

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
7:00pm held via Zoom

Attendance:

Diane M (Chair)  
Shannon V (Treasurer)  
Marcela D  
Julie C

Katie G (Vice Chair)  
Mary Anne P (Secretary)  
Annie T

Nadia C  
Sie G  
Jena W  
Colleen O  
Rochelle H  
Tricia B (7:45)

Yimin X  
Nicole N  
Erin S  
Lisa C  
Brandie R

Darren Macmillan  
Grace Gallaccio

Kirsten Paterson

Meeting was called to order by Diane M at 7:04pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions - Diane

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2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Guest - Grace Gallaccio, Youth Worker

- Kirsten introduced Grace.
- Grace has working in the Coquitlam School District for 20 years.
- She wears many hats but her main role is to provide a safe place for students who need emotional or social support.
- She provides a lot of support for anxiety.
- Before Covid, she made house visits too, mostly for students reluctant to come to school.
- She provides a small lunch for students who forget their lunch.
- She provides support for field trips.
- She helps parents with establishing consistent routines.
- Strategies and skills development to help students.
- Often times, students are referred by teachers but they can seek help on their own too. Any way, any approach is good.
- Is anxiety the same or higher compared to pre-Covid? Perhaps a little bit more but sometimes students who typically experience anxiety actually have less anxiety because they find comfort in the shared experience of others' experiencing anxiety too.

4. Adopt minutes from April 20, 2021

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

5. Admin Report - Darren & Kirsten

- There have been no Covid exposures since we last met!
- We had a massive power outage though.
- Our Staff have been vaccinated.
- Students and staff are all exhausted. We hope there will be some sort of fun event at the end of the year to lift everyone up.
- Spirit Week this week.
- Virtual talent show at the end of the month.
- Last we talked, we were trying to bring in a group for an end of June experience. We found it was very expensive and there were challenges with their cancellation policy. So we had to abandon this particular event.
- We are planning our own "Sports Day" themed week instead.
- Staff asked about walking field trips to Buntzen Lake. But the PHO guidelines prevent that. IF some restrictions are relaxed, then perhaps we can change. Once we leave the school property, we are no longer a school cohort and we are bound by the rules of the public (i.e. no more than a group of 10).
- No news for the Grade 8 Leaving. Fall back would be something like last year - the drive through event. But the big difference is that last year, no one was in the building. This year, all the 6's and 7's are in the building. So as of now, we really don't know what will happen.
- Pro-D Day this Friday. Culturally responsive education.
- Do we want to do a school wide read next year? We will discuss.
- Kirsten & Crista spent a lot of time with the Grade 5 teachers at the feeder elementary schools. This is the initial process to determine our class structure for next year.
- We expect to have 22 divisions again next year with the same team structure. There will be some new faces due to the lay off process.
- Losing 3 staff due to seniority. Ms. Bro, Mr. Martin, Ms. Treherne.
- It will be another 3 weeks before we know who all the staff will be for next year.
- The forest classrooms have been a real saving grace this year as something to look forward to and to be excited about.
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- Kirsten:
  - We have communicated with Health Nurse about Grade 6 immunizations. They still need to review Grade 7's records to make sure no one was missed.
  - A parent from an elementary school would like to speak to the person in charge of the appreciation board so that she can learn how to do it. Annie told Kirsten to give that parent her email.
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  - Q: Will the forest require more funds next year? A: Yes, especially for some things like equipment (eg. shovels) and perhaps new structures like a ropes course or something.
  - Q: What about other areas around the school eg. the area around the basketball hoops. A: \$15,000 for pavement and basketball hoops.
  - Q: Gardening in the courtyard? A: Filled up the long planter with fresh dirt and the kids have planted vegetables in it. Some flowers planted elsewhere in the courtyard too.

6. Treasurer Report - Shannon

- Gaming Account:
  - Only a few classes have money left over (unspent).

