

**Mountain Meadows Elementary
Parent Advisory Committee**

March 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES



PAC EXECUTIVE:

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| President: | Shannon Durrant |
| Vice President: | Ellie Hutton |
| Treasurer: | Gabriela Trochan |
| Secretary: | Aman Sangha |
| DPAC: | Paul Caldwell |

1. INTRODUCTIONS / ATTENDANCE

- PAC Executive members
- Heather Robins
- Mark Robins
- Huitt Manering
- Jamie McMurray
- Zoe Furby
- Gina Barnard
- Jen Mackie

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2019 MINUTES

- Motion to Approve: Jen Mackie
- Second: Heather Robins

3. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

- Getting ready for spring break and parent-teacher conferences
- Kids training for Como Lake relays
- Starting up the articulation process for Scott Creek visit
- Satisfaction surveys for Grade 4 students starting up as well; will get information on this in future

- Anticipating 32 K students; 41 grade 5 students leaving; numbers are down 221 now and projecting 207; hoping not going to lose a division; 41 Grade 4s
- Hoping to know about international students after spring break; international brings extra staffing and student services and extra funds; good for students to meet other kids from other cultures as well
- Final numbers will go to school district in April and then will get staffing base/funding
- Raised by PAC President: have been hearing about bears and cougars; did give a P.A. announcement to kids about following the air horn instructions and to come into the school if they hear the air horn blow 3 times
- Question raised re: garbage in the playground: kids play beyblades during lunch on garbage bin lids; have reminded kids about using garbage bins and there have been fights over beyblades; and older grades 5 don't show as much leadership but also segregated from younger kids. After spring break, planning to ban beyblades and also de-segregate kids to foster leadership and promote positive interaction; would like to bring in more playground games and equipment to promote more interactive play; it's also up to the parents to help educate kids
- Buddy bench – waiting for school district to come to school for installation
- Question raised: How is the buddy bench being installed? Who is paying? This was a past topic and cost was very high. Principal contacted head of maintenance to help with install and scoping out the space
- Work order to re-paint lines in parking lot was put in by Kate a while back

4. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Feb 1 traffic safety meeting; ICBC, RCMP, PAC Exec attended – concerns were brought up about speeding and people running stop signs.
- RCMP continuing to do their monitoring at drop off and pick-up
- City indicated there's not a whole lot that it can do but offered some suggestions around reflective lights
- ICBC Road Safety program – in collaboration with Port Moody police, this is a volunteer based program that parents and older kids can help; need to get the information package – Gina is helping to gain more information
- District traffic meeting on March 14 – info shared out

5. SPRING FUNDRAISERS

- Has there been uptake on Purdy's or Cinnamon Bun fundraisers in the past?
- Cinnamon buns give 50% return
- Jamie volunteered for Cinnamon Buns
- Spring fundraising volunteers
- Spring flowers will happen also; need dates from Terai

MOTION: by Zoe to purchase flowers in amount up to \$100

SECOND: Jen and Heather R

6. BUDGET REPORT by TREASURER

As of today:

General Account = \$10,392

Available after budgeted expenses = \$4400

Casino Account = \$7192

Available after budgeted expenses = \$2500

Playground funds = \$2419 (from Casino) – waiting to meet with facility people

Community Garden = \$2240 (from last year's Just Dance)

Thrifty = \$834 to date (max limit raised to \$2000 by Thrifty). These funds are going towards an FM system

Lunch Lady = \$162 to date (4 months worth)

What are the anticipated costs?

Classroom flowers

MOTION: by Heather R to allot \$50 to each teacher/classroom for flower purchases (suggested for Devry)

SECOND: Jamie

VOTE: PASSED

Ms. Read: thanked for the budget to replace two guitars and asked for \$18 to cover the difference over the budget. Agreed upon.

Teacher Appreciation: need a bump up for donations; separate fundraising initiative Currently \$184; Luncheon in May for MME Teachers/Staff

Michael Mitchell Art Start

MOTION: by Heather R for \$1600 to fund Art Start Michael Mitchell (comes from Casino account)

SECOND: Jamie

VOTE: Passed

Just Dance: This is the last year that Zoe will run it; might be time to retire it or think of something new for the kids – May 10 – collecting donations for baskets; will add buttons to Munch a Lunch; One paper notice for classrooms; will need volunteers

MOTION: by ZOE for up to \$500 to get Just Dance started

SECOND: Jamie

VOTE: PASSED

Jog-A-Long: Month of April; start day April 2. Led by Jamie – need 25 volunteers daily; need concession support; have sufficient ribbons

MOTION: by Jamie for up to \$150 in addition to \$106 already existing

SECOND: Zoe

VOTE: Approved

On the Go First Aid: Ages 9-14 yrs; Stay Safe Program; \$40/student

Also offer babysitting course, \$50/student 7-8 hours

Need to gather more info on the course; possibility for an afterschool program as well (look into Port Moody)

7. UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANNING

- Next meeting for PAC election for next school year
- Next meeting, need to decide how Grant money will be spent
- 2019-2020 PAC events to be planned at next meeting
- Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly school assembly

8. OTHER ITEMS:

- Newsletter deadline is March 27

NEXT MEETING: May 9 and June 13th

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING: Zoe F

SECOND: Heather R

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:40 pm