



École Montgomery Middle School

PAC

Agenda: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Attendees: Deana McLean, Linda Intihar, Michelle Wong, Kori Gillanders, Sarah Husband, Sholeh Khayat; Kim Cameron

1. **7:10pm Welcome & Introductions:** Second Virtual meeting: introduction and updating
2. **Approval of April 2020 Minutes:** pass by everyone
3. **President's Message: Linda Intihar**
 - a. Just wanted to thank everyone...the community getting to the next level to where we need to be. Parents are finding they are very supported. Curious to see how June will look. Will work through as need be.
 - b. Gift cards, written and needs to purchase but ready to go - suggestion to support the local community. Kori suggested Langley Farms, which is close to the school and does gift cards.
4. **Treasurer's Report: Kim Cameron and Gloria Uribe**
 - a. Budget Update - See Financial Report - working together to finish the gaming report by end of June. Talked about a cheque written from general account that should actually come out of gaming. We can write a cheque from gaming to reimburse the general account - just need to have the receipt from where the money went to (everyone is okay with that).
 - i. Gaming Account: see report
 - ii. General Account: see report
5. **DPAC Report: NIL**
 - a. See email notes from Linda (DPAC had a zoom meeting)
6. **Fundraising Reports:**
 - a. Keeping with Hotlunch.net for 2020/2021 year (have not renewed yet but option to renew it) Kim will coordinate that. - some students will have credits on their accounts.

Gr. 6/7 students coming back will have them rolled over but the Gr. 8s - we will have to either write cheques or parents can donate that to the school. Kim will send out an email to find out from those families and if we don't hear back that will be used as a donation.

- b. With the hot lunch website, delete all students at the end of the school year. Anyone who has a credit will have it forwarded to September. In September, everyone will re-register. That way we know who is at the school and who has moved on.
- c. As long as the parents re-register with the same email, there will be a credit for them if they have one.
- d. Still looking for a Hot Lunch coordinator for 2020/2021.

7. Member-at-Large Report: Lilybeth Moreno, Janice Doege

8. New Business:

9. Administration report: Ms. Husband and Deana:

A lot is happening:

- Grade 5s welcoming - visiting the classrooms at the Elementary through teams, chat with the students, intro to Monty, some former students from their school also joined. Trying to make middle school less scary for them. Students answer the questions from the gr. 5s. Can see students' faces through video chat. Small group of students did come in for a tour. See our website for the 2 videos. It would've been better with more students but it was at the beginning of the lockdown so only had one student. (Kim - enjoyed the connections to the Gr. 5s) Welcome any feedback. Did meetings with all the teachers,, counselor and had articulation of everyone coming in.
- Grade 8 leaving - clear language on what we are allowed and not allowed to do. Lots of rules and regulations from the Public Health Officer. Other kids will pick up their report cards in the courtyard yard - have an appointment system (can be parents or students). Grade 8s will come into the school. There will be a photobooth set up and their teachers will be there to congratulate them and have a nice photos with them. Will pick up their yearbooks too. A few teachers had made handmade cards for every grade 8 and will have personal notes to them. Look at also including a small gift (not sure what) but a nice way to help the students have a special feeling of that day and the small event. Grade 8 video but it's complex because need special permission from parents and unless there's 100% permission from parents, it will be hard to make the video. Possible suggestions for gifts would be chocolates - but would like something to give the students. Another idea is some kind of memento. In the past PAC allocated \$600 - maybe a water bottle with Monty logo but not sure what the budget is. Generally it's not a school event and typically there's a gr. 8 parent committee that comes up with ideas. We'll throw it out to the gr. 8 parents. PAC is willing to donate at a reasonable amount (ie \$200/300). Kim as a grade 8 parent would be willing to pitch in and other parents would probably too. Everyone wants to have it special for them too.

- Another thing to touch base is what would it look like if our kids did come to school - (screen was shared of a map) - haven't sent this yet until numbers are finalized. For the kids who are coming, every group will have different access to the school. Three of the entry points on this map are shown. Kids will come in, wash their hands, be in the classroom and go out another door. It will be a one way flow. All the outside places will have spray marking and everyone will know where to stand. EA will be out supervising and making sure they are social distancing. Constant supervision throughout the day while they are there. Lots of supervision outside, in class and hallways. Teachers are in pairs. Also, need to plan for the Fall in the event that we still need to keep the same protocols. Outdoor play - 2 looks thru the day 1) with their class (online classmates too) 2) outdoor time with their class will have badminton, frisbee, spike balls, basketball courts, track, gravel field, grass field - classes will book these set spaces to go with their class. Lunch will be staggered so fewer kids. There will be sidewalk chalk, bubbles. Big part is social distancing and hand washing, doing it in a safe and responsible way. That will bring them a sense of joy and happiness but won't be the same. Move behind the computer screen. Want the kids to have confidence at school and to know school will be safe. Want kids to come into school in the Fall to have confidence coming in. A way for them to have closure with teachers and friends. Drop off and pick up needs to be just the kids and parents not coming in. Staff will be outside to help. Kids who are coming in now are getting training. 126 kids right now signed up. But at any one time, cannot be more than 25% at a time. New behaviour in an old setting. 126 kids divided into the 4 days. Families can opt in or out.
- Kids who are coming in right now are kids needing more time. Starting next week some kids will be coming in 2 days but most are 1 day. School has a committee to review for the students whose teachers feel the kids are struggling.
- Now the challenge is how to be around others in a safe and responsible way. As we come together, we will have to come together differently. Public education system to help teach those roles. September is not really in our control. Have to focus on the now; otherwise, it could add to our anxiety. Continue to focus the here and now. Primary focus is making June successful for kids.
- Moved proD from June to May (this Friday). So students aren't losing their day in June.
- Did the articulation with the High school. Normally in August, there's a chance to go in and get their timetables but this year will be different. Their focus is on the grade 12s right now but should have a letter out for the gr 8s soon.
- Suggestion for Mrs. Husband and Ms. McLean to pop into teams. Students miss seeing them. Another suggestion is for them to pop in the expo clubs so there might be less pressure. Every expo teacher has been providing one on one or small groups to help with the kids who need help. Art teacher or Librarian help with the technology. Nice to share to the parents how our school community is coming together. Everyone pulling thru as a community. Always goodness comes out of hardship.
- Connecting/welcoming letter to grade 5 parents. Good chance to invite them to get connected. - Linda will write the letter.

10. Tabled Business:

11. Next Virtual Meeting:

No scheduled meeting for June

12. Adjournment: 8:40pm