

Mountain Meadows Elementary

PAC Meeting Minutes – Wednesday March 9, 2016

In attendance: Angela Blackall - President, Mark Robins – Vice President, Heather Robins – Treasurer, Zoe Furby – Secretary, Nerissa Dashtgard and Terai Hicik – DPAC, Jen Mackie, Twyla Yu, Jamie McMurray, Rosa Pearson, Robin Funk, Shannon Oliver

Regrets: Kate McMeiken

7:05 PM – call to order

Review of last meeting – it was voted on to re-allocate funds set aside for buddy benches and pay for a laminator, beanbags for the library and put some money toward a new smart board. The laminator and bean bags have been purchased and the smart board is on order.

Approval of the minutes – Motioned by Jen Mackie, seconded by Heather Robins

Treasurer's Report – Heather Robins

Discussion about **Jog A Long** – Jennifer Scudd-Abels and Robin Funk are to organize the month long running event - discussed need to vote on funding to pay for ribbons and prizes. Robin Funk also suggested she do some fundraising on the Fridays of Jog a Long to try to minimize costs. There was some discussion about this, but it was generally accepted that an optional concession of freezies on the Fridays of Jog a Long would be acceptable.

Robin Funk raised a motion to allocate \$300 from the PAC to fund Jog a Long . . . seconded by Terai Hicik . . . motion passed.

Discussion about **Grade 5 Grad** – the grade 5 parents had a successful bottle drive and are planning another one after Spring Break. They are also considering some other fundraisers such as a bake sale and freezie sale. They are planning a day camp at Camp Jubilee to help the grads celebrate their graduation from MME. For the 2015 Grad Class, \$500 was given to pay for their activities.

Jen Mackie raised a motion to request that \$500 from the PAC be put toward Grade 5 Grad Activities . . . seconded by Terai Hicik . . . motion passed.

Munch a Lunch – Heather noted that the reconciliation of MAL is getting more streamlined and that there was only one outstanding account at the time of the meeting. It was noted that for all of our sales paid by credit card through MAL, a percentage is automatically deducted by PayPal. This is a cost we need to consider in our budget.

Hot Lunch – in the Fall of 2015 different vendors were tried to add more variety to hot lunch but the costs were high and profits were low. The decision was made to stick to tried and true options such as pizza and hot dogs as we get more orders, can charge less and actually make more profit to the PAC.

Just Dance – Zoe Furby (organizer)

The 2016 Just Dance is scheduled for May 20th. Communication for the event will be sent by email and posters will be put up around the school starting in mid-April. There will be one paper notice which will act as an RSVP and request for volunteers. The format of the event will be much the same as in the

past. The event will be free for admission, all will be welcome and there will be optional fundraising activities. We will have a basket raffle (baskets to be organized by Robin Funk), 50/50 draw and concession. Requests for basket raffle donations will be done via division and we will also endeavour to have some items donated to the event. We have secured the same volunteer DJ as we had last year so lighting and audio/visual will be free.

Bunker – Angela Blackall

An accurate inventory of what remains in the bunker, has now been done. We did not have an inventory of what was in there before the break in so we do not know 100% what was stolen. Based on the numbers of staff and student, what is required to be in the bunker is significant. Angela is waiting for a quote from Western Safety to see how much it would cost to replace everything. Rona has also been approached and there is a chance we can get a discount for some items. Kate McMeiken has already ordered some items.

At this point we are trying to get accurate quotes about what we need, how much it will cost and what the PAC needs to pay for and what SD43 is responsible to pay for.

It was discussed that the PAC could appoint a person to do annual bunker maintenance.

Better locks have now been installed on the bunker.

Teacher Appreciation - Monday May 2nd

Discussion about what to do for teacher appreciation. Jen Mackie, Robin Funk, Zoe Furby, Angela Blackall and Heather Robins all volunteered to help. Discussion about asking parents to donate food for the lunch and also set up a box for donations in the office so some nice foods and treats can be purchased. It was noted that more volunteers are needed to help with before during and after the event. Jen Mackie will ask permission for a paper request to be sent out for donations and volunteers.

Sandwich Board

Robin Funk volunteered to put the sandwich board out regularly to help keep the MME community informed about events in the school. It was also suggested that a calendar of events be posted on the outside doors of the school.

PAC Kitchen

Discussion about the need for more shelving in the PAC kitchen. Heather Robins volunteered to clear out old/unused items.

After School Programs – Angela

Start date – April 11, 2016.

There will be hip hop dance, yoga and story time theatre. Communication will be sent to parents regarding registration. Registration will start April 1, 2016.

PAC Newsletter – next issue to be sent after Spring Break.

PAC Meeting Attendance

Discussion about low attendance to meetings. Discussion about what could be done to get more parents and caregivers involved. Suggestions from DPAC representatives Nerissa and Terai such as having more cultural events with the PAC meetings. It was also suggested that each parent who comes to meetings, invite another parent.

New Business

Shannon Oliver shared that many schools are changing to an **FM System** which is a microphone and speaker that teachers can wear and it helps students focus on what the teacher is saying. There is one of these devices in a MME classroom and Shannon suggested we explore the possibility to the PAC purchasing more for the rest of the school. The estimated cost would be \$1000 per unit.

Rosa Pearson shared that at Panarama Elementary, there are some **Table Desks** (desks that actually have pedals attached underneath them that allow a student to sit at a desk but still be moving and letting off some energy). It was suggested that this could benefit some students and would allow them to stay in their classrooms rather than be sent to use the exercise bike in a separate room.

Rainy Day Rules

A concern was expressed about the current rainy day rules at MME. Some parents expressed that their children were coming home cold and wet after being outside at recess and lunch on particularly rainy days.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Some ideas for upcoming fundraisers include Cobbs, Freezie Days, Mother's Day Flowers, Panago – all TBD.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 13th at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 PM