



Present (9): Jana Bartsch, Mealane Deitz, Leanne Bertschy, Chad Monner, Gerry Tetrault, Jared Munton, Leah Lamotte, G-nel Nelson, Bernie Kirk

Agenda - addition of school photos re: few complaints and no hat policy. Adopted agenda.

Mealane called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Jana read the minutes from the September 20, 2016 meeting. No errors or omissions.

Treasurer Report

Leanne Bertschy presented treasurer report (same as last month):

General Account - \$ 4,988.97

GIC (cash) - \$ 9,101.87 Total \$14,090.84 as of August 31, 2016

International Baccalaureate Programming Information

Bernie and Rachelle visited Millarville School which is an IB school. Visit included:

- School tour and classroom visitation,
- Round table discussion (self-study process, evaluation report, action plans),
- Question & Answer session with PYP coordinator and administrator
- Sharing resources, planners, learning portfolios, transdisciplinary learning
- Approaches to learning skills & assessment

Bernie thought our school walls (displays) were at par if not better than Millarville's. Bernie and Rachelle visited classrooms and had a lot of one on one with teachers and IB staff. Also were shown pictures from Millarville School.

Our current goals from the visit are:

- Include Now and Then UOI (Units of Inquiry) outside of classrooms
- Post and use key concepts and action plans (incorporate the Inquiry-Actions Cycle)
- Integrate student reflection and action plans at the end of an UOI
- Develop student "agency"; leadership and ownership for their learning
- Use the POI (Programs of Inquiry) checklist to guide planning
- Showcase students through locker samples and Wonder Students
- Develop learner goals weekly – reflect and share
- Collect samples and resources for the UOI

IB night – Parent/Family Night will be November 23 at 6:00 pm. Potluck Supper at 6:00. Followed by Student presentations and learning sessions about the IB program, literacy and school improvement.

Teacher's Reports

It is a good idea for students to read 20 minutes per day (*see poster attached*).

For Teacher reports, please see Milo School November monthly newsletter at either of these websites:

<http://miloschool.ca/monthly-news> or

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxWuTaBWq6WQcmdfbFIHOWVqM3c/view>

Principal's Report: Rachelle Prud'Homme (presented by Bernie Kirk)

Went over 2016-2017 Education Plan & **School Goals** which are:

1. **Literacy** – Creating a culture of literacy through building a community of readers and writers. Students will improve their skills and achievement in literacy.
2. **Quality** – Cultivating a community of lifelong learners, using IB framework to guide teaching and learning. The school will increase educational quality through implementing IB methods.
3. **Safe & Caring Learning Community** – Cultivate a culture of kindness and care, collect data about our progress and improvement, and expand learning opportunities. Build a safe and caring learning community of students, staff and parents.

Parent Engagement Committee Report

Katie and Rachelle had a meeting on September 28. Goals for the parent engagement committee are:

1. Improve parental involvement in decisions at school
 - Develop survey/questioning tools for parent input
 - Gather ideas and inputs from parents
2. Increase awareness of purpose and participation of surveys
 - Information shared at events
 - Info nights / suppers
3. Share with parents school data and growth
 - Monthly news update.

Engagement committee was wanting input on possibility of using "Mentimeter Survey"; which sends surveys via texts after events etc. Discussion. Wouldn't want too many surveys or too many questions per survey or people may not participate. Maximum 4 times per year, 3 questions per survey. Could also use survey monkey and send e-mail surveys if people prefer that over texting.

Wanting to plan another family movie night. Possibly November 24, could have 2 movies; one for older kids in library and one for younger kids in gym. Finding Dory is being show in Vulcan on Nov 25. Nothing planned as of yet.

Old Business

- a) Bank accounts are in the process of being switched to ATB Financial from Scotiabank. Few more forms to be signed.
- b) Fall fair – thank you to Allan Bartsch for cooking meat/potatoes and slicing meat. Jana will put thank you in Milo Canopener.

New business

- a) Few complaints re: school pictures. Retakes were too soon, 2 days after first pictures taken. Parents need to get draft pictures before retakes in order to decide if they want retakes.
- b) No Hat Policy – per Mr. Tetrault a few students are not complying with policy. Discussed, and agreed that students must follow this policy and ways to have them comply.
- c) Volunteers required to do Criminal Record Checks – per Mealane it is easier now. Administrator at RCMP office can do the check while you are there, you don't have to go back to office a second time to get the paper work.

- d) Not going to do Mom's pantry fundraiser this year as not much money was raised. Momentum (cookie sales) offers a 40% profit. Chad motioned to do Growing Smiles (poinsettia sales) if we are not too late and also do Momentum (cookie dough). Jana seconded. Carried. G-nel will call Growing smiles.
- e) Breakfast for Learning Committee – Jerad will talk to Student Leadership Committee to see if they can serve breakfasts. Parents can help too if they want. Donations of frozen hashbrowns, strawberries, raspberries and apple fruit leather are in the school freezer.

Parent Serving Group suppers

Lions Suppers – Wednesday

- November 2 – Leanne convenor, Leah, Mealane, Bernie, Jana, Lori
- January 18 – Jana convenor
- March 15
- May 17 – Bernie convenor

Grade 9 Grad? – May ?

If anyone can help serve at a meal and/or bring a dessert, please let us know.

Milo Community School Foundation

Next foundation meeting November 15, 2016 6:00 pm before school council meeting.

Application deadlines (Milo School Staff/Teachers) are: October 15, January 15, April 15.

Next School Council meeting November 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Mealane adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

ACTION LIST

Review Operating Procedures Manual & motion to accept

Bi-election – 2 year terms?

Motion to accept financial Statements