Montgomery Village Public School
Parent Council Meeting

Date: September 16, 2026 **Time: 6-7:30pm** **Location:** Library Commons

Attendees: Denise Boot (Chair), Amber Schmidt (Secretary), Michele McClelland (Treasurer), Lesley Polchuk (Member at Large), Courtney, Menora Marks, Kendra Stone, Tamara CYC, Athena Flak (Principal), Catherine Reynolds, Kim Stevenson (Teacher Rep)
Regrets:

- Minutes from June Meeting
- School Council What'sApp group: All parents are welcome to join
- School Council email address: schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com
- 2026/2027 School Council Calendar- Subscription Link

Welcome and Introductions

- Name and child(ren) grade

Montgomery Village Update

- School administration updates
    - No reorganization, all the classes are staying put
    - First day went well, with email going out ahead of time
    - New Office Coordinator - Lisa - covering for Julie until she comes back
        - New to the role and still learning - please be patient and give her time and grace to get settled
    - Clubs and activities starting up
        - Soccer
        - Cross country
        - September newsletter from CYC went out - making clubs know
            - Colouring
            - Games
            - Chess
            - Chalk
            - Quiet dining
        - Consistent from last year, and new grade ones were invited to join
        - McCauley helping
    - Terry Fox on 25th
        - Kids will go up and around fendley park and back, many primary grades just walk the circle track at the top of the soccer hill, if you want to know where your child will be you can contact your teacher directly.
        - Adults are are Elderberry and Gooseberry to watch for crossing there, as

they take that route rather than the one by Bravery Park

- Safety
  - Whenever staff are supervising, they are expected to wear vests - orange is supervisor, yellow is for EA's
  - This is to help know who is supervising and to ensure that quick visual scans are able to be completed
  - Our space backs onto public property, and it is important to remain vigilant that students are safe while they are out in the school yard
    - The school yard limit is different depending on who is on duty, at the top of the hill BEFORE the soccer fields is considered school property. Some teachers are willing to supervise soccer games at the top of the hill. Kids know not to go past either path at the top of the hill past the soccer field when those teachers are on duty.
    - There is always someone at the top of the hill to supervise.
    - Kids know these limits and are aware of where they need to be.
  - The kindy yard being fully fenced is amazing and has been well received, it makes for supervision to be easier
- Grade 7 & 8 students historically could leave during first AND second break - school specific if this is allowed or not - no board wide policy on this
  - This is not allowed anymore - only allowed to leave on the second break with permission
  - Builds community between the grades and school participation
  - Safety is priority, the kids are being allowed to earn responsibility, second nutrition break off school boundaries is allowed
  - Parents have to indicate if the children have permission to leave the school property
  - Students have to sign out to leave so that administration knows how many kids they are responsible for at any point in time
  - This is a privilege for kids - if it is taken advantage of, they will lose the privilege
  - If they are late, they have to sign in, and that will be discussed at the office
  - More feedback is welcome from families with participating students - whether this is continued and parents are comfortable with the policy or would like it to be revisited by the school.

- Playground Fund update (UGLF)
  - $8K - to be determined where it belongs
  - $50 K - Fundraised amount so far in school accounts
- Nominations - online form to be sent out by Athena to collect nominations by next week to give adequate time for responses
  - Co - Chair
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  - Secretary

    - Treasurer
    - Member at Large
- Kindy Playground Repairs?
    - Still to be followed up on - update next meeting
    - Amber to send Athena the invoice

Calendar Update

- Approve meeting dates for year
    - Wednesdays works for most - keeping Wednesdays
- Proposed 2026-2027 School Council Calendar

Garden Cleanup

- Volunteers
    - Scout group is interested in taking this on as a community project
    - Athena to contact anyone who reached out to lend a hand

Financial Update

- Teacher Wishlist 2026/2027
    - Approved School Funds in October 2026 meeting with the rest of the wishlist
    - Amount
        - To be decided at next meeting
    - Kim staying on as Teacher Rep
    - Linda Brown
        - May be interested in partnering as a teacher rep
- 2026/2027 Wishlist
    - Zumba requested - Vote

Subcommittees

- Playground
    - Update
    - Revamp
- Grant Committee
    - Update
    - No more Grant Watch - it was not applicable to us
    - Grant opportunities have been tracked
- Winter Wonderland
    - Need Lead
        - Kendra to take meeting
    - First Subcommittee meeting is September 29
    - Draws not picked up leave in office - record your name on the ticket
    - Potentially plan for the Thursday November 19th
        - Community calendar to be reviewed
        - Tables to be rescheduled
        - New timing 5:30-8pm
    - Come for information
- Community Night Plan
    - Feb 17
    - Apr 28
    - Ideas:
        - Family boardgame night
        - Family Bingo Night

Fundraisers:

- DFS booked for September 18 - October 26
    - Class List to be sent to Amber
- Purdys - Michele to Set up November, pickup in December
    - Considering local chocolate shop
    - Approved
    - Winter themed without being “Christmas” themed

Meet the Teacher Night

- Organize community vendors
    - Done - all approved
- Are tables ordered? Confirm for Vendors
    - 10 tables arriving the day before
- Amber to email vendors to confirm time and tables
    - Completed
- Juice boxes

Hot Lunch Days 2026/2027

- What hot lunch days are moving into the next school year?
    - BP - Price Increase - Agreed to keep Prices the same this year - Wednesday
    - Booster Juice - Thursday
    - Pizza - Pizza Depot - Friday - Tax Doc
    - Pita Pit - Tuesdays?
    - Firehouse Subs - expensive
    - Quest for Cakes - Keep BP for now
- Starting first full week of Oct.

Cookie Day - New

- Terra Cotta Cookies
    - Island lake serves them weekly ($2.00 per cookie)
    - Deliver with pizza day
    - Add more options next order period if well received

Other matters

- School Council Page updates on UGDSB website
    - Add June minutes.
- Parent Inquiries from feedback form
    - Concerns about students being able to leave property
        - Addressed at the top of agenda in administration updates
    - Donations to the library
        - Accepted
            - Makerspace hopes to receive
                - Feathers
                - Pom poms
                - Scrap book things
                - Coffee filters
                - Googly eyes
                - Containers
                - Cups
                - White glue
                - Any craft stuff your looking to clear out
                - No more yard or string please
        - Roots of Empathy

        - Need three babies born end of June 2026 up to beginning of September 2026
        - Impactful program, very engaging
        - Once a month
        - Early Years Centre
        - Midwives
        - Kendra to make a post about ‘Roots of Empathy’
    - Add Sorcha’s days to the calendar?
        - Too much up in the air
        - Her days change
            - Supposed to be Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday
    - Concert
        - December 14th in School
        - December 15th 9am - 10:40am - parents welcome
            - Grades kindy to grade 3 plus special clubs
            - More details to follow
    - LRC-10
        - Food program - packaging and shopping for lunch
        - Athena to look into how that is being managed
        - Volunteers may be needed
    - VSC
        - Email Lisa for information
        - Athena to look into the VSC for hot lunches
            - Criminial Record and Judicial Matters is the minimum check required for help with hot lunches
    - Dates to be provided for calendar
        - Spirit days
        - September 30th flag raising for truth and reconciliation
            - 9am - All are welcome

Next meeting: October 14, 2026