

**M. J. Hobbs Public School
School Council
Minutes**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Library

Attendance: Karen Duke, Heather Hayward, Alissa Koknas, Cathy Oliveira

Regrets: Andela Lee, Tara Kydd, Jessica Walker

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather and learn daily is the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. We are grateful for our relationship with the first nation of this territory, for their care for, and teachings about, the land, the water and all our relations. As people of the Williams Treaty, we continue our journey to strengthen our understanding of our treaty relationship and of how to move forward together in a good way. We acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of all Indigenous people across Turtle Island, current and throughout history.

Call to Order: 5:19 p.m.

Open Positions

Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large

Motion forward by Heather to nominate Cathy for Secretary position. Seconded by Alissa.

Reports

Principal Report:

- Northglenn New School
 - Opening September 2025
 - planning underway
 - Grade K-8
 - 7900 students
 - Administration is considering boundary changes for school that feed to BHS and CCSS
 - parents are invited to be a part of the conversation- meeting last night
 - next meeting on Dec.7, 6:30 at CCSS

- Sports, Extra Curriculars
 - Busy month for sports
 - Junior soccer did well
 - Intermediate soccer came second overall
 - Flag Rugby ongoing
 - Cross Country had 14 kids advance to KPREAA- Wednesday October 18

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- Part of creating Culturally Relevant and Responsive school communities is by listening to and ensuring that all voices in your school communities are acknowledged and heard and not only one culture or life experience.
- **Spirit Day and/or Halloween Costume Considerations:**
 - Are you using makeup to alter your natural skin tone? Such uses of makeup cannot be separated from their historical context.
 - Does the name of your costume include an ethnicity in the title? These are caricatures of a group of people, not costumes.
 - Are you wearing clothing that is clearly from a culture not your own? Wearing regalia that belongs to another culture is appropriation. Wearing a culture is not a fashion statement. There is a fine line between appreciation and appropriation.
 - Are you dressed as an offensive historical figure? Dressing as offensive historical figures can be construed as glorification, even if your costume is meant to be satirical.
 - Is your costume "funny" because it mocks the real-life experiences of others? Belittling the struggles of marginalized groups is never okay.
 - Does your costume reinforce binary notions of gender? Gender is part of people's diverse identities and not a costume.
 - Does your costume mock diverse abilities? Diverse abilities are not costumes.
 - Is your costume offensive? Answer "yes" to any of the aforementioned questions and it likely is. If your costume raises any of these red flags, you should reconsider wearing it.
 - If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion team.

Teacher Report:

- Many extra-curricular activities happening for everyone in the school community to participate in:
 - Sports- cross country KPREEA event tomorrow, 14/38 students advancing. Junior and Senior Rugby tournaments next week Monday and Tuesday. Volleyball for Grades 4-8 will be starting in the next couple of weeks
 - Clubs- French Club Grades 3-8 is up and running. D&D have been meeting once week. Battle of the Books teams are reading for the event in April.
- Student Council have a Spirit Day planned for this Friday: Hobbs School Spirit Day
- Student Council is planning a Fall Fun Day which will be a period of fun, fall-themed activities for Grades 3-6 on October 31. Will be organized by the Student Council Executive and Intermediate Class Reps
- Student Council will also be leading a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10
- Snack Program is going very well, apples are loved, Student Council Rep's and Morning Announcement Team are going to be responsible for ensuring that the bins are filled, so far students are using them responsibly and appreciate having the option to grab a snack if needed

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Parent Out Reach Grant

- \$1000
- Start thinking about ideas we may have for this
- Purpose is to bring community together
- Needs to be an engaging event to ensure participation
- Idea of having a guest speaker in the gym and get a food truck so each participant also gets a treat
- Sam Demma a possible guest speaker
- Cathy will reach out to Sam for possible dates
- Karen will reach out to Enniskillen and Hampton to see if they want to join

Graduation

- Could parent council contribute to Graduation in some way?
- volunteers will be needed to help out with the event
- there will be a day trip of some kind

Meeting Time

- stick to 5:15 p.m. for now

New Business

- Soper Creek Heroes for Wildlife- Alissa will reach out to them for more information on this initiative

Meeting Adjourned

6:33 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday November 14