



Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
7:00pm held via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Administration/Teacher

Darren Macmillan                      Kirsten Paterson                      Dionne Horacsek

PAC Executive

Lisa Cable (Co-Chair)    Katie Golbey (Vice Chair)  
Shannon von Richter (Treasurer)                              Meagan Huculak (Acting Secretary)  
Diane MacSporran (Co-Chair)                                      Sie Gal (Member at Large)  
Liora Bukofzer (DPAC Rep)    Janine Ryan (Member at Large)

Parents (email list in separate file)

Julie                                      Marcela                                      Tricia                                      Erica

Apologies

Nicole Neuman (Secretary)

**Meeting was called to order by Lisa C. at 7:02pm.**

1. Welcome – Lisa C.
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - Julie motioned to approve the agenda; Marcela seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Adopt minutes from Feb 8, 2022
  - Janine motioned to adopt the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Katie seconded the motion. It was noted that there was a small error in the minutes listing Julie Clement as a member at large. Minutes will be updated to reflect the fact that Julie is not a member at large. Lisa motioned to accept the minutes as amended all were in favour. The motion carried.
4. Dionne Horacsek, Tech. Ed.
  - Kirsten introduced Dionne Horacsek. Dionne started back at EMM in January after a parental leave. She has been teaching for 5 years. She is the STEAM teacher at EMM. STEAM is: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math
    - Currently using Microbits as a tool to extend thinking
    - STEAM is a “fun expo class”
    - Students are using the Makecode editor which simulates the Microbit online, this is partially so that if they had to go remote again the class would easily be able to do so.

- All grades are basically doing the same project with options to make it more elaborate for the 7/8. All are working on a project to make a board game using Microbit to make a die / dice.
- Science is included implicitly in the lessons when students do work such as data gathering (surveys) and data representation.
- Ms. Horacsek has a background in Art and Geography and a Masters in Comparative Media. STEAM was not something she was overtly studying or drawn to, but is something that was really interesting to her and she is excited to be doing STEAM here.
- Lisa: On behalf of the PAC thank you for the presentation.

5. Admin Report - Darren & Kirsten

- Darren:
  - Looking forward to spring break
  - Waiting for new regulations that may come March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Booked Eagle ridge pool for a week in June; 1 day per team.
  - Outlook on fieldtrips is brightening. Still avoiding buses and buildings, but we are hoping for some outings in the spring.
  - Already looking forward to an activity day in September
  - Public Speaking festival coming after Spring Break, some teams/classes participating. No numbers yet on how many are participating. Plan is to have it in the gym live with the presenters and parents able to spectate.
  - Ms. Chen is hopeful for 24h Famine; may be a possibility in May.
  - Looking toward Talents Show June 9/10. Evening for parents. Next morning to present to students. Looking forward and planning to do things in person, and taking a positive approach even if we have to dial back and do things by team or online if the situation changes.
  - Looking at lockers again after spring break. Starting with gr. 8's. Lockers are both freedom and responsibility. Somewhere to put their phones and belongings. Hard to ask them to put their phones away when they have nowhere to put their phones away.
  - Track definitely moving forward, but rugby maybe not.
  - Report cards going out Thursday via MyEd.
  - MyEd rollout started, has been going well. A few snags like for parents with kids at both EMM and the high school only getting one email but getting things sorted out. Will definitely be saving a lot of paper.
  - Cross boundary enrollment has closed. For the first time we have accepted 7 cross boundary students. Brining us to 545 students. Well down from 615, 2 years ago. 21 divisions. May not need portables in 3-5 years, but there are a couple of very small classrooms in the school (the fish bowl!) that would get converted to learning support first.
  - Ms. Oak is Leaving at Spring Break for parental leave. Ms. Allen is coming to replace her after spring break.
  - Moving into Gr. 5 Welcome! Parent night for Gr. 5 parents End of April. We are hopeful they can do Gr. 6 for a morning end of June, we were able to get a common day for all the gr. 6. We really hope that works as it's super important.
  - Hopeful to get the Gr. 8 over to Heritage as it is super important to make that connection.

