

## Mary Honeywell School Council – Minutes of Meeting – October 8, 2015

In attendance: 22 Total (Council Executives, Members at Large, School Representatives, Parents)

Agenda Item/Person(s) Responsible	Decision Action Taken
1. a. Opening & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Conabree</li> </ul>	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed everyone received the minutes from September that were circulated. A motion to approve the September minutes was put forward by Rowan and seconded by Christina.
2. Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wendy Firth</li> </ul>	Wendy summarized the income and expenses as of September 30, 2015 for the following: Chocolate fundraiser. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was put forward by Rowan and seconded by Christina.
3. Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Power</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The librarian, Madame Theriault, is looking for volunteer help in the library to assist with shelving, book repair and cataloging. Council members can let Kim know if they are interested in helping out during the week.</li> <li>• A book fair has been booked for November 19th and 20th (parent teacher interview days). Parent volunteers are needed to ensure this event is a success. Anyone who is interested and available to participate during the day can contact Kim directly. 5 volunteers between 8:30 - 3:00 would be helpful.</li> <li>• Curriculum Services Department - There are proposed changes to the French Instruction for Kindergarten and Primary Early French Immersion programs. Kim summarized the changes outlining the reasons for the changes and the benefits that parents will see and also outlined some of the current challenges with the curriculum. Kim also provided an opportunity for council members to ask questions and identified an email address (chat@ocdsb.ca) that can be used if anyone has additional follow up questions or would like to provide feedback. Public Consultation meetings are scheduled, the next one is October 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm. at Fallingbrook Community E.S. Additionally, a survey is available for parents to provide feedback. The survey can be found at <a href="https://goo.gl/2lhfbM">https://goo.gl/2lhfbM</a>. Revised program highlights include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The changes align with the ministry vision for the Kindergarten program;</li> <li>➤ Helps to make program accessible for all students;</li> <li>➤ Addresses class size discrepancies between English and Early French Immersion Programs in Kindergarten;</li> <li>➤ Will provide richer information for parents when making program decisions;</li> <li>➤ French foundation will increase at an earlier stage;</li> <li>➤ Grades 1,2 3 curriculum structure will look more like the current French/English instruction breakdown that is taught in grades 4, 5 and 6.</li> </ul>               Council members provided some positive feedback to the proposed curriculum changes including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ a more balanced classroom environment;</li> <li>➤ beneficial for children that may be struggling;</li> <li>➤ provides an opportunity for exposure to French to those that may not have had dual language exposure at home.</li> </ul>               Council member question: How will the 50/50 instruction look? Kim indicated it will depend on the each school and the number of students enrolled for each school.             </li> <li>• Kim provided an update on the proposed boundary changes as a result of the opening of the new Half Moon Bay school in South Barrhaven scheduled for September 2016. The board is looking at how West Barrhaven schools will accommodate the increased enrollment in the area. Proposed changes include having k-5 schools become k-6 schools and Cedarview Middle School changing to grades 7-8. The proposed boundary changes are</li> </ul>

