

# Minutes for Mills Haven School Council

## September 8, 2015

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### Call to Order

A School Council meeting of Mills Haven Elementary was held on September 8th at Mills Haven Elementary Library. It began at 6:00pm and was presided over by Becky Mitchell, with Mista Zaugg as secretary.

### Attendees

Becky M	Sheryl T	Jen R
Mista Z	Katharina S (GBS)	Kristin C
Jodi S	Sabine S (GBA)	Brandy C (GBA)
Pia J	Alicia P (GBA)	Stephanie B
Marlis M	Sarah G (GBA)	Stefanie R
Maxine H	Sivanthy S.	Cindy L
Kaye S	Jennifer A	Lisa H
Lynn P	Toni B	Lyn W

### Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 meeting was made by Becky Mitchell and seconded by Toni Bettenson.

### Addition to Agenda

Lisa Hedges has a New Initiative for next year.

### School Report

School Report was presented by Kaye Schindeler.

\*Beginning of school has gone smoothly.

\*Growth attendance is down. This years' total is 446, including PALS students.

\*Tight budget year; Will touch more on this in October.

\*Have 3 Maternity Leaves coming up between Nov-Jan. Hamilton, Massey & DaCosta. Mr. Peter's wife is also pregnant.

\*Literacy for Sept/Oct is giving those students that need it a better head start in reading. This is an early reading intervention so students can be where they need to be for the rest of the year,

\*Chromebook Carts: Have 6 now (still waiting on one set to arrive). Looking into wireless printers.

### School Trustee Report

School Trustee Report was presented by Lynn Patterson.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Jodi Sillers.

- \* 24 families unpaid for Noon Hour Supervision 2014-2015 school year.
- \* MHSC Opening Balance of \$7461.02
- \* We have a full rooster for Noon Hour Supervision this year!

**GBA Report**

GBA Report will be presented at the October Meeting.

**Chair Report**

Chair Report was presented by Becky Mitchell.

**Class Representative:**

- \*Still have some spots to fill!
- \*There was no email spot on the sign up form. Another form will go home soon to correct this.
- \*Grade Representatives only represent their classroom.
- \*Class Rep/Grade Rep will send home a letter looking for Class Reps to fill spots.

**Teacher Bios:**

- \*Need some pictures of new staff; Looking for someone to take them.
- \*Maxine Holm suggested we could do this during Read-In-Week. The theme is "Tell me your story".
- \*Will have teacher's bio outside their classroom door.

**Booth at Parent Teacher Interviews:**

- \*Table with information out.

**Meet the teacher night:**

- \*Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Looking for someone to speak (into the mic) about the School Council if Becky is unable to be there.

**Teacher Appreciation Day:**

- \*Will be doing it again!
- \*It will be a surprise when.
- \*Voting on spending limit will happen in the Mills Haven School and Student Enhancement Society Meeting.

**Talent Show:**

- \*Last year about \$3200 was spent on Cultural Events for the school (Opera's \$1000; Author \$500)
- \*Suggested: Drop one Cultural Event and host an Assembly with a Talent Show.
- \*Prize: All participants of the Talent Show will have an entry for the draw. Three students' names will be drawn. They each will receive a prize.
- \*Prize: Will be determined in the MHSSSES Meeting.

\*Children will make their own posters to hang in the hallway that advertises their talent beforehand.

\*Date: End of February? Will decide at October's School Council Meeting.

### **Spell-A-Thon:**

\*Help from the Teachers

\*Fundraiser. Money would go towards Technology upkeep.

\*Date: Around January-March 2016 (when grade 1's can spell)

### **New Initiatives:**

#### **Lisa Hedges:**

##### **APP**

\*Free myhomework app.

\*Help families keep up-to-date on homework through cells/computers.

\*Teacher's would need to keep it up-to-date.

\*Lisa will send Kaye the information.

##### **Apple a Day**

\*March recognized as Nutrition Month.

\*Have an 'Apple Day'

\*See if Save-On-Foods would be willing to help us out.

\*An apple for each child in the school.

\*Fee?

\*Lisa offered to head this up.

\*Idea: Maybe this can be offered with Milk Week

##### **Question**

\*Can CanSkate send home a flyer with each student? Yes, just cannot be photocopied at the school.

