



Metcalfe Public School Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 3, 2009
Location: MPS library
Start time: 6:37 pm
End time: 8:15 pm
Next Meeting Date: April 7, 2009, 6:30 pm

Present

Chairperson – Jennifer Finniss
Vice-Chairperson – Val Leonard
Secretary – Christine Lee
Treasurer - vacant
 Cheryl Millard
 Kelly Mayo
 Tammy McCormack – Principal
 Jeanne Giroux – Staff representative
 Jennifer Nutt – Vice-Principal
 Kerry Fonseca

Regrets

Heather Jeffery – volunteer coordinator
 Sharon Goral – Administrator representative

Summary of Discussions	Action
1.Call to order Jennifer F. called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.	
2.Approval of December minutes The minutes of the Februay meeting were approved with request to correct the spelling of Tammy's name.	
3.Principal's Report Grade 8 teachers and Junior teachers worked with our Instructional Coach on Design Down Programming. Jenn N. and I received training on School Effectiveness Framework and have completed one day of planning with team leaders, to be followed up next week. So far our focus remains on literacy, inferring and making connections, as well as math problem solving. The result of the training will be presented in April. Mean Girls Presentations for Grade 7&8 were a hit with healthy discussions of anti-bullying with an emphasis on social bullying.	

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<p>Pink Day was well supported by 7&8. Ms. Toohey's class had a bake sale which raised \$64.00 for Jer's Vision.</p> <p>Juniors enjoyed a visit from the Art Gallery to talk about pictures.</p> <p>Winter Sports Days for J/I were a great success with lots of physical participation and spirit. Wonderful helpers arrived from OTHS. Mr. Buckingham and Carson Grove School and many parent volunteers made the 2 days a success!</p> <p>We have received new walkie-talkie system which will be fully implemented next month. Staff training will happen soon. They work on the same frequency as cell phones so can be used off site.</p> <p>EQAO verification has occurred for May/June testing.</p> <p>MPS will be participating in the OCSDB IEP Pilot Project- which will be a web-based IEP program (software) for September.</p> <p>MPS will be participating in the OCSDB Intermediate Pilot Project- which brings teachers together from our Superintendency to work on design down planning. Three teachers per school have been given release time to participate in the program.</p> <p>MPS will be participating in the Ministry of Education's Math Gains Project- which will pair teachers from OTHS, MPS, and Castor Valley together to examine math curriculum and shared understandings. The goal is a smoother transition into high school mathematics.</p> <p>Student Led Conferences are coming up following report cards.</p> <p>A group of Grade 8s will be participating in a Ministry initiative, "Racism! Stop It." at the Museum of Civilization on March 24th.</p> <p>Our Director will be visiting on Thursday, March 5 at 10:15am. We are pleased to welcome Lyall Thomson to Metcalfe PS and promote our wonderful school.</p>	
<p>4. Vice-Principal's Report</p> <p>Booster Groups – Groups are going very well. These groups will be finishing before March Break and we will be looking for feedback and discussing needs with teachers before setting up the next session in April.</p> <p>Sports</p> <p>Jr. Boys and Girls Basketball tryouts are underway Intermediate Girls and boys basketball teams will be competing in their regional tournaments this week Tryouts for Badminton will be starting shortly</p> <p>Note – there is a new board requirement that goggles must be worn for badminton. The school has ordered goggles.</p>	<p>Jennifer F. - look into availability of goggles for badminton.</p>

