

École Maillard Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6th, 7:00 PM

In attendance:

Ida Tam, Kaori Kawamoto, Angela Harrison, Erica Gjaltema (Chair), Megan Lockhart (acting Secretary), Jane Straker Gray (Treasurer)

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 19:07

2. Adoption of December 2022 Minutes and February 2023 Agenda

2.1. MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes

MOVED BY: Kaori Kawamoto

SECONDED: Megan Lockhart

2.2. MOTION: Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY: Angela Harrison

SECONDED: Megan Lockhart

3. Call for new items

3.1. Outstanding Items from Previous meetings:

3.1.1. Secretary position full until December 2022

Megan Lockhart volunteered to fill the Secretary position until the end of the year.

3.1.2. Principal's approval of Fundraising Letter to parents

Letter is approved and will be sent back to Erica for circulation. This may not be circulated until next year.

3.1.3. Gaming grant status

Treasurer provided an update on the Gaming Grant application for 2022/2023 school year: It has not been received yet, but still in process. We have money remaining in the gaming grant account from previous years (~\$1500).

3.1.4. Option to donate hot lunch funds for students with financial needs

Kaori Kawamoto has experience with fundraising for this purpose and suggested we add an item to each hot lunch menu to donate money to a "CARES" fund that would help a child with financial needs. It was suggested that Lisa (Youth Worker), who is aware of the kids that might benefit from this fund, could create a Munch a Lunch account and would be able to order food for those who might most need it. Our principal suggested that we discuss this with Lisa first before starting the fundraising, but was in favour of the initiative.

3.1.5. Installation of new Water Filling Stations

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Tristan McCutcheon has received quotes for the filling stations of ~\$5000 each. He would like to install one on the 3rd floor as many classrooms would benefit. The school can cover the cost, but would like to see if PAC could help offset the cost.

A motion to use the remainder of the funds from the current gaming grant account (~\$1500) to help pay for the 3rd floor filling station was approved.

- 3.1.6. Option to change school photographer as Life Touch was very slow
Photographer has changed several times over the last few years. All photographers have their issues. Life Touch operates out of Winnipeg, which could explain the slow response time. Life Touch has been satisfying the needs for the school, but if PAC would like to pursue another photographer the school would comply.
- 3.1.7. Sports Cart is now in use, paid for by PAC (~\$1000) and the kids have been enjoying it.
- 3.1.8. Vancity Community Fund
Kaori Kawamoto has experience on the Alderson PAC, which recently received a grant from Vancity just because they asked. We should look into applying for this in the next school year.

4. Principal's Report

- 4.1. Motorization of basketball hoops
This is underway and should be complete by the end of the week. PAC funds are no longer required.
- 4.2. Sports Update
 - Basketball team has been playing their first few games and looks forward to their upcoming Jamboree
 - Wrestling team has had their first few meets and will be hosting a meet at Maillard Feb 16
- 4.3. Activities and Clubs Update
 - Kids Can Theater looking forward to their upcoming performance of The Lorax on Feb 23
 - Art Club with Ms. Munday is meeting once a month after school
 - Sign Language Club led by one of our EAs is held every Monday at Lunch
 - Gardening Club
 - Gay-Straight alliance
- 4.4. Ms. Nichols acting principal position at Rochester Elementary has been extended until Spring Break. A TOC on contract is filling the role of acting Vice Principal.
- 4.5. Grade 7/8s are excited for the Quebec Trip coming up this month
- 4.6. Grade 8s have completed their visits to their highschoools and are excited for their next chapter.

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5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1. Several Hot Lunches coming up - our main source of fundraising
- 5.2. Currently ~\$5000 in the Operating Account. Several cheques are to be paid out this month: ~\$1000 to Sports Cart, End of Year Staff gifts

6. Budget

No topics up for discussion

7. New Business

- 7.1. Fundraising Ideas:
 - Purdy's at Easter: PAC agreed to give it a try. Megan Lockhart will create account. We will advertise in the Newsletter. Cut off will be most likely March 10, before Spring Break.
 - Epicure: Megan Lockhart has an Epicure contact. The fundraising item would be a \$25 meal kit (for 5 fast meals, plus dessert), \$10 from each kit sold goes directly to PAC. Will run this fundraiser after Spring Break.
 - Hot Lunch meal ideas: Mary Browns fried chicken, A&W (Como Lake location), Pizza Pizza (larger slices)
- 7.2. Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Tentatively scheduled for June 14 or 15. In the past PAC has ordered lunch from local restaurant Jamilla's with huge success. We will order from them again, PAC will pick up and deliver to the staff.
- 7.3. The Entrepreneur Fair was received really well.
 - Potential miscommunication about where the money raised went (which charities and some to the Bears Team?).
- 7.4. Some concerns were raised about the different activities organised in each team:
 - Do all students receive a similar learning experience?
Activities are organised by the individual Team Leaders.
 - Are there established learning goals?
Typically, the activities are designed to be focused on team-building, physical exercise, or could be engaging activities linked with the curriculum.
- 7.5. DPAC update: Cross Catchment versus sibling status at cross-catchment application process was clarified. Both need to be applied for.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:23.