

Mill Street Home and School
Parent Association and Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Meeting started at 9:05am. Participants: Maureen Matuszewski, Kate Connolly, Suganya Selvaraj, Julianne Fox, Samantha Nierman, Monica Christensen, Tonya Schmidt, Dani Bourgeois, Melissa Scacco, Chastity Martel, Kelly Lempicki, Carol Cantor, Kristie Coyle, S. Suhasini, Anastasia Akrivos, Kawalan Gausau, Erun Bennouna, Jeff Kocourek, Namrata Thakkar, Sarah Alaimo.

Secretary's Report- Maureen Matuszewski

Minutes from May 14, 2019 meeting- T. S. made the motion to approve, K.C. made the second motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Salness

The addition of twelve additional staff members announced, among the new staff are a new bi-lingual Social Worker and permanent Substitute, and Clerical Assistant. We are fully staffed at present.

Over the summer major improvements were made to the school's interior and exterior, among which are asbestos removal, new secure fencing by Kindergarten area, LED lighting at the exterior and landscaping to improve the school's overall aesthetics.

Mill Street has been ranked as a Top Performing school in DuPage County.

Curriculum Night had a great turnout.

The Watch D.O.G. program is starting up and will have an introductory meeting this Saturday the 14th.

In October, Mill Street will host a delegation from China.

Mill Street is honored to have 3 teachers, Mrs. Golz, Mrs. Simpkin, and Miss Nelson, nominated for Those Who Excel awards.

Principal Salness explained Mill Street is a Title 1 school and receives funding that goes toward assisting our economically challenged students to help bridge educational gaps. Our Title 1 grant is currently on hold. The after-school reading program is also currently on hold.

The ALICE safety training program (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) is currently under way at Mill Street. All teachers are extensively trained, along with Principal Salness and Assistant Principal Moores in the ALICE program. The goal of practicing these safety measures is to empower our students. A Talk 203 announcement will notify parents/guardians as to which procedure will be practiced at school that day.

The Outdoor Classroom project is in full swing! The plan is for two spaces- one is an outdoor classroom that will allow student to take a break from the indoors and have curriculum taught to them outside. The other space will be a sensory space and garden to support SEL, structured learning, kindergarten, and any student that needs a break). Fundraising for these spaces is underway. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase a brick paver stamped with a message, with funds earned from the pavers going toward this project. Wish list items are still available!

Vice President's Report- Carly Nguyen

Policies and Procedures for Committee Chairs require a signature acknowledging receipt, emailed acknowledgement acceptable.

Crosstown Classic is coming up, look for a SignUp Genius asking for donations.

Mayneland Farm fundraiser and Book Fair in October.

Hospitality Committee sent the message that the back to school lunch for teachers was well received.

President's Report- Dani Bourgeois and Melissa Scacco

New Student tours went well. The New Family Coffee had a great turnout and was well received.

N.E.F. helps fund certain programs at Mill Street and also often assists families in need. On October 20th Team N.E.F. will run in the Naperville Marathon and needs a cheering squad! Please consider gathering with a group of fellow Mill Street families to cheer on parents and staff of Mill Street running in the race! Mill Street will receive a percentage of funds raised by our runners!

Committee Reports-

Student Services

Red Ribbon Week-Chastity Martel, Susan Czochara

Red Ribbon week will be October 21-25. The theme this year is "Send a Message, Stay Drug Free!"

Watch for a flyer to come home with each day's theme.

School Events

Ice Cream Social- Cindy Smucker, Maureen Matuszewski

Almost all volunteer slots are full! Watch D.O.G.S will be present to serve pizza. Committee Chairs are lined up to have information tables at the Social.

Fundraising

Book Fair- Erin Bennouna, Kate Connolly, Stephanie Hansen, Bridget Anderson

The Book Fair will take place October 8-11 and will have a Western theme this year. Erin will be looking for volunteers soon, and time you can offer is appreciated!

Box Tops for Education- Kristie Coyle

Box Tops now has a new process to submit Box Tops. Download the Box Tops app to your phone, log in under Mill Street. Scan your grocery receipt on your phone and the app will track any eligible Box Top item(s) you purchase. Cut out Box Tops will still be accepted. Receipts need to be scanned within 15 days of purchase. More information to come, please spread the word!

Treasurer's Report- Sarah Alaimo

The account balance as of September 10, 2019 was reported as \$31,260.00.

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

Thanks to all attending! Please "like" Mill Street Principal page on Facebook and Instagram.

Look for weekly Talk 203 for important school information!

Adjourn 9:55am

Submitted: Maureen Matuszewski