- No money spent on Athletics.
  - About \$1,800 left on the outdoor learning space.
  - Current balance: \$11,464.83
  - General Account:
    - Quite a bit of spending since last meeting.
    - Munch-a-Lunch money: refund approx \$1,300 to parents, \$1,630 donated, \$3,300 carried over to fall.
    - 4 square, tetherball & courtyard games have not been spent.
    - Still some money left for some of the teams (eg. Eagle & Bear). Exploration teachers are now spending their allocated amounts.
    - Current balance: \$21,065.94
  - Budget for next year:
    - Gaming: expect to have approx \$9,000 carried over, Gaming Grant allocated based on student numbers. Allocated the funds to the teams (wish lists), athletics, outdoor space, t-shirts, agendas, presentations and other odds and ends.
    - General: expect to have approx \$18,000 carried over, typical fees (eg. Munch-a-Lunch), we hope to be able to run Hot Lunch next year so we've included some fundraising for that, as well as a Halloween event and Winter Market. Allocated funds to the teams and the exploration teachers (wish lists), Eagle fund and a contingency.
7. DPAC Report - Annie (Next DPAC Meeting May 26 at 7pm)
- Few presentations: the topic was future jobs in trade. The presentations are available on the DPAC websites at <https://dpac43.ca/documents-page/presentations/>
    - Train in Trades - Doug McLean: [www.43careers.com](http://www.43careers.com)
    - Youth Programs - Maureen Phung
    - Trades Access - Tamara Pongracz
    - Alternative Tech Career Paths - Charlie Loo
  - Education Planner BC - for parents to learn more about careers in trade: <https://educationplannerbc.ca/>
  - May 1st BCCPAC - Diane attended
    - Tried to replicate what an in-person AGM would be like.
    - Very good experience.
    - Got through 8 of 20 resolutions.
    - Talked about Anxiety & Mental Health in schools.
    - Would like someone to go next year because it's important to have our voice heard and to take our seat at the table.
  - May 26th DPAC AGM upcoming
  - Provincial Parent Conference - we approved to send 2 people. Diane and Nicole N will attend. Jennifer Whiteside, the Minister of Education is the opening presenter. If anyone else is interested, please email Diane.
8. Event / Volunteer Opportunity for 2020 / 2021
- Staff appreciation - Katie
    - We will be delivering coffee and Bubby to the staff on May 28th.
    - Erin posted photos of the appreciation board on the Facebook page.
  - Grade 8 Leaving - Annie, Rochelle, Mary Anne
    - Need to discuss a gift for something that the kids can take with them.

9. Anmore Green Estates Septic update - Brandie

- We have had significant progress since November.
- The 50 homeowners of AGE give full support to get this resolved.
- The Strata approved \$780,000 in costs: \$290,000 for construction costs and \$490,000 for administrative fees (including \$140,000 for statutory right of way to SD43).
- As of April 30th, the funds have been collected. Some of the costs are charged through property taxes.
- The Engineering firm has done plenty of work with City of Port Moody so they are familiar and comfortable with the situation and with working with all parties.
- Engineering drawings will be submitted to City of Port Moody by May 21st.
- There are potential availability conflicts, so we are trying to short list the tendering process.
- Geo-technical work is being completed to inform the final design.
- AGE engages with Ministry of Environment regularly so that all process and expectations are met properly.
- Emerging risks:
- 3 contracts required:
  - SD43 & AGE (terms of payments, and statutory right of way)
  - AGE & Village of Anmore (long term maintenance)
  - AGE & City of Port Moody (standard for all infrastructure projects)
- AGE is a small group of homeowners with very little weight. We've received these agreements in a very piecemeal way. They have been in the works, being drafted, since January 2020. They require discussion and engagement, they are very complicated. We received a first draft in January 2021 and an updated version in early May. Currently undertaking full review with legal counsel.
- The SD43 agreement includes a clause to indemnify SD for all past actions, not just current actions. AGE cannot accept that. It is not standard and does not make sense.
  - There are potential hurdles in the availability of all parties to review the agreements.
  - SD43 has time restraints and availability limitations. Permissions to build during the summer will not be approved if the finalized agreements are not submitted before the final board meeting on June 29th.
- So it is possible that we may have funding complete, engineering done, contractor engaged but we may not receive permission to do it.
- What can the PAC do to help? Engage with the Ministry of Education because AGE does not have a voice with Min of Education.

10. Other Business

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11. Next meeting AGM, Budget and Elections June 15 at 7pm Zoom

- All positions are open.
- Definitely need the positions of Secretary and DPAC filled as those individuals are stepping down for sure.
- Nicole N has expressed interest in taking on Secretary.
- Shannon has agreed to continue with Treasurer for one more year.

12. Adjournment

- Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Marcela seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.