



École Montgomery Middle School

AGM via Zoom

Minutes: January 12, 2021

Attendees: Sarah Husband, Michelle Wong, Ron and Diaz, Shelley Frick, Deana McLean, Janice Doege, Christine Friend, Kim Cameron, Linda Intihar, Manjit Herar, Kori Gillanders, Sholeh Khayat, Kelsey Sheloff, Sabine Sasakura, Andrew Lennstrom
Regrets: Melissa Pouffe, Karen Chow

7:02pm: Motion to adopt Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions:

- a. Please use chat to write your full name for the secretary to record attendance
- b. Welcome back!

2. Approval of November 10, 2020 Minutes: Kim approve and Kori second

3. President's Message: Linda Intihar

- a. Funscrip: Up and Running - this fundraiser is selling gift cards, where depending on which store, a certain percentage comes back to PAC. Karen Chow had offered to write up something on it for the newsletter. Sometimes there's promotions on the gift cards. See how it goes to the end of the year so we can decide if this is something we want to continue with for the following school year.

4. Treasurer's Report: Kim Cameron

- a. Budget Update - see report
 - i. Gaming - approx. \$730 & \$150 were written for sports equipment. Money in gaming will continue to go towards sports equipment.

Students/staff are appreciated. The kids are playing and using the equipment everyday. It has helped occupy the students.

- ii. General - funscript has a line item but we haven't transferred the money from funscript into the account. What we've raised is in the note section.

- Donation Letter Funds Update. We have \$1745 in donations - appreciate the parents donation. Money will go towards teachers discretionary funds.

- b. Cheque Signing Authority - Christine Friend have offered

5. DPAC Report: Sabine Sengmueller from October DPAC Meeting

- a. Still need to change DPAC link on website -is there a way to delete old link at least
- b. The last PAC meeting was at the end of November. District had a great presentation on accessing Mental Health resources at the district level - hoping to get a copy of it to show to the next PAC meeting.

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

- a. Traffic Safety Update -Janice - traffic flags have been stolen and damaged. Looking to order some new ones? \$7 each plus tax and shipping. Sarah will purchase some and the school will pay for it. A few holders for the flags are broken. That might be the reason why the flags are broken. Ron Diaz will find out if the company by Rita's work can donate some flags/cones.
- b. Thank you to Manjit for writing Parent Donation Letter
- c. Question: Is it in the bylaw that if we purchase under a certain amount, we don't have to vote? Linda will look into it
- d. There are concerns about traffic by the roundabout at the school during drop off/pick up. Is there a safer way for the students? Could we have a parent patrolling that area? Sarah will look into it and can have a conversation with the district. There's a makeshift pylon that didn't hold up in the weather. We can try it again. Ron will take a look at the puddle to see how it could be filled.

7. Tabled Business:

- a. Fiscal Year End - move?

- b. Earthquake Preparedness - possible goal for 21/22

8. New Business:

- a. Staff Appreciation - Usually around the end of Feb. we would do something to show our support and appreciation to the staff. Last year it was a soup/buns luncheon. But this year that's not doable. Looking for ideas on how we can show our appreciation. The school has over 50 staff. Our budget is approximately \$250 with some wiggle room. In the fall, we gave gift cards to the staff.
- i. Sarah - At Monty, we are lucky to have space for staff to have four classrooms converted into staff rooms. Each teaching team has a classroom to go to either for prep or for breaks. We are allowed individual packaged food but no communal food. As long as staff is not congregating.
- Sabine's idea - Flower bombing to make it brighter at the school. There are five staff areas. Sabine will look into it and Ron will help pick up and deliver.
 - Another idea is joy bombing (book of awesome).
 - Another idea is posted-note for the staff. Kids writing positive messages - student govt can help organize this.
 - Or put the flowers on car windshields if not raining.
 - Aim to start at the end of Feb. (22nd-26th) to coincide with Random Acts of Kindness.

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

a. School update:

- i. The last week before Christmas break, we had our traditional Hoedown (virtually), lego contest, christmas kohot and Ms. Rubinic filmed the different classes practicing line dancing. It was nice for the students to see their friends/teammates who they are not interacting with right now. Red team did a wonderful job.
- ii. Mist of completing MDI and learning survey (success in school). Survey on mental wellbeing, sleep, after school activities. Usually for grade 7s but this year they are for the grade 8s to complete. Want to see how covid affected them. MDI for grade 8s (UBC), Student learning survey for grade 7s from the Ministry. (ex. experience at school. - tech, what they need at school, what is offered etc.) Doing this together.

- The data collected are looked at and goes out to teachers. This helps us to look in areas we are not doing enough of. Data has gotten better every year. Look at some aspects - acknowledging strength and what areas need improvement.
- iii. FSA for grade 7s - this year doing it in their classrooms.
- iv. Chris Harmon retired. New teacher shadowed her last week.
- v. District replaced the boiling system. Still adjusting. Thank you to the district.
- vi. Student govt -
 - Thinking of putting together a plan to say thank you with each of the twenty divisions for the district.
 - Excited group.
 - Student govt repurposing multicultural day. Parents always find this day nice and a true community event. Unfortunately, we can't do that this year but the student govt is finding a different way of doing multicultural day.
 - Thinking of what to do for Valentine's Day - Random Acts of Kindness.
 - Student govt informing what needs to be fixed etc...
- vii. Student leaving, not sure what that will look like. If we are still in the condition we are in now, it may look the same as last year. This year will be challenging because we have to stick with their learning group.
- viii. Social media - grade 8 had digital lit. in the past. Some grades 6&7 have or will have it in expo but will need to look into it.
- ix. Four classes started BYOD. - all kids going into high school will need to bring their own devices. May add more classes after spring break. Ideally Jan. 2022 for everyone.
 - Do you have tech support if the students need help? Deana will help out and teachers will too. Targeted those classes on purpose because grade 7/8 classes and teachers are already set up.
- x. Montessori camp is completely on hold. Booked for Fall 2021. Same as the Quebec Trip for LFI.

b. Question and answer time

- i. Some questions were answered in the school update.

- ii. Is there anyone else who can assist with grocery shopping for the Lunch program? - served students who need it. Ron, Christine and Shelly volunteered to help Kim.
- iii. Dec. 24th had a community grant program that PAC could possibly apply for this grant. - www.coquitlam.ca/csrfp-grant and possibly spirit of coquitlam does grant as well

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9 , 2021

11. Adjournment: January 12, 2021 @ 8:13pm