



École Montgomery Middle School

AGM via Zoom

Meeting minutes: February 9, 2021

Attendees: Michelle Wong, Linda Intihar, Kim Cameron, Sarah Husband, Deana McLean, Ron Diaz, Christine Friend, Sabine Sasakura, Manjit Herar, Kori Gillanders

Regrets: Janice Doege

7:02pm: Move to Adopt Agenda: Christine Friend approves and Sabine Sasakura second.

1. Welcome & Introductions:

- Please use chat to write your full 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

2. Approval of January 12, 2021 Minutes: Christine Friend approves and Kori Gillanders second

3. President's Message: Linda Intihar : Nice to connect with the parent community.

4. Treasurer's Report: Kim Cameron

- **Budget Update**

- Gaming - from gaming account, 1 cheque written for sports equipment
- General - from general account, 1 cheque written for gift cards that were given to the teachers in the fall.
- **Motion** to move \$500 from Teacher Enhancement to Staff Appreciation to cover February flowers and June year end

staff appreciation. We can do this now as we have over \$1920 in parent donations in the school account for teacher class enhancement fund. Sabine second. All in favoured and passed.

Funscrip \$55.55 - will move to our account by the end of year.

- **Motion** to remove Gloria Uribe as signing authority from PAC banking accounts (Gloria was co-treasurer for 19/20 year) and include Christine Friend for signing authority. Second Manjit Herar, all in favoured and passed.

I. Vancity Phone Meeting: Wed. Feb 10 @ 4p.m re signing authority

- **Fiscal Year End** - looking into changing, called BCCPAC and waiting to hear back, our constitution bylaw has no mention on fiscal year end. Would like to update and need more information for the process. Will look into it and will report back at the next meeting.

5. DPAC Report: Sabine Sengmueller

- DPAC is working on the budget for next year. If we have anything to add or suggest, we can discuss at the next meeting.
- Powerpoint presentation for the mental wellness seminar - on the website as well. They do these presentations at each meeting
- Feb. 24th, pink shirt day and dpac meeting. Usually, they take a photo of everyone in a pink shirt but may be different for zoom meetings. Also will have family smart presentations. All parents are welcome to attend.
- A lot of information at DPAC meetings. Sabine will put together information about dpac for the newsletter in April.

6. Member-at-Large Report: Janice Doege, Manjit Herar, Christine Friend

7. Tabled Business/ Follow ups:

- Staff Appreciation - Flower Bombing-- Week of Feb. 22 -Sabine is in contact with Fran's Flower and they have agreed to do it for us. Will do their best to keep on our budget with pots and african violets. Will arrange with Christine and Sarah for drop off.
- Earthquake Preparedness - possible goal for 21/22
- PAC positions for 2021/2022 year - President, Secretary, Member at Large on Executive will need to be filled; as well as Hot Lunch

Team, Christmas Market Coordinator (money goes towards SHARE) - let Linda know if you are interested

8. New Business:

- PAC Constitution - need to be reviewed and renewed (updated) - Manjit will start looking at it and help with the updating process. Anyone interested can contact Manjit.

9. Administration report: Ms. Husband and Ms. McLean

School update:

- Student learning Survey - completed by grade 7 students. Parents in grade 4, 7 and 10 are invited for their feedback. Please see link:
<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.aspx>
- Second wave of BYOLD pilot program - In January, we had four classes that started. This term after spring break, 2 more classes will join. There will be a district information meeting with the district principal. Will be happy to extend an invitation to parents at this meeting.
- Student government has taken over the school. Lots of organizing. Multicultural lunch should've been this week. It's a good community builder for parents. Few things planned for this week for Multicultural Day. Kahoot will be played tomorrow for prizes or spirit points. Will be played as a class. Friday, students are welcome to wear traditional clothing or a jersey from their country or colour of their flags. Lots of options. Cooking challenge and cookbook - students were encouraged to cook, share recipes and pictures. Classes have been making chinese lanterns as a celebration of the lunar new year.
- Following week is Real Acts of Care. We will have Monty grams - notes/letters to kids of other classes. Everyone gets notes and smarties. All notes are quarantined and distributed a week later.
- Student Making Change
- PRIDE day - inclusion
- Black History Month - celebrated all month long. Invited all staff of that community for input. It's celebratory, contemporary and a contribution to the community.
- Minute it to win it - 5 different challenges that takes a minute. Full representation of each kid doing something. ie how many turns of skipping rope in a minute.
- Public speeches coming up. Class, entire school and district

competition.

Question and answer:

- Exposure - first letter sent out to the entire school. Subset will be sent to those who may be exposed. Closing letter, exposure is over and no need to monitor. Any questions?
- Question - can you clarify mask policy -- there seems to be some differences in classes. ie...one class wears masks at all times except when eating lunch; another class, students do not have to wear them when they are at their desks.
 - Students are to wear masks unless they are at their desks, eating or in the hang out area.
- Question - Is that a teachers choice as well?
 - They can encourage students but not require them to.
 - It could be from an Expo teacher as they are not part of their learning group. Their contact is four classes not just one so that could be required from the expo teachers.
 - We had encouraged the students to do so already from the beginning so it wasn't a massive change for our community with the new orders from PHO. For most kids, it wasn't a big change.
 - Morning announcements is an easy way to communicate and encourage and remind each other of those requirements.
- Interm reports will go home tomorrow and will have a link for a two question survey.
- Questions: There was a statement in the newsletter about many kids are still coming in late. What is done?
 - Top 15 are contacted and spoken to. Some families are dealing with challenges. Most effective way to communicate is by phoning and connecting with them.
 - Youth worker - we have a new youth worker. It's great to have one again. We didn't have one for 2 weeks. Youth worker is someone who will work with the students who are chronically late. Before, teachers will have them stay after school. But the youth worker will work with these students and have a plan. Usually, the first thing we always ask is "what happened?"
- Questions: is it a problem if kids are early?
 - First entry, not a problem. Second entry can be a problem since it overlaps with the first group.
- Question: Is counsellor coming from Centennial the same day the course selection forms are due? Will there be a chance to ask questions about electives?
 - It, usually, will work out.

- Backpack buddies on Friday: appreciate having a youth worker. Been a long 10 days. Having different people shopping can be a challenge with different people coming in. Having someone who is consistent or divides the two shopping will be better. Costco shopping is once a month and superstore shopping uses gift cards. (Christine Friend offered to do the Costco shopping. Looking for help for superstore shopping. For now, Kim will continue.)
- Executive director at kidsports is a friend and donated 25 soccer balls, looking for badminton rackets and birdies. Request from PAC is a \$100 donation to kidsports. (Linda and Kim will look into that)
- Thank you for the money for athletics. Tether balls will be set up soon.

10. Next Meeting: March 9, 2021 @ 7pm

11. Adjournment: February 9, 2021 @ 8:10pm