



# École Montgomery Middle School

## AGM via Zoom

**Minutes: Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

**Attendees:** Linda Intihar, Christine Friend, Manjit Herar, Sabine Sasakura, Kori Gillanders, Janice Doege, Deana McLean, Sarah Husband

**Regrets:** Melissa Plouffe, Karen Chow and Kim Cameron

### **Motion to adopt Agenda:**

**1. Welcome & Introductions:**

- a. **Please use chat to write your full name for the secretary to record attendance**

**2. Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes:**

**3. President's Message: Linda Intihar** - Hope everyone is keeping safe

- a. Equipment Drive - tried for equipment drive but only got a few items. We will continue to keep it up on the PAC webpage.
- b. Masks -School Spirit - looked into it and Angela looked into a few seamstresses and they said no. They suggested using a bigger company as it would cost too much through them. There's one company that is reasonably priced but there's only one layer and no place to put a filter. Manjit feels unless PAC purchases it for every student, we should put it on hold. We want it to be inclusive in case everyone can't afford to purchase one and most families already have masks for their children. Question: Do kids feel left out when they don't get Monty hoodies? Monty wear is encouraging school spirit. Maybe masks could be included in the school spirit through the school. PAC decided to put this on hold

but will pass on information to school as Mrs. Perry is looking at doing it as part of school spirit wear.

- c. PAC meeting dates - need to work with Mundy Park School - some of ours overlap with theirs but we are good till Feb. After that we can reschedule our meetings if it lands on the same Tuesday.
- d. Christmas "Hamper" - It's been in the newsletter and asked parents if they would sponsor another family (in our school community). Only had one response. How to put it into people's top awareness? Sarah suggested, instead of asking for sponsoring one family, we could ask for contribution towards gift cards to the families. Sabine suggested "Toonie Tuesday", where students could bring in a toonie. It would be little things this year. Linda agrees with changing it to contributing rather than sponsoring. Manjit mentioned her mother in law is a knitter and usually donates to shelters, refuges. She would like to include her knitting ie...scarves, toques mittens into a hamper.
- e. Follow up on corporate donations (ie...Canadian Tire etc.) - K.T. will hopefully send us a list and next meeting we could look at which companies to send it out a donation letter to.

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

- a. Budget for 2020/2021 -approved by executive by email vote
- b. Budget Update
  - Gaming - cheque for Stacy Rubinic (sports/pe) soccer balls at walmart for the school ~\$120  
\$8400 received from gaming funds - pretty normal (base on enrollment and our enrollment is up)
  - General -
    1. Question: Do you have anything the school needs for purchasing? - Sports equipment cost will be higher (replacements for equipment) for example, balls are lost sometimes. Student council will write a letter to the city for a higher fencing for the ravine to protect the environment etc... Kids are using equipment like crazy. Motivated to give them these options. Spike balls are very popular and they are not very durable. Lots of TOC says how positive it is that kids have these bags of equipment. Want to give kids some say and control. Student government is taking it seriously.

- Kim's been shopping for the lunch club - gift cards we used from last year's hot lunch are almost done. Sarah has some money from donations to put towards that.

**5. DPAC Report: Sabine Sengmueller from October DPAC Meeting**

- The superintendent outlined the strategic plan for 2020-2021. The bulk of the rest of the meeting has been about the district response to Covid exposure.
- Fundraising Ideas discussed
  - bottle drive where people bring their bottles to the depot and funds are deposited to the pac account at that depot.
  - Gift cards are a no go due to distribution issues.
  - Other ideas: Flip give, Port Moody liquor store ok, movie night at home (Pinetree did it), local restaurants' PAC night - on a certain night, order take out from certain restaurant and they give a portion back to pac - (i.e. Me and Ed's) Purdy's can do off site pick up.
- Anxiety Workshop for Parents - November 25, 2020 on Zoom: see DPAC Website (dpac43.ca) or Monty PAC website for more information - Coping on anxiety during a pandemic.
- Need to change DPAC link on website - can admin do this? - unable to fix it at the moment.
- Family start November 17, 2020 presentation on zoom- When anxiety leads to Isolation

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

a. Parent Donation Letter-Manjit

- Ready to go - When will it be sent out? - with the next newsletter (middle of November maybe?)

b. Traffic/Student Safety Update-Janice

- Coordinate with school officer/liaison - coming this week to survey particularly Glenhome and Edgemont, as well as Edgemont and Montgomery - hoping for people to slow down and not putting the kids at risk. Sarah mentioned most kids are careful. There are a few kids who aren't as careful but we have had lots of

communication with the parents. Appreciate Janice for what you have done.

- Traffic flags on Mundy Rd. has flags shoved into one pole. Contact sent to Mary as well to order more if needed. Admin will add an explanation on what the flags are and if students see the flags shoved into one pole, to please distribute the flags.

## **7. Tabled Business:**

- a. Fiscal Year End - move?
- b. Earthquake Preparedness - possible goal for 21/22

## **8. New Business:**

- a. Fundscrip - Fundraising Idea school signs up and when people buy gift cards through fundscrip, school will get a kickback. Looked simple, PAC isn't managing this. Give parents a link, they can choose to buy it through the website and it gets delivered to them. PAC will then get money back. Karen Chow is willing to help with this.

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

### **a. School update**

- Remembrance Day Assembly today. Few students worked hard and filmed it. Few hiccups as we always do with technology. Had contact with a few parents for permission to share to the community. Deana led with her expo team. Showed it to the whole school including one student singing Oh Canada in both English and French. Hoping to show the community. 9 students worked on it and did an excellent job.
- Student government up and running. - opportunity for dialogue. Representing their class. Change in learning space in one of the classes. Lots of ideas - fun stuff too. How can we adapt to the traditional Hoe Down celebration? We want the kids to solve these problems.
- Ms. Redlich will run another club to replace We club
- Math contest - 65 kids registered coming up in a week promoted thru teams
- Covid piece - we share out the health orders to the kids. Do know that not every family is aware of what's going on in the news. Our wellbeing in our school is a reflection on what is happening in the

community too. We know we will get an exposure eventually. Families are communicating with the admin about testing and isolation etc...

- Dec 1 is photo day - consent forms will go home. Will get that out soon. These photos will go in our yearbook. Looking at the safest way. Photo company has very stringent covid protocols. Question about where to put their mask during photos? Photo company has a protocol on this.
- School spirit - team dreaming up ways. One example is Twin day - the whole class dresses up together. Builds class unity.
- Online kahoot - for advisory points
- HoeDown - students' governments will brainstorm ideas and get ideas from their class. On everyone's mind, staff and students. Want to keep the tradition going.
- Winner for advisory points will win pizza lunch in Dec. Term 2 is after the Christmas break.
- Sports equipment etc... - Kids are creating games with what they have. The staff is pleased to see how creative they are and how they are working together.
- TOC - emailed and said what a wonderful community we are at Monty. Felt supported by school. Her words reflect our community - caring, supporting staff.

b. **Question and answer time**

- n/a

**10. Next Meeting: December 8, 2020: Executive @ 7 p.m. via Zoom**

**11. Adjournment: November 10, 2020 @ 8:10pm**