

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

June 18, 2013  
MPPS Library

## **Present:**

Shari Brodie	Christine Kaeser	Mike McMullen
Maha Albari	Kathryn Pizara	Victoria McMullen
Marie Blythe-Hallman	Celeste Gibson	Kari Glynes Elliott
Tammy Moffat	Donna Muldoon	Erin Yoshida
Tami O'Dette	Jen Coulas	Jutta Paczulla
Wendy Colthart	Mari Murray	Leigh Anne Richardson
Sue Noble	Nancy Grinberg	

## **Welcome:**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Marie.  
Minutes from May meeting approved.

Due to low attendance at May meeting, several issues were debated by email:

- April minutes approved
- new school meeting schedule approved

The new principal (Mari Murray) attended this June meeting. She is the ex-principal of Featherstone. She has been helping with interviews, visiting school, etc. Mari spoke very positively about her introduction to MP

## **Principal's report**

MP won premier's award for most "accepting school" – see local papers for coverage  
Madeleine Meilleur (local member of provincial govt) presented award to teachers during PD day

As part of the application, several people including Celeste's grandson wrote letters that were very moving

Members of safe and caring school committee were named as part of award (there is more info on OCDSB website)

Committee will look at recent survey to see what needs to be improved

- o such as concerns about buses (may need to look at reducing numbers of kids on each bus)
- o comments about 'scary' bathrooms

Launch of WITS program coming – want to include many members of community – likely in September

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Christa Bauer's class went to US residence – ambassador's wife helped MP with our garden

new staff for 2013-14

- 3 new male teachers
- Ingrid Bauer is leaving
- 4 teachers leaving on maternity leave – those posts will be filled internally
- still one vacancy

Kindie garden has been renewed – little white fence to protect flowers from rampaging over-enthusiastic kids

Sports

- relay – MP team did well
- track and field rained out, kids went, but it had to be cancelled – 2 busloads, 3 teachers, many parent volunteers (too bad it had to be cancelled)
- a well-known marathon runner came and spoke to kids about challenges
- last Monday – NED show – yoyos – very entertaining – MP sold \$2090 worth of yoyos (Shari was not aware that they would be selling yoyos before presentation)

Council thanked for organizing staff luncheon

Shari wants to remind parents that the new teachers named on kids' report cards may not be set in stone

Victoria gave update on greening project

decline in parent volunteers

butterfly garden was damaged by kindies – has been replanted

now paying for gardener – graduate of MP

requesting \$ for summer

Victoria will no longer be doing it

baby trees have grown enough to need less maintenance – but will need weeding and mulching – plastic fencing around trees will be removed soon

small fence around butterfly garden will be removed over winter and then replaced

website will be updated with details and instructions

no update from OCASC (school council)

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need person willing to represent MP

Erin – elections will be held in Sept  
Please encourage parents to step up

Marie called for volunteers  
Kathryn and Kari – nomination committee for month of September

workshop held for Tina Daniels  
good turnout – about 30 people  
helpful  
apparently team went to every class to give age-appropriate presentation

suggested that it might be better to give a similar presentation in September  
also gave ideas for other events, subjects  
some parents were from other schools

Maha offered to give Leigh-Anne the survey from that day to discuss other ideas

Leigh Anne gave update for grant PRO – speaker series  
very generic – we need to canvass parents, consult with new principal before  
narrowing it down  
will likely know by August  
want to launch survey monkey to ask parents what they want to hear about

meeting finished

## **Home and School Association**

Mike handed out financial info  
fundraising numbers – about \$30,000  
May Fair made slightly less than usual (very cold this year)  
still waiting on last technology invoice

this is merely a draft of the proposed spending for next year – official vote will be in  
September

requests

- Maha asked about graduation \$ – approved by email

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- Victoria asked for \$2100 for gardening – watered and maintained until September – council can decide later if this is worth it. Very frustrating that parents have not stepped up to take this on. We will save money if we can find a volunteer. We should add gardener as volunteer to list of potential positions  
Shari thinks we should continue to protect trees from kids – keep fencing up for now  
motion put forth, passed

Shari – on behalf of one of kindie teachers asked for funds to cover \$100 spent on butterfly kit  
motion put forth, passed

Kathryn reported on pizza  
she notes that current supplier is very expensive, might want to consider alternative next year

Erin and Christina – plant sale  
good sale, profit of \$1400 – Emily Beedel is taking over next year

Jutta – May Fair  
weather was cold, but people stayed anyways, almost as profitable as Tammy's raised at least \$4000 for silent auction

Vote for treasurer  
Erin offers herself as treasurer, acclaimed

Need 2 signatures on chequing account – should have as least 4 people on list – Mike will stay on until Sept., Leigh Anne and Tammy will stay on, Erin will be added in September

Co-chairs extended hearty thank you to staff and parents

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Chair \_\_\_\_\_