

Mountain Meadows Elementary
PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday Jan 16, 2017
7pm

Attendance: Terai Hicik, Justina Halmrast, Zoe Furby, Billy Niven, Nerissa Dashtgard, Kate McMeiken

Recorder: Justina

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve: Zoe. Seconded: Nerissa. Passed.

2. **Principal's Message:**

- New staff member has been hired due to the Provincial court ruling with the BCTF. Her name is Amanda Peon and we will be sharing her with Leigh Elementary (at MME ½ days per week). She will be in Student Support Services for the rest of this school year..
- 4 kids have moved out over the holidays and 3 kids have transferred in.
- Kindergarten Registration is coming up soon
- Strong enrollment predicted
- Community Mural project is going ahead as planned. Each class will rotate through and have a chance to contribute to the painting. Fundraising will be done in lieu of donations. Additionally, the artist will spend time with each class to do an in-service (cost is \$12 per child) with a take home painting for each child.
- FM system: teachers are still interested
- Lots' of activities and events coming up

A: Boxes etc needed for cupcake sale days

PAC to class liaison needed, Terai to put ask out on FB

3. **DPAC:** Paul wants to send a rep from DPAC to an upcoming PAC meeting.

4. **Newsletter:** The 3rd edition of the PAC newsletter is due to come out In February. Deadline for submissions is Feb 12.

5. **Upcoming/Ongoing:**

- Staff appreciation: events so far have been well received and well appreciated by the staff! Zoe asked, How much money is left in this fund? **A:** Terai to ask Gabriella. The donation tab needs to get back onto Munch a Lunch (MAL). **A:** Zoe will ask Angela about this. Next appreciation day will be sometime in Feb.
- Just Dance: has been confirmed for April 28. Robin to help organize the baskets. Paper requests will be sent home in the kids' planners.

A: Question: Can casino funds be used for purchasing an FM system? Need to identify to the BCLC what our fundraising goal for the money is. Another possibility might be to start replacing the Smart Boards as they have a limited lifespan?

- Book Fair: goal was \$3000, actual was approx \$4000! Bonus of \$396.41
- \$1500 in books to the library
- \$700 still to spend

- Scholastic: 10% bonus for Oct scholastic sales
- We can get scholastic dollars into cash but not for the full face value. Money raised next year could possibly be used for the FM system(s). Raised \$553 in Dec, approx \$59.55 per class.
- Not enough flyers are being sent out to the school for distribution. Considering sending out flyers bimonthly: Feb/Apr/June.
- No flyer was sent out in Nov due to book fair.

- Poinsettia Sales: \$559.73 has been raised! Thank you to Jamie for your hard work.

A: we'll be needing someone new to help out with this fundraiser next year due to Jamie and her family being away.

- Holiday Market: We raised approx. \$2040.01. Thank you to Heather, Rebecca and Shannon and the rest of the gang who helped out! The Holiday Spirit Wear competition winner was Amanda. Need new volunteers for next year!
- Spirit Wear: \$580.03 was raised towards Gr 5 leaving activities!
- Mabel's labels: \$55 so far has been raised
- Lunch Lady: \$139.30 so far
- Movie night: \$65
- Spud.ca: waiting for the cheque to arrive

Next Movie night: February 3??

- Hot Lunch: Fall - \$1236.06 so far. More volunteers are needed on the Fridays to help distribute the lunches to the kids.

6. Emergency Bunker update: A bike is needed for the bunker, even a used one is fine. Peter Hicik will be providing more information in the next month or so.

7. Budget Report: will be updated more next time but so far the total income is \$4675.65

8. Gr 5 grad/Bottle drive: scheduled for Jan 28/17 from 10-2pm. A committee is being formed to help plan Gr 5 activities.

9. New Business:

- PayPal: costing us a lot of money in fees! M.A.L- \$300 in fees plus \$ 700 from Sept to Dec. Alternatives proposed: Admin fee charged to parents at the beginning of the school

year? Questions/thoughts from the floor: Are we considered a non-profit? Can we get everything up and running right away to limit the amount of transactions? Can we set up a website that allows us to pay for things through it without fees? Go back to cheques?

- Allergy Alerts for Hot Lunch: A child was accidentally given the wrong meal in the fall (not an allergy risk but more of a choice/religious thing. What to do going forward? Perhaps we could use highlighted codes on class sheets?

A: paper notice to be sent home to parents asking them to list any dietary/religious choices for their child(ren).

- Safety Committee: update from Billy: speed reader (work in progress). Increased police presence near the school has been helpful. More education needed for parents not only regarding safe driving near the school but also for safe crossing habits, ie using the crosswalk. More volunteers always welcome.

Next Meeting: Feb 6 at 7pm in the library