

Mountain Meadows Elementary - PAC Meeting – Thursday January 21, 2016

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

In Attendance: PRESIDENT - Angela Blackall, VICE PRESIDENT - Mark Robins, DPAC - Nerissa Dashtgard - SECRETARY - Zoë Furby, TREASURER, Heather Robins, PRINCIPAL, Kate McMeiken

Approval of Minutes: Unable to approve minutes due to low attendance

Principal's Report Kate McMeiken:

Flooring Upgrade: Library and Mrs. Billy's classroom had new flooring installed over winter break – good quality linoleum – the school is looking to purchase durable rugs for both rooms.

Redesigned Curriculum Update: MME sent a team of four staff to its first of two half day in-services after the winter break (there were two additional ones prior to xmas as well) on January 19th. Our job is now to plan the agenda and activities for February 9th Curriculum Implementation Pro-D Day. A final half day in-service will happen in the spring in time for us to plan the second of two curriculum implementation Pro-D Days May 13th.

Kindergarten Registration: February 2, 3, 4

Program of Choice Info Nights – applications ongoing

Cross-Catchment Applications – Feb. 5th 9 am to Feb 17th 4:30 pm

January – goal setting month

February – random acts of kindness . . . monthly assembly with this theme as its focus at 11:00 am on Tuesday February 16th. Lion Dance the afternoon of the 16th at 2:00 pm. Parents/caregivers invited to both of these. "I Choose Kindness" T-Shirts for sale until Monday next week for \$10 each. Pink T-Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 24th . . . encourage kids to wear pink (or t-shirts with messages promoting kindness).

March – Jump Rope for Heart . . . exercise and wellness theme.

Field Trips and Extra Curricular – Rocks and Rings (gymnasium curling) . . . grades 1-5 February 3rd.

Challenge Students at Evergreen for six consecutive Tuesday Afternoons

Grade 4/5 students curling and skating

Ache Brasil – musical/dance performance for whole school (April 8th)

Other projects and initiatives:

- Collaborative painted tile mural for staircase going downstairs to brighten things up? Need an artist to lead our classes through this. Perhaps could replace the Mother’s Day/Father’s Day paintings that have been done the past couple years.
- Looking into having the school logo stenciled on the above the staircase outside the office entrance
- Student led assemblies, multi-age groups to discuss school issues (soccer etiquette group met at lunch in the library today), another team to look at reflection sheet update needs, involving student leaders during collaboration in the gym once monthly.

Wish Lists: - Mr. Chase is asking for 6 beanbag chairs for the library at a cost of \$700, also needed is a new laminator for the school with an estimated cost of \$800.

Emergency Bunker Break-in Update – two brand new shelters, valued at \$260 each were stolen along with a number of other things. The theft was more significant than originally thought. The police have been informed and the file number has been updated. I have contacted the district about filing an insurance claim. Not sure of the amount of the deductible. Much better locking mechanism on the bunker entrance. Problem unlikely to re-occur. Port Moody Police to bring “under surveillance” stickers for the emergency bunker and garbage bins. Three separate offers of financial donations from MME families, with one of these wanting to replace one of the brand new shelters.

Parking Update: Trying to have a presence as many mornings as possible, but would like PAC’s help with the AM and PM drop-off/dismissal times. Would like parents to be part of the solution.

President Report Angela Blackall:

Fall Fundraising Totals:

Holiday Market	\$2056.43
Spirit Wear	\$70.53
Zumba	\$334
COBS	\$160
Poinsettias	\$370
Movie Night	\$206
Hot Lunch	???
Total:	\$3196.43 + Hot Lunch

Grad Fundraising Totals:

Bottle Drive	\$599
Grad Hoodies	\$68.57
Total:	\$667.57

Movie Night: Jan 28th – movie will be Brave – Volunteers needed – poster is up around the school and was communicated by Kate in January newsletter

Parking: Further to Kate's report there was discussion about what the PAC could do to support the school in ensuring the parking rules are followed – it seems the majority of parents and caregivers are following the rules but there are several people still driving into the parking lot at pick-up and drop off. Angela is in contact with Port Moody Traffic Officer for assistance from the city. The reminder was in the January PAC newsletter. Discussed using more signage. Also discussed sending request for volunteers to monitor the lot. Translation of parking rules into different languages if needed.

Replanting to remove mudslide – area close to the ecological playground has a drainage issue – discussed re-planting – this cannot be done by PAC as it is under SD43 and projects are slow to happen. Kate said that re-planting will be done but not until Spring. The drains are being cleared and 'scappers' are to be installed on the south side of the building.

Bunker – inventory was done by Angela and Nerissa so we have an accurate count of what is needed. Depending on insurance claim and donations from parents we will need to re-evaluate what the cost will be – this will be discussed further when more is known. Rona may be willing to donate some items and we discussed writing to Canadian Tire to ask for support.

Children of the Street Society – confirmation of the dates – Parent Information Session Monday May 30th at 7:00 PM – student session for grade 4/5 students Friday June 3rd at 1 PM. We will need to vote on how much we can give them as an honorarium.

Just Dance – date set for May 20th – confirmed with Kate that one paper notice can be sent before the event to ask for RSVPs and volunteers – also confirmed that basket raffle donations can be collected in each classroom.

Scrimmage Vests – discussed whether Ms. Ziraldo has been able to source the scrimmage vests – Kate said they had been purchased – requested that the invoice be given to Heather so we can pay this out of funds from last year's Just Dance

Track Jerseys – Kate and Zoe will be meeting with Zoe's mother Betty in February (date TBD) to go through the jerseys and figure out which ones will need to be altered.

Treasurer's Report – Heather Robins

Fundraising via hot lunch has been lower per lunch than in the past – this is a learning curve and we plan on going back to some favourites and will hopefully get more orders and have a better profit margin.

The newer fundraiser ie: COBS/Poinsettias/Zumba helped us lessen the losses

We had a long discussion about the budget as it stands. Two key issues:

- We still do not have an invoice for the environmental playground and we have money in the account allocated to pay for this – until we have an invoice and can pay for the work that has been done, we are unable to apply for further grants – requested again to get an invoice.
- The other issue is that we have money set aside in the budget for buddy benches and installation – as there is a lack of resources within SD43 for these types of projects, we discussed re-allocating these funds to other things that could have a more immediate impact. With the \$2000 we could purchase the beanbag chairs and laminator for the school. This would need to be voted on but we could not do this as we did not have enough people in attendance.

Requested that Kate get us some quotes on items in the wish list – laminator, possible smart board for new classroom so that we have some numbers to work with when we next review the budget.

Things we would like to be able to vote on at the next meeting:

- Children of the Street Honorarium
- Re-Allocation of funds from the Buddy Benches to other needs of the School – ie: smart board, bean bag chairs, laminator
- How to spend the remaining money raised from last year's Just Dance (must be sports equipment related due to gaming rules)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm