



Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
7:00pm held in school library & simultaneously on Zoom

Attendance:

Administration Teacher

Darren Macmillan Kirsten Paterson Jarod Fong
James McConville

PAC Executive

Diane M (Co-chair) Shannon V (Treasurer)
Sie G (Member at Large)

Parents

Julie Sharon Erin Natalie

Online via Zoom

Lisa C (Co-chair/Acting Secretary) Liora B (DPAC Rep)
Dena Shannon Rena Dawn Sheryl Oliwia Sepideh

Apologies

Katie G (Vice chair) Janine R (Member at Large)
Nicole N (Secretary)

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

1. Welcome – Diane M.
2. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Julie motioned to adopt the agenda; Shannon V seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Adopt minutes from March 8, 2022.
 - a. Julie motioned to adopt the minutes of the meeting held March 8, 2022; Sharon seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
4. James McConville and Jarod Fong, Mountain Bike Club
 - a. The club started a few years ago and is again now up and running for this school year.
 - b. The purpose is not to have create a competitive atmosphere but rather a mountain biking community.
 - c. They currently meet two days a week: Tuesdays after school for trail building and Wednesday mornings to ride (7:30am).



- d. The teachers will also take time to share information about bike & trail maintenance and safety & well-being while riding.
 - e. If the weather is very rainy the club will need to be cancelled, but otherwise it will proceed as scheduled.
 - f. The trail building will include the first mountain bike trail built on school district property.
 - g. Information regarding the club has been shared with students via word of mouth and school-wide announcements. Communication with students in the club is through MS Teams.
 - h. On ride days, bikes can be stored in a locked storage room in the gym.
 - i. Further to this, Darren is trying to get a security camera installed out front of the building for safety and to encourage more students to ride their bikes to school.
 - i. HWSS has a mountain bike club and course. Plans for the future include connecting with them.
 - j. PAC can support with funds for some basic tools (cost to be provided by teachers).
 - k. The club will likely run from now until May long weekend
 - l. If viable with covid rules, they may try to run a bike festival with some other middle schools at the end of the season.
 - m. First get together was today and had 12 kids (7 boys/5 girls) and some parents helping out.
5. Admin Report – Darren & Kirsten
- a. It's been a busy time of year since spring break.
 - i. The kids energy is high, maybe partially to covid regulations being loosened.
 - b. Grade 7 learning surveys just finished.
 - i. These are an attachment to the FSA's and ask kids how they're feeling about learning, feeling safe in the school, connections in the building, what they want in terms of extra curriculars.
 - ii. All parents will also have a chance to complete with their feedback which goes back to the district.
 - iii. To encourage parents to complete the survey, PAC can post to social media to remind them and let them know their feedback will be received and read.
 - c. Next week:
 - i. Grade 5 parent meeting in gym on Wednesday night at 7pm with an online option.
 - ii. 2 x early dismissals – 1:30pm on Wednesday & Thursday.
 - 1. Staff have discussed the goal of connecting home life & school life...one step is having parents coming into the building with their kids which will happen with Student Led Conferences on the early dismissal days.
 - d. Field trips are being booked.
 - i. Teachers are trying to find outdoor options that are safe and easy to follow covid protocols.



- e. Eagle Ridge Pool is booked for the last week of school so each team can have a day to go.
 - f. Had all the kids in the gym for a presentation for the first time since pre-covid.
 - i. Kids were well behaved and it went well .
 - g. Outdoor Club, Track & Field, Badminton Club all gearing up.
 - i. Rugby is not likely to happen this spring.
 - h. No district track meet this year.
 - i. The school is hoping we can maybe gather a couple of middle schools together and have a mini-meet.
 - i. Kirsten has been booking to go into Elementary schools to meet Grade 5's.
 - j. All high school counsellors were over talking to teachers about grade 8's moving over.
 - k. Friendly reminder that covid is still present.
 - i. 2 days this week there were not enough TOC's and Darren & Kirsten were filling in with teaching.
 - ii. Otherwise, attendance is fairly flat. There seems to be a flu as well as covid going around currently.
 - iii. Still asking kids to be careful and safe.
 - l. Pro-D day next Friday.
 - i. Indigenous focus for teacher learning which Kirsten will be leading.
 - ii. Darren will be working with a group of middle school teachers on assessment & grading practices (around not using letter grades).
 - 1. District requires all grade K's – 9 being letter grade-less by September 2023.
 - a. Want to ensure that everyone on the same page in terms of how this works & looks
 - m. Now that covid protocols are loosening, still seeing some kids struggling in a variety of ways.
 - i. Important for us to be together as a community and to start to do things again that we were doing before covid.
 - n. Lockers: ready to go after Easter.
- Discussions ensued regarding Indigenous education component (high school) and capstone projects (for grade 12's).
6. DPAC report – as provided/presented by Diane M attached at the end of these Meeting Minutes
7. Treasurer's Report – Shannon V
- a. Gaming account current balance: \$9,229.59.
 - i. Wish lists are going well and teachers are spending.
 - b. General account current balance: \$19,870.09.
 - i. Minecraft Club had to be moved from Gaming to General account.
 - ii. Hot lunch money has mostly come in for April.
 - 1. Revenue so far just under \$3k and spent about \$2400 for April hot lunch day.



2. A number of parents still have credits available (\$800 used up and \$1200 remaining).
3. After May hot lunch we will have to contact parents to see how they want to deal with remaining credits.
4. So far made about \$1600 from hot lunch.

8. Events

- a. Hot Lunch: About 301 orders for April hot lunch this week.
- b. Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony – Diane
 - i. Student survey resulted in a vote for a ceremony & carnival.
 - ii. A number of carnival games have already been reserved and a few more are being looked into.
 - iii. Still waiting on what food will look like based on covid protocols.
 - iv. Need to still give thought as to what will happen in the courtyard after the ceremony.
 1. We already have a red carpet and a photo booth.
 - v. A couple of fundraisers are setup:
 1. Cob's Bread has offered a good kickback if we shop on Wednesday's in May.
 2. Me & Ed's pizza night again (May 5th).
 - vi. There was a request for Kirsten to survey students to suggest songs for a playlist.
 1. There are a group of grade 7 kids that do tech support that could create the playlist and run the music.
- c. Staff appreciation – Diane M
 - i. Christine P is heading up food for this event which will be a catered lunch on the May 20th pro-d day.
 - ii. Secrets were shared regarding a possible gift for the staff but shall remain out of the minutes so as to keep the secret. 😊

9. Other Business

- a. New school food guidelines – as presented/provided by Julie C.
 - i. Guidelines will apply to all K-12 schools but are NOT mandated, rather the gold standard for healthy food options.
 - ii. They recognize all schools are unique and it's up to schools or school districts to decide on how/whether to implement the guidelines.
 - iii. Fundraising (by PACs) should NOT be an excuse to serve unhealthy food options.
 - iv. Guidelines apply to all food that is SOLD, ie hot lunches, cafeterias, vending machines, movie nights etc.
 - v. Rules have been simplified to just 2 categories - foods to sell & foods to avoid.
 1. Foods that are not allowed now include: foods with artificial sweeteners, processed meats including deli meats & hot dogs, 100% juices & sweetened milks/milk alternatives, cookies, cakes, candies, etc...



- vi. They will NOT be able to police food brought from home, and teachers will be reminded of this!
- vii. It's also not a teaching tool, there are other food programs for that.
- viii. Schools/districts may decide to focus on one area for improvement – ie. the drinks that are for sale, the products in the vending machines etc.
- ix. They are not saying pizza days can't happen, but they'd encourage only offering a wholegrain crust and extra veggies added onto the pizza.
- x. There was a request for resources to be provided – ie. ideas for better vending machine foods, "approved" hot lunch vendors who meet the criteria etc.
 - 1. Longer term there may be possible partnerships with approved vendors.
- b. Upcoming Election – Diane M
 - i. All Executive Positions are open.
 - ii. Encourage people to start thinking about who could be on next year's PAC and if you can be involved in some way.

10. Adjournment

- a. Diane motioned to adjourn, Julie seconded, all in favour.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.
- c. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022 and will again be both in person and on Zoom.



DEPAC REPORT by Diane M

Superintendent's Report (gshong@sd43.bc.ca)

- Provincial Truth and Reconciliation Day Sept. 30, 2022 students will not be in session. School calendar has been amended to reflect this. file:///Users/Diane/Downloads/2022-23%20School%20Calendar_Amended.pdf
- Covid Changes
 - Masks are no longer required but are a choice of the wearer.
 - No capacity limits as of April 8th.
 - Visitors and spectators are now included (see Capacity limits)
 - Visitors to school will sign in and out; no longer contact tracing.
 - Field trips resume but only to places in which all students may participate regardless of vaccine status or choice about masks.
 - Planning for year-end events and graduations may begin in cooperation with Principal.
- High School Assessment impacts across the district. Ensuring students can write in April and again in June if need to increase mark for secondary school admissions.

2022-2023 District Budgeting meeting

Tuesday, April 19.

Information about the District budgeting process can be accessed online

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/MeetingsMinutes/Agendas/2021%2004%2012%20Public%20Board%20Meeting%20Agenda.pdf>

Or through D.Macmillan's email April 8, called Secretary-Treasurer's Message to Parents re: 2022-2023 Budget and Multi-Year Fiscal Plan.

BC Gaming Grant-

Applications are open now. April 1-June 30

New: This is the last year that PACs will be able to use gaming funds for scholarships and bursaries.

DPAC Newsletter

<https://dpac43.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/DPAC-Pulse-March-2022.pdf>

includes details of the guests from Foundry.ca.; links to past guests and resources eg. CrossRoads Hospice Society; and other health related tips; information re: Proposed 2022 BC School Food Guidelines.

[Foundry.BC guest speakers.](#)



Youth ages 12-24 across the province of BC are able to access scheduled and drop-in counselling & peer support, groups, substance use services, primary care and employment services by downloading the Foundry BC app.

At the BCCPAC Conference, Foundry guests will go into detail describing the various services offered by Foundry Virtual BC and invite time for attendees to partake in a Q & A at the end of the presentation.

Something I learned: Foundry offers Youth Drop-in Service Tues-Thurs 2-6pm. Sign into account; be put in a waiting room; youth have option to text, speak off screen or speak onscreen.

Caregiver support drop in sessions are Wednesdays 6:30-8pm.

BCCPAC

- Conference and AGM have moved to a virtual format due to low registration.
- Virtual Conference is now available for \$35! Amazing speakers.
- Register here: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/conference-agm/registration>
- Presentations from 2021 Parent Conference <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/1011-2021-conf-presentations>
- Education Sector Consultation on Proposed 2022 BC School Food Guidelines <https://healthyschoolsbc.ca/guidelinesconsultation/>

Important dates

- Next DPAC meeting Wednesday, 25th April
- DPAC elections May 25th at AGM
- Parent Education:
 - April 27th Exploring Ways to Improve Outcomes for Children in the Tri-Cities
 - May 4th Exploring Resilience, Barriers and the Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic
- BCCPAC Parent virtual Conference April 29th \$35 apply now.
- BCCPAC AGM April 30th and May 1st free