

# Manor Park School Council and Home and School Association Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2013  
MPPS Library

## Present:

Shari Brodie	Erin Yoshida	Caroline Schamerhorn
Sue Noble	Jutta Paczulla	Tomomi Matsuoka
Wendy Colthart	Kathryn Pizara	Leigh Anne Richardson
Marie Blythe-Hallman	Tammy Moffat	Nancy Grinberg
Kari Glynnes Elliott	Tami O'Dette	Laura Frappin

## Welcome:

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Erin Yoshida.

Erin noted that council meetings are open to all, wants members to encourage other parents to participate. She clarified the role of council – meant to be neutral, various opinions are welcome, emphasized that it is important for teachers to know this.

March minutes approved. Moved and passed.

## Principal's Report:

- very busy,
  - emphasis right now on litterless lunches, Earth Day
  - received funding for program to encourage positive relationships in school, teach kids to resolve conflicts
  - launch will involve many community members, kids will take pledge, learn special handshake
  - OCDSB is conducting a student survey just of kids in grades 4-6, asking about school culture
  - volleyball tournament just happened
  - May 10th – US ambassador's wife is one of the school volunteer readers – she is going to help with garden and planter clean up – need to consider how to keep butterfly garden alive (since the flowers are so close to kindies)
  - early May (date tbd), speaker Tina Daniels – on prevention of cyberbullying. Might set up a time to speak to parents.
  - Shari has asked for buzzer system to be delayed for time being. Will install door swipes on all outside doors before Sept.
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- Shari notes that according to EQAO, boys are not performing as well as girls – MP will create plan to help – for example, buying non-fiction books

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- there will be a 'pay it forward' assembly April 25th
- dance workshops coming
- leadership team is fundraising for education week
- yearbook is going in to print
- dance troupe is coming back – teacher is running it
- track and field being planned - some grade 6 kids are helping out – coaching younger kids

## labour relations

- ⤴ no teachers present at this meeting due to conflict with workshop
- ⤴ extra curricular activities are returning
- ⤴ teachers are helping with May Fair
- ⤴ more field trips being booked
- ⤴ however, still no clarity on whether ALL activities will return – at this point, teachers are not collecting and counting forms or money

Video posted on Youtube of MP kids singing True Colours  
will be posted to MPSC website – already available on youtube so no additional permission needed

Erin spoke about the PRO grant (up to \$1000)

It is a program run by school board to encourage parental involvement

MPSC is looking for ideas – need to apply for grant

Maybe a speaker series?

Maybe a volunteer night? – encourage parents to come to school to discuss volunteer options

What about an open house to show off the school?

How can MPSC reach out to parents who might need services, but do not typically attend MP events?

School could get someone from Crossroads to offer training to parents who are struggling with children who are acting out at school

Discussion will continue by email.

Motion to pursue mini speaker series/open house grant – proposed, passed.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:17.

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## Meeting of the Home and School Association

Meeting of the home and School Association called to order.

Erin provided financial briefing from Michael McMullen  
note dance a thon was very successful – more than \$7000

2 requests came in between meeting  
\$100 to leadership team  
\$600 in addition to field trip allocation for grades 4-6 to receive a show from  
theatre group instead of field trips

Maha is organizing a presentation from Tina Daniels on 'reducing bullying,  
teaching relationship solutions'  
School is covering fees for daytime; Maha is asking for \$300 to cover speaking  
fees to have an evening talk for parents

Discussion centered around whether this speech will reach enough parents (and  
the right ones)

Motion put forward, passed. MP association will give Maha money.

Shari requested \$400 for new pots and plants (greening)  
Will be tabled, discussed by email

Shelia McMillan – has organized badminton club for many years – she requested  
\$25 gift for Dale, retired badminton coach who volunteers at MP once per week

Motion put forward, passed.

It was suggested that Shelia's commitment to MP be recognized as well.

Kathryn Pizana – says that our pizza is rather expensive, might want to consider  
other restaurants next year. She recommends that we come up with a better  
process to track, sign \$

plant sale – taking place weekend before May Fair (May 18th)  
will be looking for volunteers

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May Fair  
plans underway  
all convenors found

need new organizers for specific council jobs for next year

- ⤴ treasurer – Erin is willing to take it on, but would prefer someone else to step up
- ⤴ subscription manager
- ⤴ pizza manager
- ⤴ plant sale organizer

Meeting adjourned at 9:07