	<p>available on line and in the newsletter. Kim noted that the proposed changes will affect new students in the boundary area not students that are currently enrolled in each school. A decision by the board is expected in December. Staffing for the new school will start in February, our school starts staffing in April. Projected enrollment numbers are available on the OCDSB website and will be available at the public consultation. Scheduled dates for public consultation on boundary revisions are available on the school website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiet area - additional portables will impact the pavement area in the back of the school. Kim provided a bit of background on the quiet area that was initially a council initiative. She also explained how the yard is currently being used by all grades. Kim and school staff are examining how the yard is being used and provided a suggestion on how to divvy up the play areas and quiet areas to better accommodate the student numbers. Kim is asking for feedback on incorporating the quiet area as part of the grade 1 yard. Council members asked about using the field area between SEAS and MHES, Kim indicated that staffing is an issue when using larger spaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A small Parent council committee will get together with Kim to discuss.</li> <li>➤ Council members can email Liz with comments, questions, concerns and they will bring the details to Kim once the information is available.</li> <li>➤ Council suggested using the closed Kindergarten area as a new quiet area.</li> <li>➤ Cathy introduced the idea of a "buddy bench" providing some background on the idea and asking if it can be considered when discussions of a new quiet area take place.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>4. Vice Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherry Fetterly</li> </ul>	<p>Sherry provided an update on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agendas which were ordered in Sept: French primary agendas arrived October 8. Estimated date for delivery of English Primary &amp; Junior agendas is Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• Terry Fox Run/Walk - Tuesday, October 5th - \$592 was collected.</li> <li>• September 25: 1st character assembly and spirit day.</li> <li>• October 9: 1<sup>st</sup> PA day.</li> <li>• October 21: Picture Day – Carpe Diem is the provider for our school this year.</li> <li>• School clothing order - options will be offered in November this year.</li> <li>• Cross Country Running - started the week of October 5th for Grades 3-5.</li> <li>• Young Rembrandts - started October 8.</li> <li>• October 27: Dental screening for JK/SK and Grade 2.</li> <li>• October 30 - Character Assembly/Spirit Day including Orange/Black day or a Halloween costume day</li> <li>• November 12 - Progress reports will go home</li> <li>• November 27 - A tentative booking for Opera Lyra</li> </ul>
<p>5. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 5 Rep - Liz Conabree</li> <li>• Chocolate Fundraiser - Vikki Orphanos</li> <li>• Boston Pizza Fundraiser - Vikki Orphanos</li> <li>• Crystal Bay Visit - Janice Balingier/Liz Conabree</li> <li>• Monster Mash Bash - Rowan Hartmann</li> <li>• Parent Resource Library - Rowan Hartmann</li> <li>• Tea Fundraiser - Catrina McBride</li> <li>• Recycling Bins - Catrina McBride</li> <li>• Traffic Issues - Shauna Gilboa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vikki provided an update on the chocolate fundraiser indicating that the early bird prize is on October 14th for Senator tickets. One dad in the school community has already sold 12 boxes. Vikki confirmed that with the new style box we get 55% of the sales and for the dark chocolate boxes we get 50% of the sales. The campaign ends on October 23rd.</li> <li>• Boston Pizza - Vikki Orphanos - Confirmed Nov. 25 for family night. We get 10% of sales and the event runs from 5:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Crystal Bay Education Centre - Liz and Janice visited the school recently. Traditionally, MHES has given the school approximately 1k per year. The school provides special education programs to their school community. Janice described the school environment and the gym set up. As many children have physical difficulties the gym has a special set up to help kids walk and use the facility. There is also a trampoline, amazing playgrounds and excellent play surface. The school is for ages JK to age 21 (working cafeteria). The contribution from our school has been well used and it was gratifying to see the students in their environment.</li> <li>• Monster Mash - Rowan proposed creating a planning committee for Monster Mash and has asked for volunteers. There is a haunted house , Rowan will follow up with Peter to</li> </ul>

	<p>confirm set up the day before the event. The event is scheduled for October 30th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. High school volunteers are welcome to participate. Jenn will confirm the canteen coordinator for the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rowan will forward Liz a list of books we currently have in the Parent Resource Library and has asked for titles of new books the parents would like to see in the library.</li> <li>• Liz thanked all the parents that have been helping with the forms that have come in so far this year. The help is greatly appreciated this year.</li> <li>• Tea and Recycling Bins- Catrina McBride introduced a potential fundraiser for council. She circulated a brochure noting that tea packets are 50 grams for \$12 each. Forms would go home to collect orders and money. 40% of sales are kept as fundraising and the rest is returned to the organization to pay for the tea. Once the tea is ordered and arrives at the school it will need to be distributed. There is no minimum order needed. Steeped tea is the organization <a href="http://steepedtea.com/fundraising">steepedtea.com/fundraising</a>. For now, it is a great alternative and may be possible to implement once the labor issues are resolved.</li> <li>• Catrina updated council members on the recycling bins options for the school asking if there was an updates. Rowan designed some bins and described some of the ideas she had if council wants to move forward with any of the ideas. Liz will follow up with Lindsay and get back to council with more information. Catrina also provide a brief update on the Terracycle program that we will run in the November timeframe and provided information for council on how to send items into Terracycle directly using the MHES labels.</li> <li>• Milk bags are still being taken and can be sent to the school for the recycling program.</li> </ul>
6. Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza and popcorn volunteers are available; Jenn will provide information to Sherry directly.</li> <li>• Kim confirmed that only the front door is currently open during the daytime.</li> <li>• Pizza starts on August 15th and forms are still coming through. There will be flexibility for the program for those that haven't sent the form through yet.</li> <li>• A Graffiti art mural was proposed by council member Kayla - Kim will look into this option.</li> </ul>
7. Adjournment	7:45 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Rowan and seconded by Kayla. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2015.