

Mundy Road Elementary School

PAC General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 18, 2022 - 7:30 pm

Present: Samantha Cohene, Leanne Buteau, Danielle Ciavarro, Amy Jaeggle, Nadia Nashlenas, Jon Lundquist, Serena Bovin, Chris Hiliker, Clara Fogliato, Mimi Lin, Shannon McGeehan, Lily Gu, Jenny Gasparini

Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm

Approve agenda from November 16, 2021: Motion: Samantha Second: Jay

Motion to approve agenda for January 18, 2022: Motion: Lindsey Second: Shannon

Chairperson's report (Jon Lundquist/ Shannon McGeehan):

It's time to start thinking about succession on the Executive for next year.

Anyone who is interested in being on the Executive, please email Jon or Shannon with your intentions for next year to get an idea how many positions would need to be filled for next year.

There is only the February and March meetings left as April is all about the budget and May is the AGM where the new exec gets voted in.

Jon will no longer be around next year so we would need to elect a new chairperson.

This Google document idea is a great one but isn't effective if reports aren't uploaded to it in a timely fashion so the exec has a chance to read them all before the meeting. The idea is to read them in advance so we don't have to read them at the meeting and only have to discuss if necessary.

Principal's Report (Leann Buteau):

Happy New Year

MyEd Family Portal Update

% of reports accessed

135/210 family read report cards. 75 password has not been accessed yet.

Need to find out as to why not every family is using MyEd.

Covid Updates

Functional Closures

Essentially, if staff absences are at high enough and the district cannot cover them then the school is functionally unable to run, thus needs to close.

Currently, we are covering from within. Meaning teachers with prep time are covering for absent teachers.

Once the district decides that the Mundy needs to close, an email would be sent to every parent. Leann would then contact Jon (PAC chairperson) and class liaisons so that word reach parents through multiple ways.

Once Mundy if functionally closed, "day zero" would be teacher's prep day were they will get ready to move onto virtual learning for the students. Virtual day of teaching lessons is every 4 days.

During functional closures the Principal and secretary would still be on site.

A school could also declare to be functionally closed if there is not enough custodian.

Daily Health Check

Thank you to the families who are doing the daily health checks.

Had to send some kids home during school time. The kids came to school not feeling well. Reminder to please keep children at home if they are not feeling well to keep everyone safe.

Quite a few kids at home because a family member tested positive for Covid.

Attendance ranging anywhere from 10%-34% away.

Masks

Huge increase in kids brining masks to school.

Haven't had to hand out large amounts of masks at school.

Valentines

Absolutely no cards and no treats from home.

The teachers can prepare treat bags to hand out, but this would be out of the teacher's own pocket.

Suggestion: PAC could pay for the Valentine's Day treats/goody bags. We would allocate \$50 per division for a total of \$500. The teachers will then have the money upfront to purchase items to create the goody bags for the kids (treats, stickers, pencils etc.). We could then send an email out to parents asking if any parents would be willing to donate some money to cover the cost. Any amount we raise will go to PAC funds.

Jay put motion to put \$500 for the teachers to purchase Valentine's Day treat/goody bag. Motion passed.

Classroom liaison could send out a message to parents that PAC is funding this year for Valentine's Day treat/goody bag.

75th Anniversary: 75th Anniversary would be held in the 77th year (Spring of 2023). Brainstorming as to how we would celebrate 75th anniversary.

Grade 5 School Leaving

Who coordinates?

Gr. 5 parent coordinates. Jenny and Clara has a committee. Everything is currently on hold.

Cultus Lake Funding

Cultus lake requires a non-refundable deposit. Thus, Leanne is hesitant to book it at this point. We will decide closer to spring.

Teacher Wish List

See wish list in folder

By district directive, we must fade out smart boards. We are currently short one smart board because we now have Div. 10.

Library upgrades is separate from the Teacher's Wis List. There are other ways to fund for the library.

Story Baskets: different basket of literacy stories and tools for kids to build stories.

Treasurer's Report (Samantha Cohene):

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Balance Sheet - Jan 18 2022

Assets

Bank - General Account \$ 8,400.07

Bank - Gaming Account \$ 4,675.42

Bank - Technology Account \$ 5,737.34

Bank - Rainy Day Account \$ 499.51

Undeposited Funds \$ -

Total Assets \$ 19,312.34

For any outstanding reimbursements please contact Samantha via the treasury email.

Question: do we have the budget for the Cultus Lake bus. We allocate \$5 per kid. This year, there is 32 grade 5s. Therefore, we can cover the cost.

We would need to plan for budgeting for next year. The meeting for budgeting would be in April. Samantha will be emailing everyone a budget report.

