



Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting

Tuesday January 16, 2024

7pm at Eagle Mountain Middle and on zoom

Amendment to minutes after February 13, 2024 meeting – correction to attendance

Attendance in person:

Administration

Andrew Graham

Kirsten Paterson

Misty Askew

PAC

Aimee H

Jane W

Jenn M

Jill K

Julie C

Katie G

Oscar G

Rena H

Stephanie L

Attendance online:

Amy W

Angela S

Atania K

Maria W

Mariatta W

Miranda J

Meeting was called to order by Katie at 7:01pm.

1. Approval of agenda – motion by Julie, seconded by Jane
2. Land Acknowledgement – Katie
3. Approval of minutes from December 5, 2023 - motion by Steph, seconded by Julie

4. Admin Report – Andrew & Kirsten

Vice Principal Kirsten Paterson Departing & Incoming VP Misty Askew

Kirsten thanked EMM for their acceptance and for the team work together with parents and community

Katie thanked Kirsten, acknowledged Kirsten's lead role in the outdoor school, Kirsten felt like a friend as soon as she started, she will be missed

Andrew introduced incoming VP Misty Askew

- Misty shared she has been working with SD43 since 2000, she has children who have attended SD43 schools; she worked at Como Lake Middle School for 4 years, Scott Creek Middle School for 17 years, Minnehada Middle School for 3 years
- She loves working with adolescents, supporting leadership, excited to work in Thunderbird community, feel free to reach out

Andrew thanked Kirsten for helping him learn about EMM, and wishes her well for her time at Minnehada; welcome to Misty, looking forward to working together

EMM 10-year Anniversary

Jenn Moody – Team Leader of Wolf, 10-year Anniversary Committee Chair

- Invitation to PAC to attend
- May or June afternoon event with students – assembly type event

- Kids will make a tile, legacy piece, overall mosaic
- Legacy – name on outside of building
- Evening event with stakeholders
- Music program – Sharon Ipe wants to involve choir and band; possibly past students
- Powerpoint to show students past and present
- Katie suggests PAC can budget for a contribution – for further discussion
- Andrew is meeting with artist next week to create a mural for the gym, possible to unveil at event to celebrate 10 years; potential for PAC to contribute to this
- Kirsten reminds of desire for sign at entry by the outdoor classrooms “EMM property”; parent suggests district environmental learning staff could help/advise with sign

Kirsten:

- basketball up and running
- table board games after school Wednesdays
- sign language club running
- rainbow pride club running at lunch
- drama club has asked if HWSS students would facilitate over lunch so kids can put on a play
- Black history month
 - o black excellence day yesterday
 - o staff put a call out to black students to talk about how school can do better, teach better; 3 students volunteered to give feedback - they think what school is already doing is good and keep moving in that direction; students have empathy for others learning, all on a learning journey
 - o The “n” word – need to teach kids about that word and why they shouldn’t use it
 - o Parent expressed appreciation for staff having these conversations
 - o staff want to create cultural group and to create classroom opportunity for kids to identify who they are and share with each other

Andrew:

- thank you to Jane for all her work on Winter Market activity – a wonderful experience
- enrollment going down next year by about 20-25 students 170 each grade level, 150-155 grade 6’s coming in; trend with lower enrollment each year
- Parent question about portables, Andrew hopes to get rid of them

5. Treasurer’s Report – Steph

- Gaming grant = \$10,940 (based on student population), budget similar to last year
- Operating budget = \$13,661
- Winter Market \$14,000 revenue; expenses \$5,967 (Yah Jane!) Profit \$8,000
- Munchalunch revenue projections reduced because of late start
- \$11,000 - last year’s parent donations to gr. 8 leaving
- Katie suggests one call for donations with both ceremony and celebration event; if event is after hours, Andrew suggests separating the donation request as not all students will attend events outside of school hours

6. Other Business

Grade 8 Leaving Committee

- Interested parents please email PAC, call to go out
- Steph requests that committee send her their working budget
- For discussion: June 25 after ceremony party at Site B, DJ Rock n Beau, or Cultus Lake
- Gr.7 parents – last year put on food spread for the ceremony; Jill will send volunteer schedule from last year; this year maybe just set up and tear down if no food; Admin can put call out for gr7 parent volunteers

PAC closet

- needs to be cleaned out due to mice droppings

Winter Market

- thanks to Jane who organized, curated crafts, organized volunteers

Hot Lunch

- thank you to Oscar for organizing
- Oscar has updated the divisions in munchalunch
- need more volunteers to distribute, email PAC if interested
- Katie suggests contacting Wendy Chen about ambassadors helping out with lunch

Nourished

- nutritional education for kids
- \$15/student; PAC can contribute
- Andrew will talk to Michelle M and consult with team leaders next week; student activity funds could also go towards this initiative
- 541 students

Passive fundraising

- Cobs liquor store
- Bottle depot
- Yerika to send out info on all initiatives currently set up

7. DPAC Report – Maria

- Discussed at the November DPAC meeting
 - o New district position: District Principal of Diversity and Anti-Racism who is meeting with administrators and DPAC
 - o Assistant Superintendent reported on session hosted explaining programs of choice – French immersion, Montessori, Mandarin, etc
 - o Holistic Nutrition for Families presentation by guest speaker Krista Parr– emphasized balanced meals with whole foods
 - o The Gaming commission is sending out inquiries to understand process of PAC's and to offer supports
 - o Next meeting January 31, 2024 via Zoom

8. Adjournment

- Adjourn 8:23pm