

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting  
Tuesday, March 16, 2021  
7:00pm held via Zoom

Attendance:

Diane M (Chair)  
Shannon v (Treasurer)  
Marcela d  
Annie T

Katie G (Vice Chair)  
Mary Anne P (Secretary)  
Julie C

Dena M  
Ingrid S  
Kim L  
Sie G

Lisa C  
Yimin X  
Erin S  
Dawn S

Darren Macmillan

Kirsten Paterson

Meeting was called to order by Diane M at 7:03pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions - Diane

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2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Guest - Mr. Keeler, Explorations: Art

- Explorations give a small snapshot into the various topics.
- There are a number of different topics within art. It is not the same thing every year.
- It's like shooting a basketball or playing the piano. If you can't do it, it's because you've never learned how! These are skills that can be learned.
- Concept - Technique - Expression
- Elements and principle of design.
- Choose medium - charcoal, paint, clay (not much time for it though)
- How will I teach? For example, this year we used mandalas & pop art.
- Then students choose their way to express themselves.
- Student Instagram account: @theartistsofeaglemountain
- A project will typically take 2 weeks (so 8 classes). Then they can take their work home to continue working on it.

4. Adopt minutes from February 16, 2021

- Julie motions to adopt the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday, February 16th. Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

5. Admin Report - Darren & Kirsten

- Time flies and yet it goes so slow!
- Safety has been a top concern. Just one further exposure in the last month. We hope the numbers across the district are starting to taper off.
- Unpredictable - cougars!
- Two weeks ago we did a full Fire Drill - excellent job. We had also done the three in-school drills.

- Teachers are working on Report Cards.
- FSA's were all done and marked and will go home after Spring Break.
  - We had a 40-50% exclusion rate for FSA's.
- Jersey Day today. 5 days of fun for Spirit Week.
- Friday afternoon Zoom assembly.
- After Spring Break we will be full on into Articulation. Grade 8's have already handed in their course selection forms for next year. High school teachers will speak to our teachers to help with placements.
- Then Articulation for Grade 5's coming in will happen next.
- Numbers next year will be the smallest they've been in the 5 years that Darren has been here. Grade 6's will be the smallest group in the school. We will probably have the same number of divisions, just fewer kids in each division.
- Ambassadors will try to put on a virtual talent show.
- No news about any Covid rule relaxation. So we assume it will remain the same until the end of June.
- (All rentals have been canceled until the end of June.)
- So likely nothing different for Grade 8 Leaving.
- Forest work has been remarkable. It adds positivity and excitement.
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- Kirsten:
  - Lots of work going on in the forest. We have a sitting area with seats!
  - Sie has worked on a sign for the entrance at the top and the bottom entrance too.
  - Kirsten shared the amazing sign that Sie has created. Next step is to bring this sign to fruition. We are looking for help in building the actual structure. Then the SD crew will need to actually affix it into the ground.
  - We need at least one other parent to help with the building.
  - If there are any connections in our community for sourcing the materials, that would be helpful (eg. wood, plexiglass, etc.).
  - Julie suggested asking Jamey Petty. Julie will forward the contact info to Diane, to forward to Sie.
  - Katie will contact Mike Kirby about helping, too.
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- Question: Re the cougars - were teachers driving in their cars, honking horns to scare the cougar? No.
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6. Treasurer Report - Shannon

- Gaming Account:
  - We have not spent any money since our last meeting
  - Current balance: \$12,974.46
- General Account:
  - We have spent some money in Art and in Orca.
  - Current balance: \$23,579.85
  - In our original budget, we had allocated \$800 per exploration but without any extra curricular clubs, this money could not be spent.
  - So we have moved Exploration allocations to the General account and moved allocations for the outdoor space to Gaming. This frees up how the Exploration allocations can be spent (i.e. fewer restrictions in General than in Gaming).

- Last year, we had to suspend the Hot Lunch program when Covid hit. Families who were leaving the school had the option to get a refund. Everyone else had their amounts rolled over to this year. We are in the same situation now. Within Munch-a-Lunch, families will have the following options: (a) request a refund, (b) roll over to next year, (c) donate to PAC.
7. Budget Amendment Poll
    - Shannon moves to amend the budget as discussed, moving Exploration allocations to the General account and moving allocations for the outdoor space to Gaming. Lisa seconds the motion. Kirsten posted a Poll on Zoom in order for us to vote. 100% voted yes. The motion passed.
  8. Presentation of Forest Classroom signage - Sie
    - Discussed by Kirsten in Admin Report.
  9. DPAC Report - Marcela
    - Interesting meeting - it was awareness week for mental health.
    - “In the Know” presentation by Family Smart <https://familysmart.ca/> - support for parents of kids who deal with mental health, anxiety, substance support. Very open and inviting.
    - Post of video: <https://youtu.be/Sk7b45uMxn0>
    - The Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee of DPAC43 has created a Facebook page called 21-day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge. From March 1st to 21st, they are posting info videos and activities for parents to do with their children. March 21 was chosen as the finish date for the challenge because it is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
    - Next DPAC meeting is April 7th.
  10. Event / Volunteer Opportunity for 2020 / 2021
    - Fundraising committee - Lisa C.
      - Lisa suggested that we don't push a lot of fundraising except that we could do one last push to assist with the funding of the outdoor classroom sign.
    - Staff appreciation - Katie
      - We have recently shared our staff appreciation project with the District for posting to their social media pages. It has been very well received.
    - Grade 8 Leaving - Annie, Rochelle, Mary Anne
      - Will discuss with Darren after Spring Break.
  11. Anmore Green Estates Septic update
    - Nothing big to report.
    - Back in November, the order stated that the connection should happen by April 5th.
    - AGE contact person said that next week, a special general meeting will take place to move the funding.
    - Hopefully we will see some action after Spring Break.

12. Other Business

- Question: will there be any opportunities for Grade 5's to visit the school?
- Answer: we are preparing a video to welcome them, as well we have permission to work with the feeder schools to bring in kids identified as those who would really benefit from a visit.
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- Question: could there be a virtual tour?
- Answer: we will try to put something together

13. Next meeting April 20, 2021 at 7pm Zoom

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14. Adjournment

- Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.