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<p>Twoonie Tuesday We held Twoonie Tuesday on Tuesday, February 10th in support of the Education Foundation. Unfortunately we ended up having to have it on the following day due to bus cancellations. In the end we raised just under \$300 (\$285.15) for this very worth while charity.</p> <p>Elia Saikley presenting to our Jr. and Intermediate students on February 25th Elia held the student audience and teachers captivated as he told his story about journeying to the highest place on earth using a multimedia display.</p> <p>This month's character assembly students who received certificates for the months of January and February were recognized. As well, the winners of the Legions Remembrance day poster and Poem competitions were recognized. The character trait that we are emphasizing for March is Fairness.</p> <p>Note – we are going to look at promoting the Remembrance Day poster & poem competitions prior to the end of school to allow children to work on the project over the summer. We would like to increase the participation of children in the competition.</p> <p>The grade 8 students are preparing for their transition to High School. On Feb. 12th Tammy and I walked the grade 8 students up to the High school for a day of activity. This was followed up by a visit from OTHS staff and the handing out and explanation of option sheets.</p> <p>We also had a visit by the OTHS concert band who put on a very entertaining performance which I am sure has convinced many of our students to try out for the band at OTHS.</p> <p>Tomorrow we will begin training staff on Premiere software, a text to voice program. This program has been installed on all lab computers and we are working on making sure all classrooms have it installed on their computers as well.</p>	
<p>5. Teachers' Report Cherie is ready to move forward on the leveled books program and would like the \$500 promised by council.</p> <p>The J/I Sports Day was a success and fun</p> <p>Spirit club Next Friday (March 10th) is PJ day There will be another spirit day in April</p> <p>During the teacher's report, the following points were made: The Ontario Library Investment Program has made money available to all school libraries. Marilyn is looking forward to spending it.</p>	<p>Jennifer F. - \$500 for leveled reading</p>

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<p>Jennifer let us know that there was \$400 left over from the money earmarked for library improvements last year. She suggested that this money be given to Marilyn for purchase of more reading materials. PASSED.</p> <p>Marilyn has supplied us with a list of the books that she purchased last year using the funds we helped to raise. This list is available in the appendix following these minutes.</p>	
<p>6. Fundraiser – Garage Sale</p> <p>Advertising – Jenn F. & Christine will deal with creating media blurb/distributing to various media including online. Jenn will use her contacts to try to get press release/news articles.</p> <p>Distribution of advertising, including the flyer/note to parents should start around the Easter weekend.</p> <p>Signs – the Lion's sign at the fire hall is booked. Cheryl's husband has a large sign we may be able to use. Jenn is looking in the sign at the high school and other possibilities.</p> <p>Flyers – Tammy is working with the Intermediate teachers to have the students create flyers. We will review this in April.</p> <p>Posters – details to be worked out. Possibilities include Intermediates creating posters; Spirit Club or Student Council creating posters; using dollar store 'Garage Sale' posters; creating them ourselves. Posters do not need to be put up until the week prior to the sale.</p> <p>Other – distribution of information about the garage sale should use any free format we have access to – this includes internal electronic bulletin boards at work. All members are asked to do what they can to get the word out.</p> <p>Registration – Jenn F. will take care of this. Christine will get her a spreadsheet to use.</p> <p>Tables – Jenn F. is working with the Fair Board to borrow tables. We will either be storing them at the school (she will talk to Bruce), or keep them on a trailer to be delivered early Saturday morning.</p> <p>Volunteers – Tammy will contact OTHS to work on getting some student volunteers to help on the day. Jenn F. & Christine will work out the requirements of adult volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kelly has offered to work the registration table ○ Cheryl has offered to work the bake sale table <p>Subcommittee – it is recommended that we form a subcommittee to work on this outside of council meetings. Jenn F. & Christine will work on organizing this. All parent council members are interested in knowing when the meeting will happen.</p> <p>Donations – Jenn F. will talk to Bruce about the possibility of donation dropoffs on the Friday prior to the sale. Other donations can be made the week prior to the sale (Jenn F. has offered her garage) or on the day of the sale.</p> <p>Cost – it was approved to put aside \$100 for advertising and \$25 for garage sale signs.</p>	<p>Jenn F.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - investigate sign at OTHS - work with CL / subcommittee - book tables - determine volunteer requirements - talk to Bruce re: table storage & dropoff of donations <p>Christine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - get spreadsheet to Jenn. - work with JF / subcommittee - determine volunteer requirements <p>Cheryl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - check on access to sign <p>Tammy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intermediate creating signs/posters - contact OTHS / student volunteers
<p>7. Website</p>	