- Kirsten:
  - Fire Drill tomorrow – dismissal from the field.
  - Hot lunch, Ms. Chen organized all the ambassadors for food delivery.

6. Treasurer Report – Shannon

- Totals: Genera: \$21,710.57                      Gaming: \$10,321.53
- Expenses: Black History Month presentation, intermural equipment; magnetic tape
- Gaming; spent money from all teachers wish lists so far and some from athletics. There is still some money set aside for: Famine breakfast, Minecraft Club and Random Acts of Caring.
- Library has gotten some new books, and Mr. Christensen has gotten a Logitech wireless presenter.
- Total coming in from the 2 hot lunches is about \$3500 less expenses for the first hot lunch we're at \$2600. Note that the expenses from the second hot lunch are yet to be realized so the estimated revenue from the hot lunches at this point is \$1500.
- Teachers have been busy spending and getting items from their wish list, but not everything has been submitted to the PAC, so those should be coming through soon.
- Munch credits have been reduced by about \$500. Some still remains. We hope this can be reduced further other hot lunches. Anything left at the end of the year we will reach out to parents will 3 choices: carry over for a student still in the school next year, refund cheque, or donate to the PAC. Any of the credits that can be spend on hot lunch will reduce the amount of cheques we have to write out at the end of the year.
- Discussion was had about teacher spending/wish lists and smaller purchases vs big budget items. Decision was made to keep the process the same for the coming year but to work with Darren and Kirsten to discuss how budgeting may work in the future and what types of bigger budget items vs smaller items the teams may be looking at. Further discussion tabled until the fall.
- Discussion was had about teacher spending/wish lists and how PAC might support teachers in understanding the process and how Gaming funds can be used. Shannon will work with Darren to organize a time for her to attend a staff meeting in April or send a presentation package for teachers.

7. DPAC Report – Liora Bukofzer

- Reporting on DPAC Meeting held February 23th
- Meetings are starting to move to Hybrid and in-person.
- Schools are starting to have more volunteers
- Municipal elections are coming next fall
- Guest speaker, Stephanie Maki District Principal of Indigenous Education
  - Spoke about her background, Indian Act, working with indigenous youth
- Article on Child and teen sleep in the pandemic.
- Article on 7 things Teens need from parents.
- Foundry mental health services for kids.
- Next meeting is March 30th, not sure on Hybrid or in person.

## 8. Events

- Munch-a-Lunch (Lisa on behalf of Sheryl):
  - Some bins were purchased to deliver hot lunches to classrooms. This was approved by exec as it was a time sensitive decision. Bins will be used for this and future lunches.
  - Anticipated profit from this hot lunch is \$1500 as mentioned by Shannon
  - April date was reserved for "Treat day" parents in attendance were polled as to whether they would still like a treat day or another hot lunch day. Majority voted for another hot lunch day with perhaps the suggestion of a treat option included. Will be passed on to Hot Lunch organizers.
  - Sheryl has sent out an extensive email with rules and timeline to support parent volunteers for a smooth role out of this week's hot lunch.
  
- Gr. 8 Leaving (Diane)
  - Parents met, some very keen parents have volunteered for various positions!
  - Holding off on decision making until more is known about the Covid situation after Spring Break
  - Poll on event has been done with the gr. 8 students (Dance, Carnival and Memento/Towel/Blanket options presented) Carnival received strongest support.
  - Next meeting Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>
  
- Staff Appreciation (Diane)
  - Suggestion was made to host Teacher appreciation lunch on May Pro D Day
  - Volunteers to organize Luncheon: Kristine, Diane, Meagan, Marcella, Katie, Sie
  - Catered, Decorations, rented china all suggested.
  - We have a budget line item, but may also solicit monetary and décor donations from parents but not food from a Covid safety standpoint.

## 9. Other Business

- Next meeting will be offered as a hybrid in person and online.

## 10. Adjournment

- Lisa C motioned to adjourn; Shannon seconded; all in favour.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm
- The next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022