

McMurrich Jr. P.S. Council

MINUTES

September 26, 2023

McMurrich School Library & TDSB Zoom Link

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93418131875?pwd=S1JBSjJIWldubXo4VDg1Y3JlQmMk2dz09>

CO-CHAIRS (2023-24)	Livy Jacobs, Rachel Cooper
SECRETARY (2023-24)	Briar Wells, Danielle Fallone
CO-TREASURERS (2023-24)	Gwynyth Keir, Jon Hook
ATTENDEES	See separate attendee sign-up sheet

AGENDA

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome from your 2022/23 Co-Chairs

Agenda Items:

1. Principal/Vice Principal's Update
2. Co-Chairs Update - Livy/Rachel
 - a. Playground, upcoming dates
3. Council Executive Committee: Roles & Responsibilities - Overview
[Chair, Secretary, Treasurer]
4. Committees Overview + sign-ups
[2022-23 Leads to share]
5. Re/election: Executive Committee
6. Committee Circulation [sign-up in person and online]
7. Next meeting date confirmation

Welcome & Introductions	Livy & Rachel
<p>Land Acknowledgement</p> <p><i>We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples</i></p> <p>Agenda review</p>	

Principal's & Vice Principal's Update	Julie Whitfield & Laura Scott
<p>Welcome!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind Campaign presented to Gr 4-6 girls/non-binary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Went well - use momentum from assembly as part of school improvement program. Addressed complaints from female students around safety and comments made to them. - Discussion: have a plan with the boy students - Julie: looking at other projects to complement remaining students. - Looking at self-defence courses to build confidence - Looking at a grade 4-6 boy program: Next Gen Men - works with students (and educators) - empowering male and shed toxic masculinity. - Terry Fox Run - last Friday. Goal was \$3,000. Raised \$3,995 to date. - Many school sports in progress - flag football, soccer and cross-country (the first meet is at Winston Churchill Park on Oct. 12) - Friday, Sept 29: Orange shirt day assembly - virtual assembly to talk about Truth and Reconciliation in age-appropriate ways - 9:30 a.m. 	

- Curriculum Night Thursday, October 5 - 6-7 p.m. (date changed due to classroom reorg)
- Playground 'Dot-mocracy': McMurrich students have voted with their dot stickers on which play structure they want - the option with the most votes/dots is selected
 - Irrigation/sprinkler system was checked; working well
- Dance-a-thon: in the past Prof Jams has DJ'd. Mr. Wellington has volunteered to run the program to save costs and allocate more fundraising back to school
 - Dana (committee lead) - to exceed last year's success, will begin building awareness sooner than later to get more donations
 - Date likely to be moved to Nov 16 to give more time for fundraising - principals will organize a pep rally to kick this off in coming weeks
- School reorg: this year, we lost a teacher headcount and an ECE
 - Resulted in reorg to kinder and primary classes (Gr 1-3)
 - Sept 28: parents of children affected will be notified

Co-Chair Updates	Livy/Rachel
<p>Welcome!</p> <p>Playground</p> <p>Recap of last year before we get into elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For past several years, school has worked with TDSB to revamp field/playground - fundraising efforts have been building towards this - The new proposed space will have outdoor classroom space, track, new/more trees, extra seating, new asphalt...etc - New playscape planned and funded by parent council/city - construction starts summer 2024 - Four options for playground - the students' vote count leaning towards option #2 with strong interest from both primary and junior grades - Will attach rendering of playscape to minutes 	

- School Council needs to commit \$25k from fundraising this year - we are on track
- To help offset council costs, potential ask out to local businesses to donate to the fundraising effort
- Can we get the baseball diamond reinstated?
Parents/community would like this

Last year's initiatives (to name a few) —> Wine survivor, movie night, pub night, dance-a-thon, merchandise, fun fair, pride parade, Holocaust education, school logo/mascot, Gr. 6 graduation etc

Council Elections & Committees

- Council reviewed roles/responsibilities of executive committee
 - Call out to attendees to confirm if any interest to run for 2023-24 chair, secretary, treasurer positions
 - No new interested candidates
 - Vote/approval to move forward with same team as last year Rachel Cooper, Livy Jacobs (chairs), Gwynyth Keir, Jon Hook (treasurers) and Briar Wells (secretary); welcome Danielle Fallone as co-secretary

Committees

If you're a lead of a committee and comfortable with your email being distributed, please let us know so that we can include in newsletter and ask that interested volunteers contact leads directly

Communications - Jen Dunk now comms lead

- Class-Connectors
- Facebook - Serah will continue to admin
- Website - Thomas and team
- Newsletter - Danielle

Livy & Rachel

- Posting minutes
- Lead needed to maintain and run the volunteer list - Portia Jhagoo

Outreach & Enrichment - Led by Lauren, second lead needed to support

- Non-fundraising events (blue jays, marlees, babysitters course, movie night, Pub Night)
- Kinder Liaison - Lauren
- Carmela leading movie night - TBC

Grad Committee - TBC - October

- Parent volunteers from Gr 5 + 6 needed

Fundraising

- Led by Livy/Rachel but each event has a lead
- FunFair lead needed! This role has the full support of council & outreach behind it - strong lead from last year left a blueprint for future years
- Pizza Lunch (Daniel Lipton) - Eto/Portia support - lean on Gr 6 for distribution if volunteers are short
- Wine Survivor - Beverly and Jen are leading, launch is w/o Oct 2
- Silent Auction - Noemi and Francine are leading (May)
- Dance-a-thon
 - Day-of volunteers needed
- DEI - Sarah and Dionne will continue to lead (includes liaising w/ school committees like BSA)
 - Pride Committee
 - Holocaust Education - Nov 20 Tour for Humanity bus will visit school with age-approp education Gr 4-6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safe Schools - Beverly to lead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Within the school - parent council liaison [policy driven] ● Road/Community safety - Monika to lead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crossing guards reinstated from last year at key intersections - Winona and Benson/Hedricks ○ <u>No parking/drop off on Hendricks</u> - explore ways to improve drop offs to ensure SAFETY <p>Members at Large These members have voting power; quorum needed to pass votes (cannot miss more than 2 meetings during school year - ensure proxy exists if you're going to miss)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members/volunteers needed for ad-hoc basis to help out on miscellaneous initiatives <p>Misc - question about school communications and use of "REMIND" app to improve comms - not board approved</p> <p>Gardens outside of the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher based/curriculum based - Danielle: space for gardening. Enrichment activity, school improvement plan 	
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<p>Treasures' Update - Jon and Gwynth</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We're in a good position to fund playground, but will affect balance - Budget ready for coming year and will be presented in October - DEI - do they need funds for this committee? Yes \$500 for Holocaust Education 	

Fundraising Initiatives in progress

Danceathon

Elastics

Holiday Market - Second week of December

Pizza Lunch - September 29th, first pizza lunch

Mabel's Labels

Future Meeting Dates

- consider varying the times of meetings

-workday

-6-730

November: try for lunch meeting

-4:30-6

Next Meeting dates

- *Confirmed: October 17: 7pm-8:30pm*

Tentative

- *November: 21st: 12pm-1:30pm*
- *January: 16/23*
- *February: 20/27*
- *April: 23rd*
- *May: 21*
- *June: 18*