventingcrime.ca/THINK)
- Math and Collaboration is a focus
- New Communication Lead between Board and Parents

**Playground Committee Update:** Kristine Duench

- AVIVA Campaign – currently have 596 votes for MCPS Playground grant, aiming for 1000 votes for the first round. Last Day to vote for round one is October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Big promotion through Facebook and AVIVA Grant. Need more promotion at the level of the students and school.
- Master Plan for the Playground is arriving this Friday and the **Playground Reveal Night** is November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> to coordinate with Parent-Teacher Interviews.
- Fundraising – Promotional material being put together for potential donors. Mr. O is putting together a promotional video with the students.
- 6 trees to be planted in the Kindergarten area. This has been a priority and will provide shade.
- ACTION: Mr. O will mobilize the Intermediate teachers to engage the children to participate in the AVIVA vote.
- ACTION: Volunteers are still needed to assist with promotions for the playground and anyone with expertise in Social Media, please contact Kristine/Playground Committee.

**Treasures Book Fundraiser:** Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler

- October 6<sup>th</sup> TREASURES Book Launch with Student Assembly
- Every student received a book. Collection occurs every Tuesday and Thursday in last block
- 100% revenue to Playground Fund
- The fundraiser ends October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- ACTION: Books to be given to YMCA daycare as well.

**PIZZA Wednesdays:** Heather Peagram

- Slight drop in October Sales since going online for ordering
- Clarification was made on School Day to assist with online sales
- Can still use Paper Forms located in the office
- Reminder in the newsletter – if there is issues with School Day, contact the office.
- ACTION: Monica Culham will address issues with online ordering and advised to call the office. She is also looking into a comments box to be added to the online ordering for special requests.

**October Special Lunch:**

- HotDog/Sausage Special Lunch on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014!
- Monthly special lunch forms will still be on paper
- ACTION: Any ideas or suggestions about Special Lunches please contact the Special Lunch Committees. More dates TBA

**Movie Night Committee Update:**

- We have a license already, 3 pre-release movies
- Movie Night budget: \$400
- Movie Nights planned in the months of November, January and March
- ACTION: First Movie night planned for November – Date TBA

**Principal's Report:** Mr. MacKay

- Reorganization is complete
- Fundraising: Principal Chocolate Fundraiser planned for November – Goals for a New Score Clock for the Gym and Signage for the road. Also for Compassion Fund.
- EQAO report released – Grade 6 math scores are down at MCPS. The Grade 6 math scores are down across the province. Mr. O, Mr. Riddell, Mr. Wright and Mr. Patel have done a diagnostic

to assess Grade 6 math skills, to work on this with current classes. There is also support from the Board. This is the current action.

- Safe Caring Schools WorkShop on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. This will involve a grade 6 and 7 student. ACTION: Looking for a Parent Volunteer to attend workshop with Ms. Roth and attendance at meetings (approximately 4).

**Dates to Remember:**

- Treasures Book Fundraiser: Ends October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Hotdog/Sausage Special Lunch – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Playground Reveal Night – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Holiday Gift Store Week: December 8-12<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Spring Fun Fair: Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

MEETING AJOURNED AT 8:10pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday November 12th, 2014  
6:30 to 8:00pm  
School Library