Volunteer Coordinator (Jenny Gasparini):

No new volunteer opportunities.

Division 4 will be providing staff treats on Friday, January 28th

Division 6 will be providing staff treats on Wednesday, Feb 23rd

DPAC (Clara Fogliato and Amy Jaeggle):

Meeting was held on November 24, 2021

Regular agenda items: Approval of Agenda, Approval of Previous Minutes, and Treasurer's Report

Superintendent's Report - motion passed to not require vaccine mandate

SD43 Technology was highlighted-remote learning plan moving forward for 2025

Increasing focus on STEM education

Family Smart - a Parent Peer Support Resource www.familysmart.ca

The web link will be shared to Mundy parents on next week's newsletter.

Next PAC General Meeting on January 26, 2022, focusing on the stages of grief.

Feedback was shared: DPAC is not very resourceful for elementary level. Great resources for high school students.

Online Ordering Administrator (Nadia Nashlenas):

Lunch and treat ordering are suspended temporarily due to Covid school restrictions. Preference is given to provide credits first, but refunds will be provided if events are canceled permanently.

Other events currently on hotlunches.net are for the Coquitlam Express Hockey night on Jan 22nd and Emergency Preparedness packs.

There has been some confusion between this role and Danielle's role (Hot lunch Coordinator) likely because the ordering website is called hotlunches.net. Nadia had some parents reach out to her confused as to who does what. The name of the website cannot be changed, thus suggested changing the name of the Hot Lunch Coordinator role to Lunch and Treat Coordinator. This name is more representative of the role since it's not just 'hot' lunches that are coordinated.

We have decided to "wait and see" for the rest of this school year. If any change needs to be made, it makes more sense to change it at the beginning of next school year.

Hot Lunches (Danielle Ciavarro)

All term 2 vendors have been updated regarding our current Hot Lunch status. They have all agreed to reschedule once Hot Lunches are reinstated.

Safety Coordinators (Mimi Lin & Jennifer Lowther):

Nothing new to report.

We are no longer asking for the ICBC personnel to come and hand out reflective stickers due to COVID restrictions.

Question raised: What was the decision regarding handing out reflective straps?

The group had voted, and most people voted "no". The comments we received was that people are worried the reflective straps would be fun for the kids for a while but not impactful.

The original idea was for PAC to fund the reflective straps since ICBC cannot hand out reflective stickers to every Mundy student. We would had out the reflective strap to every student in conjunction with a

workshop delivered regarding road safety and staying visible during dark months. However, in person workshop is not possible at this point.

Question raised: Can we do virtual workshop?

We had looked into virtual workshops, but our RCMP liaison let us know that they have discontinued virtual workshops because it was not very effective.

Social Coordinator (Lindsay Gallo):

Coquitlam Express Hockey Night proceeding as scheduled. Many families backed out due to current Covid condition. There are currently 4 families still interested.

Emergency Preparedness (Jay Hilliker):

Nothing to report

Fundraising (Heather Hooton)

Potential Purdy's Easter Chocolate run from personal residence (Lindsay Gallo).

Minimal amount for Easter is \$500. The offer cute bunny chocolates etc.

Lindsay would be happy to run the event out of her house since we can no longer use the school gym.

Leann confirmed that we can set up tables at the under cover area at the school for Easter Chocolate pick up.

We voted and it was agreed upon to run the Purdy's Easter Chocolate fundraiser.

February 7-13, 2022 week Red Robin fund raiser. Dine-in at the restaurant and Mundy would get 20% of the proceeds.

Communications Coordinator (Serena Bovin)

Nothing to report

Parent Education Coordinator (Shannon McGeehan):

No Report

Question regarding Saleema Noon: Should we hold another session this school year?

Teachers had concerns with the material presented, especially for the younger grades. It was very graphic.

Teachers did not have a say on how the material would be taught, which was a concern.

Teachers has the autonomy on how sexual education should be taught in their classroom.

Some parents feel it is important to hold sexual education every year. However, teachers are used to teaching the content every two years, thus they are not looking to teach it again this year.

Shannon posted the question regarding if we should be providing more Parent Education sessions. Based on last year's turnout, parents do not seem to be interested.

Parents are not likely to be receptive of further parent education. Everyone seems to be Covid tired.
We should look into virtual activities that people could do as a family. I.e. family yoga, paint night etc.
If there are any great ideas for fun family activities please contact Shannon via email.

New Business:

We should send out communication to parents to recruit executives for next year.

Open Discussion/Old Business:

N/A

Motion to adjourn: All

Time: 9:13 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:30 pm via ZOOM