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<p>Christine has asked that all members review the existing website – www.mpscouncil.com). It requires some changes/upgrading. Christine has offered to work with Lisa (our web master)to implement the changes, but would like some input as to what members would like to see on the site.</p> <p>Current suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to forms (hot lunch, milk, ...) Calendar with all upcoming events Newbie how to document – including information about parking, how the planner works, how best to contact teachers/administration, snow days, ... Detailed information about how parking/drop off/pickup and buses work Teacher contact 	
<p>8. Action items from February</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland volunteers – a list of requirements were in the March newsletter – Cheryl thinks she can help with the large key – Kerry offered her services for makeup, Kelly thinks she can help with the mushroom. Cheryl, Val and Jenn F. will see if they will be able to help out. Christine will get Heather to contact Tammy to see if further requests through the volunteer program are required.</p> <p>PRO grant and phone procedures – put on hold.</p> <p>Primary fun day voluneers & food – done</p> <p>Garage sale – ongoing – follow up again in April</p> <p>Primary books – taken care of</p> <p>Receipt book in office – follow up in April</p>	<p>Christine – contact Heather re AiW volunteers</p>
<p>9. Financial No report.</p>	
<p>10. New Business None.</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment of Meeting Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Next meeting to be held on April 7, 2009, 6:30 pm, MPS library.</p>	

Appendix: Metcalfe Public School Library Acquisitions

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Item List, 1 Line by Copy Call Number

Alexandria 5.5.5

Selected: Funding Source PC - PC 08

CALL NUMBER	TITLE	AUTHOR	COPIES
001.94 WES Gra	The Bermuda Triangle : strange happenings at sea	West, David,	1
155.2 ESP	See you later, procrastinator! : get it done)	Espeland, Pamela,	1
305.420 PEZ	Nellie McClung	Pezzi, Bryan.	1
356.16 GLA	Green Berets	Glaser, Jason.	1
398.2 STO Gra.	Hercules : the twelve labors : a Greek myth	Storrie, Paul D.	1
428.2 TER	Your foot's on my feet! : and other tricky nouns	Terban, Marvin.	1
428.6 LYS	Minidictionnaire des termes GÉOGRAPHIQUES	Lysecki, Margaret,	1
428.6 PRO	L'Atlas du monde	Prokos, Anna.	1
535 LÉV	L'ombre et la lumière	Léo-James Lévesque.	1
546 MIL	The elements : what you really want to know	Miller, Ron,	1
551.43 BAG	Découvrons les montagnes	Bagshaw, Judy,	1
551.55 Mac	Les tempêtes .	MacAulay, Kelley.	1
571.8 KAL	Le cycle de vie .	Kalman, Bobbie,	1
574.2 LÉV	Des trésors sous-marins	Lévesque, Léo-James	1
574.9 LÉV	Lex récifs de corail	Lévesque, Léo James	1
591.472 KAL	Le camouflage et le mimétisme	Kalman, Bobbie,	1
591.56 CRO	La migration	Crossingham, John,	1
591.791 McD	Le grizzly	McDermott, Barb.	1
612.8 FUE	Réalité ou illusion?	Fuerst, Jeffery	1
613.2 BUR	Grocery shopping : it's in the bag	Burstein, John.	1
616.4 MAR	Frederick Banting	Marshall, Diana.	1
648.5 AME	Clutter control : putting your home on a diet	American Girl	1
690 LÉV	La Démolition des bâtiments	Léo-James Lévesque	1
690 LÉV	La construction d'un hôtel de glace	Lévesque Léo James	1
741.5 FON Gra.	The Trojan horse : the fall of Troy : a Greek legend	Fontes, Ron.	1
741.5 LIM Gra	Isis & Osiris : to the ends of the earth : an Egyptian myth	Limke, Jeff.	1
741.5 LIM Gra.	King Arthur : Excalibur unsheathed : an English legend	Limke, Jeff.	1
741.5 LIM Gra.	Thor & Loki : in the land of giants : a Norse myth	Limke, Jeff.	1
759.11 KOO	Robert Bateman	Koopmans, Carol.	1
782.421 WAT	Avril Lavigne	Watson, Galadriel.	1
796.8 MAR	Gladiators	Martin, Michael,	1
796.96 BAN	Curtis Joseph	Banks, Kerry,	1
796.96 BAN	Pavel Bure	Banks, Kerry,	1
796.96 BAN	Teemu Selanne	Banks, Kerry,	1
796.96 HAR	Jaromir Jagr	Harling, Michael,	1
796.96 HAR	Peter Forsberg	Harling, Michael,	1
796.96 LUP	Jarome Iginla	Lupo, Tamar.	1
796.96 POD	Patrick Roy	Podnieks, Andrew.	1
796.96 POD	Paul Kariya .	Podnieks, Andrew.	1
796.962 LEO	Hockey now!	Leonetti, Mike,	1
818.5 TER	Too hot to hoot : funny palindrome riddles	Terban, Marvin.	1
821.8 LEW	Jabberwocky	Carroll, Lewis,	1
940.1 MAR	Knights	Martin, Michael,	1
948. LAS	The Vikings	Lassieur, Allison.	1
958.1 GAA	Focus on Afghanistan	Gaag, Nikki van der.	1
959.8 MOR	Focus on Indonesia	Morgan, Sally.	1
971 LÉV	À la découverte des côtes canadiennes	Lévesque, Léo-James	1
971.05 SZU	Sir John A. Macdonald	Szulhan, Rebecca.	1
971.07 SZU	Michaëlle Jean	Szulhan, Rebecca.	1
971.24 PEZ	Tommy Douglas	Pezzi, Bryan.	1
971.27 SZU	Elijah Harper	Szulhan, Rebecca.	1
971.9 McD	Northwest Territories	McDermott, Barb.	1
994 JAM	Focus on Australia	James, Otto.	1
E BAR	Dear deer : a book of homophones	Barretta, Gene.	1
E HEL	Woolbur	Helakoski, Leslie.	1
E O'CO	Bonjour, butterfly/Fancy Nancy	O'Connor, Jane.	1
F STI	Battle of the Dum Diddys	Stine, R. L.	1
F STI	Dudes, the school is haunted!	Stine, R. L.	1
F STI	Got cake?	Stine, R. L.	1
F STI	The Heinie Prize	Stine, R.L.	1
F STI	Night of the creepy things	Stine, R. L.	1

