



Mackenzie King Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Held in-person at MKPS on Wednesday October 8, 2025
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Attendees: Mary Litwiller, Alyssa Campbell, Tracey Ebert, Kayla Tripp (Teacher), Tom Hope (Principal), Lara Hopcroft, Heather White, Marta Dunn, Erin McCabe, Janine Brubacher, Diana Narimalla, Mary Krupicz, Mellissa Jeffery

Absent: N/A

6:00pm – Meeting Commence

- Welcome, introductions
- Approve Meeting Minutes from 14May2025
 - Motion to approve Alyssa Campbell, seconded by Heather White – all approved

6:10pm – Voting

- Voting Members:
 - Mary Litwiller
 - Alyssa Campbell
 - Tracey Ebert
 - Lara Hopcroft
 - Heather White
 - Marta Dunn
 - Erin McCabe
 - Diana Narimalla
 - Mary Krupicz
 - Mellissa Jeffery
- Chair/co-chair – Alyssa Campbell & Erin McCabe appointed to co-chair positions – all approved
- Treasurer – Mary Litwiller appointed – all approved
- Secretary – Tracey Ebert appointed, Mary Krupicz as backup – all approved
- Social Media – Mellissa Jeffery – all approved
- Nutrition – Marta Dunn – all approved

6:20pm - Principal's Report

- Introduction of Tom Hope, MKPS new full time Principal
- Reminders that school information can be found on WRDSB Facebook Page/Website including the list of PD Days, Holidays, and announcements of School Closures for bad weather days
- Reading screening for MKPS students is ongoing. A letter will be sent home once the screening has been completed for your student. The school board has been supporting this activity.
- MK website is in the process of being updated
- School Day is kept up to date by Liane Watson in the office
- Many new staff in all areas of the school.

- REQUEST for Volunteers:
 - Looking for Strong Start volunteers. Commitment ~ 60 minutes a week. Please contact Tom Hope if you're interested.
- HIRING for Supervision Monitors:
 - Looking for individuals to provide supervision during nutrition breaks, before school, after school. Please reach out to Tom Hope if interested.
- Nutrition for Learning – MKPS is continuing to provide nutrition bins in every classroom. These bins are funded by the Parent Council.
- Playground – our smaller play structure is currently fenced off due to need of minor fixes. The school board is covering the cost and we will hopefully see the fix soon.
- Thank you for last year's support, especially in the following areas:
 - Walkie Talkies
 - Kindergarten equipment (MK Kingdom). School is looking to put in a sandbox in that area as well.
- A kind note from Mrs. Dreyer was shared that thanked the MK Parent Council for their ongoing support in many different school activities and events
- Ongoing activities at MKPS since school started:
 - Mystery readers in Mrs. Douglas class
 - Soccer run by Mr. Schnider
 - Dodgeball run by Mr. Dyke
 - Terry Fox Run event was successful held in September
 - Enova Power gave a presentation on electrical safety
 - National Truth & Reconciliation Day allowed for resources to be shared with homerooms
 - Fire & lockdown drills have been successfully completed
- Upcoming Dates to note:
 - 10Oct PD Day
 - 12Nov Photo Retake Day
 - 17Nov PD day
 - 18Nov Progress Reports go home
- Spirit Wear
 - Opportunity to open up the virtual store again. Teachers and Parents can order directly from website. Tom will confirm with vendor and information will go out on School Day if/when it is available.

6:30pm - Teacher's Report

- Upcoming Spirit Days to note:
 - 31Oct – black and orange day; costumes can be worn but students must not wear masks or bring weapons
 - 21Nov – This is Me Day; students are encouraged to wear something that represents them
- Activities at MKPS:
 - Grade 5/6 soccer team went to a soccer tournament on Monday 06Oct2025. They won all their games! Congratulations!
 - MKPS has been accepted for Girls at Bat again this year. Thank you to Ms. Tripp who applied in summer and got accepted. Program will have the same coaches. Blue Jays will provide the school with a top up package. Participation forms will go home

soon so that we can get numbers for equipment. The program will run in spring for grades 3 and up.

- UWaterloo Science team presented in Library and workshops – topics included earthquakes, stress management, human brain
- Upcoming Field trips:
 - Benjamin Tree Farm – 09Oct for all Gr.4s
 - Downy Farm – 22Oct for all Kindergarten classes
 - Snow tubing at Chicopee – Feb/Mar – for grades 3 and up. A financial request to council may come closer to the time, however, we're hoping that students will take the lead in raising funds for this special trip.

6:40pm – Treasurer's Report

- 2024/2025 school year Parent Council's fundraising activities brought in ~ \$21,000
- Our estimated target for 2025/2026 school year is ~ \$14,500 (from pizza if we do not do any more fundraising)
- 2024/2025 school year we ended with an estimated surplus of ~ \$4800 (official books close end of October)
- Suggestion to repurpose our Food account to a Playground Account so we can more easily see the funds that are earmarked for that project.
- Current estimation of funds already dedicated to New Playground is \$15,000-\$20,000
- Question on Greening account – Mary Litwiller to follow up with Liane Watson

- Financial asks:
 - \$2500 for nutrition bins: Motion to approve Alyssa Campbell, seconded by Erin McCabe - all approved
 - \$400 for a Christmas and End of Year pizza party for Pizza and Pita Gr. 6 Helpers: motion to approve Alyssa Campbell, seconded by Erin McCabe – all approved
 - \$300 for Gr.6 End of Year (locks left over from last year): motion to approve by Mary Litwiller, seconded by Alyssa Campbell – all approved
 - \$300 MacTrack paint: motion to approve by Erin McCabe, seconded by Mary Litwiller – all approved
 - \$50 for Pizza Day supplies (bins, etc.): motion to approve by Erin McCabe, seconded by Mary Litwiller – all approved
- Funds are also used for Inquiring Minds and Bike Rodeo. These costs were covered (or mostly covered) by grants available to the school related to community (ex. parent) participation/involvement
 - Tom Hope was asked to apply for 2 grants on behalf of council
 - Funds to be used for Inquiring Minds and surplus to Bike Rodeo

6:50pm - Fundraising Report

- Looking for alternate ways to fundraise this year that promote inclusivity in our school population
- WEFI – MKPS can set up a donation request page and anyone can donate directly to the school. Donations of \$15 or more can get a charitable receipt. Council thinks this is a great option to set up and link to at all events.
- Pizza will continue as our main fundraising program

- Selling Popcorn – suggested that this could be used as a fundraiser for school field trips funds. The older grades could run this at the school. Erin McCabe volunteered to be a parent support for this initiative.
- Other suggestions:
 - Selling Freezies
 - Holding Frozen Yogurt Day(s)
 - Selling gift cards
 - Promoting existing fundraising programs: Mabel’s Labels, Factory Shoe

7:16 - Additional Items

- No additional items

7:17pm – Adjournment

Next meeting: 12Nov2025 6:00pm in MKPS Library