



# École Montgomery Middle School

## PAC Meeting via Zoom

### Agenda: April 13, 2021

**Attendees:** Suyong Jang, Manjit Herar, Deana McLean, Sarah Husband, Michelle Wong, Linda Intihar, Christine Friend, Shelley Frick, Sabine Sasakura, Kori Gillanders, Kim Cameron

**Regrets:**

1. **Motion to Adopt Agenda:**
2. **Welcome & Introductions:**
  - Please use chat to write your first and last name for the secretary to record attendance
  - Please use chat for any questions you may have for PAC or administration so we can ensure they are answered
3. **Approval of March 9, 2021 Minutes:** Manjit approves and Christine second.
4. **President's Message: Linda Intihar**
  - Hope everyone had a good Spring Break. Welcome to any parents/guardians attending for the first time.
  - Glad that parents are emailing and asking questions. Parents are looking at the webpage and we are reaching out to grade 5 parents coming in.
  - 2 big holes need to be filled, chair and secretary. Without a PAC executive, we will dissolve and we don't want that to happen. Roles can be shared. Please talk to friends or new parents coming in. We work together as a team so no one is left to do it all. Please keep that in mind. Current Nominations are as follows:
    - PAC Chair: No Nominations
    - Secretary: No Nominations

- Treasurer: Kim Cameron
- DPAC: Sabine Sasakura
- Members at Large: Manjit Herar, Christine Friend

#### **5. Treasurer's Report: Kim Cameron**

- If PAC dissolves, this will have a huge impact on the school and students. There are so many things involved that we will not be able to run or do. If we don't have PAC, we cannot apply for a gaming grant, which pays for technology, sports equipment and many more things.

- **Budget Update**

- a. Gaming - no changes from last month
- b. General - only cheque went out (not processed) \$200 kidsports donation (this will come out from gaming account - will reissue the cheque from gaming account)
- c. \$111.10 - fundscrip donation still with them (will have more info next month)
- d. School account - parent donation @ \$2045 - huge thank you to all parents who donated.
- e. Other
  - Need to write cheques to school for:
    - Grade 8 leaving gifts from general account \$600
    - \$5000 for Technology out of gaming
    - Kidsport Donation from gaming account
  - Was anyone able to listen to the zoom workshop regarding the Community Gaming Grant application for next year? - hosted by BCCPAC about a new gaming grant this upcoming year. Linda will reach out to BCCPAC about the information.

- **Fiscal Year End**

#### **6. DPAC Report: Sabine Sengmueller**

- Wasn't able to attend the April 7th meeting but will attend the next meeting.
- Budget meeting for the district is happening as we speak.
- April 20th is public commentary - remote meetings.

- April 27th - school district budget approval.
- May 11th - initiative from New Westminster District called "Parents Night Out" put on by Jessie Miller - internet safety workshop called "Entering your child's online world" - explore how it's changed especially for middle school students during the pandemic - sign up on DPAC page on Facebook.
- All info on DPAC Facebook page.
- AGM coming up soon also on the Monty PAC website.

#### **7. Member-at-Large Report: Janice Doege, Manjit Herar, Christine Friend**

- Constitution Renewal - Manjit
  - Reviewed the sample constitution. It's very different than ours in terms of language, layout, even our name isn't updated.
  - Drafted a word document to be in line with the sample - for example what we want our current mandate to be and what we want to achieve?
  - If everyone can have a chance to review it and we can have a discussion on it at the next meeting.
- Safety - Janice: not in attendance
- Christine - with district speeches coming up, is there a link for parents to watch? -there may be some options, will follow up with the coordinator.

#### **8. Tabled Business/ Follow ups:**

- **Me&Ed's Fundraiser** - All set to go for April 15 - can be advertise to anyone
- Earthquake Preparedness - possible goal for 21/22

#### **9. New Business:**

#### **10. Administration report: Ms. Husband and Ms. McLean**

- **School update**

##### **Deana:**

- we wanted to keep with tradition so we will be having our **traditional dog show**. Send in pictures with their dogs. Will have an after school event, awards for best trick, best sleeper, etc...

Student gov't thought of maybe a cat show or general pet?

Unique ways of trying to get kids involved.

- Usually go to visit the **grade 5 students** but this year is a video of a tour of our school.

Incoming grade 5 parents night about the basic of middle school

Several former students from their elementary school were included so they could ask them questions and see familiar faces.

Created kahoot to play in their classroom and to get to know them.

- This whole week is the **Terry Fox Run** - it's nice and warm so make sure students bring enough water. Donations can be made through cash online or toonie bins in the classroom. Decorated little shoes and talking about them. Terry fox wear on Friday.

**Sarah:**

- **Next year's enrollment** projection is 450 students, 12 Neighbourhood, 2 Montessori, 5 Late French Immersion - not certain for sure, depends on staffing, but down from 480.
- **Shoutout to Christine** for shopping weekly for the lunch program. It's very helpful and the need is growing.
- **Yearbook** due end of the month.
  - Yearbooks for those who didn't purchase one - we have in the past but we didn't put it in the budget. Some families choose not to and some cannot manage but we do try our best to.
- **April 23rd is district professional day.** Workshop on equality. Focus is on indigenous education - district virtual workshop and then break out as school staff.
- Before spring break hit we further **reinforced expectations** with safety measures (ie hand hygiene, distancing etc.) and when we came back, we've been even more on around hands to self, separation, staying on the right side of the hall. Mask mandate changed for them. It used to be they could take off their masks for a break at their desk but now

everyone needs to be with a mask unless they are eating. Even that has changed as everyone must be seated and facing forward.

- **Grade 8s leaving** - planning has started. What's unknown is what will June look like for us? Plans are to only be in the class cohorts. Right now it is looking like it'll be done class by class and having time with them through the courtyard with a balloon arch. We're trying to see how we can make it special for them. In order to do this the current plan will be the day of pick up report card (after the last day of school) Hopefully, more substantial than last year. Asking the student govt, what would be appreciated?

Some grade 8s worried about high school.

No parents for now for the grade 8s leaving.

Class event only.

Can it be on teams to see some friends? - still early planning stages. Last year there were videos.

If things change, we will go with the changes. Our goal is to make it as normal as possible. Plan for the worse, hope for the best.

- **Outside equipment** getting broken - some pickleball racquet broke easily; therefore, not eager to replace. Looking for durable equipment. We are making sure the equipment is being taken cared of, sanitized, put away. Teaching the kids to take care of the equipment and keeping it in good condition. Sometimes the ball does go on the roof but the vast majority doing the right thing and some of course doing deliberately. It's a balance. Some kids are struggling especially with the pandemic, either unstable at home, financially, or mental health, so sometimes we need to let certain things go.
- **Lots of appreciation from parents to Sarah, Deana, and staff.**
- **PAC role** can be as big or little as you want it to be. It can be done anyway. The min. would be to get the gaming grant as this is beneficial to the students.

**11. Next Meeting: AGM May 11, 2021 @ 7 p.m.**

**12. Adjournment: April 13, 2021 @ 8:20pm**