F STI	Party poopers	Stine, R. L.	1
F STI	The rottenest angel	Stine, R. L.	1
j 599.37 MCD	Beavers	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.4 McD	Canada geese	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.649 McD	Bighorn sheep	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.65 McD	Caribou	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.65 McD	Whitetailed deer	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.67 Mac	Endangered zebras	MacAulay, Kelley.	1
j 599.75 McD	Lynxes	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.76 McD	Raccoons	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.769 McD	River otters	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.77 MCD	Timber wolves	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.78 KAL	Endangered bears	Kalman, Bobbie,	1
j 599.784 McD	Grizzly bears	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.786 McD	Polar bears	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 599.8 ALO	Endangered monkeys	Aloian, Molly.	1
j 621.8 OXL	Screws		1
j 621.8 OXL	Levers	Oxlade, Chris	1
j 621.8 OXL	Pulleys	Oxlade, Chris	1
j 621.8 OXL	Wedges and Ramps	Oxlade, Chris	1
j 621.8 OXL	Wheels	Oxlade, Chris	1
j 636.7 PRE	Caring for your dog	Preszler, June,	1
j 636.8 SHO	Caring for your cat	Shores, Erika L.,	1
j 636.9 RIC	Caring for your hamster	Richardson, Adele,	1
j 636.93 MAA	Caring for your rabbit .	Maass, Sarah.	1
j 639.34 RIC	Caring for your fish	Richardson, Adele,	1
j 971 McD	La Colombie-Britannique	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	La Nouvelle-Écosse	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	La Saskatchewan	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	L'Alberta	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	Le Manitoba	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	Le Nouveau-Brunswick	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	Le Nunavut	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	Le Quebec	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	Le Yukon	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	Les Territoires du Nord-Ouest	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	L'île-du-Prince-Édouard	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	L'Ontario	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971 McD	Terre-Neuve	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.1 McD	British Columbia	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.23 McD	Alberta	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.27 McD	Manitoba	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.3 McD	Ontario .	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.4 McD	Quebec	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.6 McD	Nova Scotia	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.9 McD	Nunavut	McDermott, Barb.	1
j 971.9 McD	Yukon	McDermott, Barb.	1
j971.5 McD	New Brunswick	McDermott, Barb.	1
j971.7 McD	Prince Edward Island	McDermott, Barb.	1
j971.8 McD	Newfoundland	McDermott, Barb.	1
PB 398.9 BRE	My grandma likes to say	Brennan-Nelson, Denise.	1
PB 513.2 LOT	One watermelon seed	Lottridge, Celia B.	1
PB 577.16 MAN	Snap!	Manning, Mick.	1
PB 590 MAY	Roar!	Mayo, Margaret.	1
PB BRE	Willow	Brennan-Nelson, Denise.	1

*** 116 total items printed ***