#### **Jacqueline Clark:**

##### **Chess Club**

\*Company: Roaming Chess Club

\*Once a week with a hired professional.

\*1-1.5 hours, once a week.

\*Cost: \$10-12 a child, depending on enrollment.

\*Company has 5 Million Liability Insurance.

\*Grades 1-6

\*Jacqueline would be willing step up and foresee it through.

\*Would need to know if the school would like to participate fairly soon.

\*Uses the school gym.

\***More Info:** Would there be a rental fee for them to use the school? Need a teacher on board to be at the school for the event. Is the fee once a week or for the whole season?

### Face Painter

\*Odillia (Kathy) offers free face painting lessons to classes.

\*Can be used with the Art Program at schools.

\*She makes kits for the children so they can practice what they've learned.

\*Becky mentioned that this would be great for the grade 6ers as they often do the face painting at the school events.

\*Kaye will email the Grade 6 Teachers to see if there is any interest.

### Adjournment

Becky Mitchell moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:44pm.

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Becky Mitchell: Add Talent Show prize amount.

Jen Reynolds: Flower Fundraiser.

### **Treasurers Report**

a) MHSSSES opening balance of \$18,897.39

b) Cookie Crumbles - \$2000 more this year

c) Summer Sizzler did well!

d) Commitments & Fundraising (Check handout)

- \* A bus may not have billed us from 2014-2015 school year.

- \* There is one more class this year (so monies paid for class commitments will be higher)

- \* Carnival raised \$450.00

- \* \$10,745.20 2014-2015 school year

- \* We owe for one set of Chromebooks still. Grand total of \$11,000; \$8000 up front.

- \* Casino – Pay directly to make up funds

  - ? Can it be used towards new library books?

e) Jodi Sillers motioned for \$8000 enhancement funds to pay for some of the Chrome book fees up front.; seconded by Becky Mitchell; all in favor; carried.

f) Jodi Sillers motioned for \$11,000 to maintain our commitments from last year; seconded by Becky Mitchell; all in favor; Carried.

g) Casino account balance is around \$5000.

- \* Tabled until October meeting.

h) Look into buying the wireless printers.

- \* Check into what the Casino funds can support (new printers?)

- \* Kaye: Will call District to find out costs, etc.

### **Hot Lunch**

- \* Looking for 2 more Leaders

- \* Friendly Reminders:

  - Kinders DO NOT purchase Hot Lunch!

  - Families need to re-register every year!

### **Milk Program**

- \* Info will go out to families soon.

- \* Milk Cards from graduated grade 6ers will be passed onto their younger siblings.

- \* Will replace any missing cards from last year.

- \* Would like to start right away! New cards will go out October 1<sup>st</sup>!

- \* The fridge NEEDS to be cleaned out.

## **Chair Reports**

### **Volunteer List/Fundraising List**

#### **a) Bottle Returns**

a. Need someone to do this every Friday. Then the money needs to come back to the school and put into the office area. The more people who volunteer, the less times you have to do it throughout the year!

\* Sivanthy S. volunteered!

#### **b) Milk Program Assistants**

a. Parents: Possibly the Noon Hour Supervision parents as they will already be there at this time.

\* Sheryl Tsiclas is looking into it.

#### **c) Hot Lunch Help**

a. Parents: Always happy to have new/old faces on Hot Lunch days!

b. Suggested that new volunteers arrive at 11:00am for a quick rundown; everyone else by 11:15am.

#### **d) Popcorn**

a. Not dropping the December date. Will need volunteers please!

#### **e) Cookie Crumbles**

a. This will be our last year doing this fundraiser.

b. Will do the pizza party incentive again for the top selling class.

#### **f) Teacher Appreciation**

a. Becky motioned to spend up to \$250; seconded by Cindy Lovie; all in favor; carried.

#### **g) Talent Show**

a. Every child that participates will have their name go into the draw for the prize.

b. Prizes: 3 'Winners' will receive a \$10 gift card towards something healthy (i.e. Millennium Place; Chapters, etc.) and another item provided by the school.

c. Becky Mitchell motioned to purchase three \$10 gift cards for the prizes; seconded by Toni Bettenson; all in favor; carried.

## **Announcements**

Next MHSC & MHSSSES Meetings will be Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. At 6:00pm in the school library.

## **Adjournment**

Becky Mitchell moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 7:15pm.