

Mountain Meadows PAC

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2016

7pm Library

1. **Attendance:**

- Mrs McMeiken, Terai, Robin, Justina, Heather, Gabriella,
- Jamie, Shannon, Jen, Zoe, Paul, Cecilia, Dawn

2. **Introductions:** New Executive, Principal and all those in attendance.

- Co-Presidents - Robin Funk and Terai Hicik (robin81@telus.net/teraihicik@gmail.com)
- Secretary - Justina Halmrast (mmpacparents@gmail.com)
- Treasurer - Gabriella Trochan
- DPAC: Paul Cadwell

3. **Approval of June 2016 Minutes:** Shannon motioned, Jamie seconded, approved by all

4. **Principal's message: Kate McMeiken**

- There are 215 enrolled children this year, with 9 divisions and most classes are at capacity
- Staffing Update: All positions have been filled. Mrs A on mat leave soon(?). Temp contract 3rd week of Nov 2016.

Action Plan for Learning.

- Regarding the social/emotional needs of the children. Ongoing process.
- Spark: Kids are on board and are working on class charters. Roles and responsibilities.
- *SEL:*
 - First Nations focus
 - Building community...mural paintings? Kids to possibly work on one tile each?
 - Changes coming for the Sport Court.....possible change of use to a school community garden, with students from Glen Eagle potentially building the above ground planters. Seen as a good educational opportunity for all involved. Grant application for \$1000.
 - Workout Wednesday: First one will be on Oct 12 from 0855-0910. Attendance will be taken afterwards. Chance for the whole school community to be together and be active.
 - Zen dens in each class for students to have a quiet area for learning.

- Exercise bike is now in the foyer, kids are welcome to use it. Helps those kids who need to burn off a little steam.
 - FYI: Bikes are \$800 each.
 - *Student Leadership*: Almost all of the grade 4 and 5's have signed up for Oct! The *children have a lot of pride in what they are contributing to their school.*
 - *Student centered assemblies*: Mrs Ziraldo and Miss B to be taking the lead on this.
 - *Restorative Practices*: school district is moving away from the traditional model of consequences and instead will be focusing on restorative practices such as healing circles. More info to come.
 - *Collaboration Wednesdays*: Kids will be meeting with Mrs McMeiken for one hour all together to give the teachers built in lesson planning etc time.
 - *Curriculum*: on going training for teachers. New reporting guide for students also being worked on...a district template or using "Fresh grade", an online tool are some options being considered.
 - First fire drill of the year was today Sept 26
 - Working on school themes
 - Wish lists from the teachers: teachers are trialing an FM system in their classrooms, which is a sound amplification system to aid students who need it. Currently gauging interest.
 - Robin asked, how much money from PAC might be going to fund these projects.
 - Discussion
5. **Budget Review**: Gabriella and Heather: Current PAC balance is \$6760.47.
- Currently reviewing funds and discussing how to allocate them to previously committed projects.
6. **Hot Lunch**:
- Nerissa and Rob:
 - First one of the year will be on Sept 30.
 - Next dates are: **Oct 14, Nov 4, Dec 9, Jan 20 2017, Feb 10, March 3, April 7, May 12 and the last one will be June 16.**
7. **Scholastic**:
- Jen Mackie
 - We raised approx \$700 last time (in books)
8. **Book Fair**:
- Shannon Oliver and Jen Mackie
 - Will be held Nov 2, 3 and 4.

- Teacher requests will be made too.

9. Hip Hop week:

- Oct 24-28. Cost \$2150 (\$10 x 215 students).
- Motion to approve spending casino funds, Jamie. Shannon seconded. All in favour, yes.

10. Norman Foote:

- Oct 4, 5 and 6. Cost is \$1350 (\$450 per day x 3 days).
- Motion to approve spending casino funds, Jamie, Jen seconded. All in favour, yes.

11. Saleema Noon:

- **Date?**
- already pre-approved as she was booked 2 years ago.

12. Holiday Market:

- Rebecca, Shannon and Heather.
- December 15
- This event brings in around \$2000 for the PAC but we need to still spend around \$500 up front.
- Cobb's bread and Poinsettia's are still being considered as additional fundraisers.

13. Movie nights:

- at present will be Terai running this again.
- More discussion next meeting and picking of dates etc.

14. Jog-Along:

- Jen Abels will be running this again.
- Costs will run approx \$300 but already voted on last year.

15. Just Dance:

- Zoe Furby will be running this again.
- Working on possible dates....perhaps Fri Apr 28 2017 will work?

16. After school Programs:

- Victoria Leslie
- there were some technical glitches with the sign-up process but have been sorted out now.
- Programs are very popular.

17. Multicultural:

- Grace K.
- Ways for the PAC to be more inclusive.
- No updates tonight.

18. Communication:

- Dawn V.
- Will work on putting out a PAC newsletter.

19. Emergency Preparedness:

- Peter and Rob S.
- detailed inventory to be completed with Mrs McMeiken to see what supplies need to be rotated out and/or replaced.

20. Traffic Safety:

- Billy N.
- Ways of making our school crosswalk and surrounding areas are as safe as possible before and after school. –coming up with plan
- Mostly focused on getting drivers to slow down and getting them to stop at the stop sign.
- Mrs McMeiken will continue to focus on the parking lot.

21. Social:

- Jen and Zoe:
- Discussion around what to do about teacher appreciation in the school...might move to smaller events spread out over the school year instead of one big event.
- Developing plan to discuss at next meeting

22. Grade 5 Events:

- Robin and Angela:
- Nothing to report right now except that the school has arranged June 23 as the date for Camp Jubilee (which has already been booked).

23. What else?

- No updates from DPAC
- Vote for PAC funds to help out with the planned Kindergarten field trip to the pumpkin patch carried out tonight as the timeline is very tight. Zoe motioned, Shannon seconded and the motion passed.

Next Meeting:
Monday, October 24
Library