

Manor Park School Council and Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2013
MPPS Library

Attendance

Tammy Moffat	Christine Kaeser	Maha Albari
Tami O'Dette	Julia Ticone	Donna Muldoon
Ray O'Flaherty	Soniya Neupane	Sue Noble
Nancy Grinberg	Jen Coulas	Pamela Moore
Whitney Chisholm	Marie Blythe-	Wendy Colthart
Lilian Audnade	Hallman	Leigh Anne
Mary Ruth Endicott	Sue Massaad	Richardson
Sharon Leslie	Kari Glynes Elliott	Erin Yoshida
Elizabeth Ainslie	Laura Frappier	
Tomomi Matsuoka	Kathryn Pizana	
Sarah Cook	Jennifer Cathmoir	

Manor Park School Council

Meeting called to order by Erin Yoshida at 7:03

Erin explained about the council, there was a round table so people could introduce themselves

The June minutes were approved.

Laura Frappier introduced new principal, Sue Massaad

Elections

Kathryn handled the election nomination forms. Several people indicated interest in more than one position, so there was negotiation to decide which people would fill which position.

The 2013-14 council members are

- Members at large (2) – Melissa Gomes and Ismail Daher (who was not present at this meeting, but had handed in a nomination form). Confirmation of his willingness will be obtained by email. If

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he is not able to take on this position, Ray O'Flaherty will be the second member at large.

- OCASC – Leigh Anne Richardson
- Junior grade representative – Tammy Moffat
- primary grade representative – Kathryn Pizana
- kindergarten representative – (decision pending) – Nikolaus Jakubinek (not present, but will be consulted by email)
- communications – Tami O'Dette and Sharon Leslie
- secretary – Mary–Ruth Endicott
- chair – (pending)
- vice–chair – (pending)
- community – Christina Kaeser
- treasurer of Home and School Association (elected last year) – Erin Yoshida

It was decided that the council will leave chair and vice–chair positions open for now, rotate chairing of each meeting
Leigh–Anne Richardson is willing to chair the October meeting

Principal's report (powerpoint)

The report will be sent by email and added to the final copy of the minutes.

Some highlights:

Crowded classrooms

The senior kindergarten classes have 27–31 kids

Several parents asked about security, supervision and routines.

Ontario has a rule saying that primary (grades 1–3) have to have fewer than 20 students.

At MP, 6 of 7 EFI primary classes are over cap

3–4 split class is especially large (27 kids)

Fine print says that 10% of a school board's classes may be over limit.

No info on why MP keeps having larger than permitted classes.

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Lunch time monitors

There are paid lunch time monitors! So far just for kindergarten
Sue is looking for more people willing to be monitors (even as short term or temporary fill-in)

Still using grade 4-6 students as lunchtime monitors for primary grades
Junior kids eat on their own

EQAO

Mixed results

Grade 6 class excellent in reading – steady progression – 90% got level 3 or 4 (better than provincial average)

Grade 3 weaker than in previous years

Note that students who don't show up are counted as receiving 0

Meet the teacher

The 'meet the teacher' will take place during the day next Friday – partially as a result of positive feedback from parents last year (it was done last year due to labour action)

Vice principal report

The report will be sent by email and added to the final copy of the minutes.

Laura talked about sport activities, WITS, rideau-rockcliffe after school program (free for eligible students), sensory room for kids on autism-spectrum.

Things to discuss in October meeting

Erin tabled council goals until October meeting

PRO Grant

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Leigh-Anne introduced the 'parents reaching out (PRO)' grant - MP has been successful 2 years in a row - previously we used \$ to update website, and support the lending library

Another application went in for a speaker series in 2013-14 - we were successful so we have \$1000 to spend

Next:

- need to discuss what topics parents would like
- Leigh Anne is drafting a survey on survey monkey that is ready for distribution
- looking for help - need to create committee
- encourage parents to make suggestions - email or on website

next SC meeting is Oct 17th

parents can send requests for discussion by email

Erin would like to discuss the sports program - to see if current program meets our students' needs

Sue suggested discussing loss of playground equipment

Erin reported that she has submitted all necessary school council reports - they have been posted to website if anyone wants to see them

There are two upcoming events that parents might be interested in:

- OCDSB School Council training day. Oct. 5 at Gloucester High School
- 'Helping boys succeed in school' - Saturday, September 28th - details on council website (MPSC.info)

School Council meeting adjourned at 8:51

Erin opened home and school association

Erin handed out financial report

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There is an ad-hoc budget committee that recommends the attached budget

Council has about \$30,000 to spend this year

Policy is to spend all or most of funds raised the very next year (minimal carrying over) so that kids of parents who fundraised benefit.

Some corrections made - workshops should be \$175 per class (not per teacher)

Same as field trips - should be per classroom not per teacher - likely 23 or 24 classes

Will look into changing banks or changing GIC (bank fees are very high)

Susan suggested that council could support some of the EAs - working with high needs kids, they spend own money to motivate their kids

There are 3 of them

Decision made that we will consider requests from EAs, not allocate a sum per person

We will be open to considerations, but reluctant to start handing out \$ (esp since there are lots of non-teachers in school)

Motion made to accept budget - approved

Signing authority - need at least two people to sign each cheque.

Erin Yoshida will get her name added; it is recommended that another person be added. Marie Blythe-Hallman will be 4th person.

For 2013-14, the four cheque signers will be **Tammy Moffatt, Leigh Anne Richardson, Erin Yoshida** and **Marie Blythe-Hallman**.

Must also correct address on bank list

Funding requests

Sue Massaad - button maker kit people power press

wants to use it for WITS

suggestion - can we borrow from Mutchmore?

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Refills are cheap – \$92 per 1000 buttons
She will ask and get back to us.
decision will be made online

Susan Steele – funding request – need underwear (and socks) for little kids
\$100 –
(also looking for donations of clothing)

Tammy will look into using HBC points and gift card for underwear –
details will come by email

fundraisers

pizza – going well
looked into changing suppliers (see notes from June minutes)
current supplier replied by lowering costs, will stick with him

no QSP update

book fair – coming up week of November 11 to 15. The classes will
visit on November 12 and 13. Parents will visit November 14 and 15.
looking for new volunteers

meeting adjourned at 9:28

Secretary _____

Chair _____