

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
7:00pm held via Zoom

Attendance:

Katie G (Vice Chair)

Mary Anne P (Secretary)

Shannon V (Treasurer)

Annie T (DPAC)

11 parents in attendance

Darren Macmillan

Kirsten Paterson

Meeting was called to order by Katie G at 7:00pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions - Katie

- Welcome and thank you for joining us tonight.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Erin motions to approve the agenda. Leanne seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

3. Adopt minutes from October 20, 2020

- Jill motions to adopt the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday, October 20th. Erin seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

4. Admin Report

- Spirit Week was really positive. Halloween was a fun day but we missed the Tunnel of Terror! Terry Fox Run was great - raised over \$6,000. Remembrance Day was a virtual assembly but it was wonderfully done.
- We are trying to do things as normally as possible in an abnormal time.
- We have averaged about 35 students away each day, 15 of which are a part of the gradual return program. So in a school of 600+ students, we are under 10% absence.
- We are lucky that we have not had an exposure. We are doing everything we can to be safe. If there were a case, it would not be because of anything we are or are not doing.
- It takes a lot of mental and emotional energy by all staff members, thinking about what we would do if we were to get the phone call telling us of one.
- Mr. McConville & Mr. Martin continue their work on the outdoor learning space.
- They have started an Outdoor Club on Thursdays - about 30 kids. Everyone involved must wear masks. The school bought tools, like shovels, for the club to use.
- We had a professional trail developer come to teach us how to properly build trails. He will come back because not all classes got to visit with him.
- We are trying to collect money from outside the school community. We just received word today that Port Moody Rotary will donate \$10,000! The money will stay with the school district and we can draw against it as needed.

- We are trying to create a play space there in addition to the classrooms.
- It has been tremendously community building within the school.
- We reviewed our lunch time routines. We are trying to get the kids outside as much as possible while still staying safe.
- Four square is very popular so we've requested to have more four square spaces painted.
- We need to get more equipment for the kids for lunch time. Some of the kids came forward to suggest that each division be given their own soccer ball and football. We are wondering if there are any connections in the community to get donated used soccer balls.
- Q: There is a rumour that schools will remain closed for some time after Christmas. Does that sound likely / true?
- A: We don't know. From what Dr. Bonnie Henry has said, it sounds like everything they are doing in the community is so that schools will remain open. But it is a changing time so we will see.
- Q: Lockers, backpacks, heavy stuff. Any news?
- A: We have been told to not use lockers. We're not sure that having lockers would even help in any way regardless.
- Q: Any news on sports?
- A: No, none.

5. Treasurer Report - Shannon

- Gaming Account:
 - We received \$12,020 from government.
 - The \$800 per team plus explorations are starting to be spent.
 - Current balance in Gaming: \$14,986.
- General:
 - Carried over \$30K from last year.
 - We are looking at community programs for fundraising. We have an account at Cobs Bread in Suter Brook. Erin will advertise this in a post on the FB page.
 - We will also look into the Smile Card program at Thrifty's.
 - Current balance in General: \$28,379.

6. DPAC Report - Annie

- The last meeting looked at the 2025 Strategic Plan.

- There are a number of potential parent information sessions coming up:
 - Anxiety Canada in December
 - More to come in January
- Next meeting is on November 25th. Diane will forward the meeting details to Kirsten so that it can be sent out to our entire community to encourage attendance and involvement.

7. Event / Volunteer Opportunity for 2020/2021

A. Member at Large election

- Julie Clement put forth her name.
- Any other nominations?
- Katie nominates Julie. Shannon seconds. All were in favour. Julie is voted in.
- Welcome Julie!

B. Fundraising Committee

- Lisa, Dena and Sheryl
- Lisa will spearhead it.
- Sheryl will reach out to Thrifty's to see about getting that set up.

C. Munch a Lunch Coordinator - Lisa C.

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D. Parent Education

- We don't have someone to drive this initiative. Since DPAC is planning some sessions, it may be best to simply support the DPAC initiatives.

E. Teacher Appreciation - Katie

- Meeting last Monday with the committee. Came up with some great, creative ideas to show our EMM staff how much we appreciate them.

F. Grade 8 Leaving - Annie, Rochelle, Mary Anne

- We have not even started to plan anything. Under the ever changing circumstances, it is just too difficult to do much planning at this point. But as the time draws nearer, we will definitely do something to make it special for the students.

G. Lunch Program (on hold)

- Q: Darren, have you heard anything about the possibility of bringing something back?
- A: No. If there were anything, the rules would be extremely strict.

8. Anmore Green Estates Septic update

- The school district sent out an update. It was the same information that was shared at our last meeting.
- The facilitator is working with the school district to ensure that things continue to move forward.
- The fences are not being maintained well. Darren has asked the school district to send the security detail over on the weekends to check in.

9. Other Business

- The basketball hoop that broke in the summer of 2018 has finally been replaced!
- Mr. Kwok has his virtual book fair planned. Erin will promote on the Facebook page.
- Erin thanks Sie for his work in helping us spread our reach!
- Darren will promote the FB group again in his next newsletter.

10. Next Meeting December 15, 2020 @ 7pm Zoom

11. Adjournment

- Mary Anne motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Annie seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.