



Mill Street Home and School
Parent Association and Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Participants: Carly Nguyen, Dani Bourgeois, Sarah Alaimo, Melissa Scacco, Maureen Matuszewski, Kristie Coyle, Julianne Fox, Kelly Lempicki, Nancy Martinez, Sara Haumesser, Tonya Schmidt, Erin Bennouna, Cindy Smucker, Whitney Phend, Kaminy Doraisami, Heather Wolf, Chris Jacks, Wen Yue Atkinson.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Salness

Mill Street's school mission is "Be BRAVE". BRAVE stands for Belonging, Rumbling, Assuring Safety, Vulnerability, Embracing the mess. Mill Street works towards generating a "no fear of failure" and a "generate trust" approach.

Mill Street has approximately 645 students. Mill Street is one of the largest and is the most diverse elementary school in the district. Mill Street is a Title 1 school and one of the District's structured learning spaces.

Mill Street received Exemplary status from the State for the second year in a row.

What we celebrate- This year brought Girls on the Run, Lego League and the after school reading program.

School Improvement Goals:

- By 2021, 72% of students will meet or exceed the ELA section of the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness).
- By 2021, 72% of students will meet or exceed the Math section of the IAR.
- Mill Street's culture will promote Social/Emotional Learning and well-being for all students and staff.

PARCC (IAR) has a rising (positive) trend at Mill Street, which is opposite of State scores. Mill Street's students are statistically more proficient than their peers throughout the State.

Subgroup proficiency has categorically improved each year. English learners have almost quadrupled their proficiency.

Mill Street attributes our success to an "All In" mentality:

- We have the right staff doing the right tasks
- We have a strong focus on SEL
- We have a commitment to professional development
- We have strong community partnerships
- We have a strong support team

Teachers meet twice a week to focus on lesson structure, PLC, team and individual planning, use a proficiency scale and a targeted strategy.

Mill Street has a large focus on SEL. All staff are educated in de-escalation and restorative practices as well as conflict resolution.

Students are highlighted in the daily announcements for a “One Drop of Kindness” and for the younger students, for being “bucket fillers”.

In April Mill Street will host a parent education night. There will be an opportunity to attend mini-workshops, with topics such as how de-escalation works, what SEL curriculum looks like, and how students dealing with anxiety are helped throughout their school day.

Institute Days are utilized by Staff as days to focus on further education (ex.- rigor, problem-solving in math, how to navigate problem-solving, assessing reading levels, etc.) Staff learn from one another, and professional learning is constantly ongoing.

Community Partnerships- Mill Street connects with our families in several ways. A community outreach program was developed this year, with staff visiting The Views at the start of the school year to meet students and family. Mill Street Cares along with SFCP donates food and gift cards to fellow families in need. Watch D.O.G.S. is an extremely popular and positive program. Mayneland Farm will assist with a garden space in the new Outdoor Classroom.

Continued Focus:

- ELA growth for our EL student population
- Outdoor Classroom development will be a main initiative going forward

Secretary’s Report- Maureen Matuszewski

Minutes from November 12, 2019 meeting- K.C. made the motion to approve, T.S. made the second motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Vice President’s Report- Carly Nquyen

The SignUp Genius for the classroom Valentine's Day parties will go out in the next few weeks.

President's Report- Dani Bourgeois and Melissa Scacco

NEF's "Building a Passion" Breakfast will be held on March 19th from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites in Naperville.

Winter classroom parties were a success, thank you to all who volunteered!

Committee Reports-

Student Services

Thank you to all who donated to the Winter Clothing Drive! The response to help our students in need of warm outerwear was wonderful and greatly appreciated!

Also, thank you to all students who purchased Candy Cane Grams! Just over \$1,100.00 was raised from Candy Cane Gram sales.

MAP testing is ongoing. Reports for grades 3-5 will go home 1/17. Reports for grades 1-2 go home 1/24.

School Events

5th Grade Event -Tonya Schmidt

Copies of the musical have been distributed. Please contact Tonya Schmidt if you ordered a copy and did not receive one.

Fundraising

Fun Fair- Kelly Lempicki

The date for the Fun Fair is quickly approaching! Early bird discount pricing ends January 24th. Tickets will be sold at the Mill St. Open House on 1/30. A SignUp Genius will go out in the next weeks looking for volunteers that evening.

Box Tops for Education- Kristie Coyle

In-School collection of Box Tops will begin March 1st. Please download the Box Tops app- just scan your receipt each time you shop and the app will recognize any applicable purchases, and Mill Street will receive credit!

Treasurer's Report- Sarah Alaimo

The account balance as of January 13, 2020 was reported as \$30,421.85

Approve the General Ledger and Profit/Loss budget. K.C. made the motion to approve, E.B. made the second motion. The General Ledger and Profit and Loss budget are approved.

T.S. made the motion to adjourn, K.C. Seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted: Maureen Matuszewski