

Mundy Road Elementary School

PAC General Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2020

Present: Jon Lundquist, Serena Boivin, Samantha Cohene, Una Wong, Janice Doege, Jay Hilliker, Danielle Ciavarro Phalguni Bhatt, Jenny Gasparini, Ed Rathonyi, Lily Gu, Mimi Fei, Larissa Ringham, Zainab Khareghani, Yen Phan, Lindsay Gallo, Shannon McGeehan,

Meeting called to order: 7:04

Welcome and Introductions

Approve minutes from December 3rd 2020: Motion: Jenny Janice Second: Jay

Motion to approve agenda: Motion: Jenny Second: Samantha

Chairperson's report (Jon):

- Nothing to report.

Principal's Report (Leann – report below via email):

1. Kudos:

a. Gift cards for staff

b. Staff appreciation lunches for December and upcoming Subway sandwiches end of January...it does make a difference and is appreciated.

c. Pancake breakfast.... So much fun and lots of comments on being able to keep part of our pancake breakfast tradition alive.....

2. Vandalism:

a. Sadly we arrived Monday morning to our inner courtyard being vandalized including the flipping of the concrete picnic table onto the pavement which smashed it into many pieces.... It had to be removed. There was also a small fire started in near the undercover 4square area close to the boiler room door. Luckily no other damage was noted.

b. Police have a file and are actively working it. SD43 Security will be increased and Coq RCMP will ensure additional visits over the weekends. Looking at further security measures especially given our plans to develop the courtyard into an outdoor learning space....teachers have now formed a committee to being planning so stay tuned on that.

3. FSA Grade 4 students only

a. Ministry has postponed these assessments once again. Originally scheduled for Oct 2020, they were moved to January 18 and earlier this week they informed us they were postponed once again until mid February. I will inform those grade 4 families of the change in date.

4. Student Led Conferences

a. As one of our required 2 informal communication opportunities with families we have them scheduled for Feb 17 and 18th with early dismissals (1:30-1:40pm depending on your division). Because we can't invite families into classrooms with their child especially given more than one family is scheduled simultaneously, teachers will be sending home the samples the kids choose across subject areas along with a reflection sheet to guide the student led conversation with their parents/guardians at home. The materials will be sent home Feb 12th allowing families to find times that best fits them. Reflection sheets will be returned by Feb 18th either by scanning back or send with the child. The children's work sent home can remain at home to limit the amount of things going back and forth. Teachers will communicate with families their availability on Feb 17 and 18th after 1:40 for clarifying conversations that may be necessary regarding the student leds. Teachers will also be using this time to connect with the students learning from home.

5. RAC—Random Acts of Caring Feb 14-20th

a. This provincial action that Harriette Chang coordinates for our Mundy Road participants is happening Feb 14-20.

b. Rather than a select group of students participating we will have every child participate by creating a Valentine card (during Art classes) for the seniors living in a local long term care home. The cards will be created before Feb 5th and sit in "quarantine" for a week before Mrs. Chang delivers them to the home. We are quite excited about this project and being able to connect to our greater community.

6. Pink Shirt Day Feb 24

a. Due to Covid protocols, Terry Fox Secondary is not offering the pink shirts for sale this year so families are encouraged to pull a pink shirt out of the closet or purchase one in the community. We are hoping to see a sea of pink on Feb 24th and we will have a TEAMS assembly that day to teach about the day and share kindness.

b. This has been placed in last week's newsletter and we will continue to highlight.

7. PAC Wish List

a. See attached...

b. Only item concerned you would not be permitted to support is the SmartBoard light bulb replacements....

c. Wireless mics are to support teachers who are finding it challenging teaching with masks. I am sure kids are struggling to understand as well with the loss of facial expressions. We would like to start with 2

to see if they work (we know we can use them in other areas as well). If they work well, then we could ask for more next year.

d. Bins for numeracy manipulatives.... With Covid we need to make individual bins for kids hence the cost of bins. There are 3 division of intermediate students.

e. All teachers are supportive of this submission

Treasurer's Report (Samantha):

- See current budget report.
- Biggest expense for last month was teacher's gift, but we still need to deposit cheques from Purdy's and Flipgive.
- We are adding Jenny Gasparini as a cheque signer and removing Jamie Baker and Tamara Sherdahl as signers.

Volunteer Coordinator (Jenny):

- January 27th is the next staff appreciation lunch by Division 7, and they are going to order subway for the staff.

DPAC (Shannon - absent):

- Nothing to report, no recent meetings. No meetings have been set for 2021.

Munch-a-lunch (Una):

- Una would like to start doing popcorn or chip days, possibly later this month. MAL has an administration cost to it, which may not be worth it for \$1 treats - there was some discussion about whether we could do cash instead. Una mentioned that we could do a pre-order through MAL to get an idea of numbers, then pay in cash on the day.

Hot Lunch (Jay):

- Nothing to report at this time.

Safety Coordinator (Janice):

- Janice is still waiting to hear back from Leann about the plexi-glass in the classrooms. Issues remain around sanitizing the classrooms with the plexi-glass in place. Janice had some ideas about how this could take place (placing shields on either side of the classroom along the walls).
- The shields cost \$32 each, if the PAC wants to subsidize part of the cost.
- Janice will look into a speed reader for Austin Ave. in front of the school.

Merchandising Coordinator (Phalguni)

- No report.

Social Coordinators (Anita and Lindsay)

- Only 6 people got back to Lindsay about wanting to be part of the talent show. Perhaps this could be coordinated with a pizza night? Lindsay still requires someone to edit the video clips into one cohesive file. We also need to figure out how to send the video out. Jon will add this to the newsletter for Friday.

Emergency Preparedness (Jay):

- Nothing to report at this time. Jay is unsure about whether the emergency kits have been distributed to classrooms yet, but they are in the school.
- The kits are ready to be put on MAL for parent payment, whenever we are ready. Leah will send home an accompanying notice notifying parents. Jay will send the blurb for the newsletter to Jon and Una to look over.

Fundraising

- Lindsay would like to do the Talent Show on Wednesday, February 10th.
 - Jenny said she could email Me 'n Ed's about holding a pizza night on the same day, however some parents said they were not happy with the pizza. Sushi was suggested as an alternative. Mimi said she could contact Mega Sushi to see if they would be interested in partnering for a fundraiser (with 10% of proceeds back to the school).

Communications Coordinator (Jon)

- Jon is continuing to update the minutes on the website and the weekly newsletter.

Parent Education Coordinator (Shannon)

- Nothing ne to report, just a reminder that Saleema Noon is coming at the end of April.
- Shannon inquired whether another parent education virtual session would be well-received. Lindsay asked about a workshop on picky-eaters. Samantha suggested a sleep consultant. Ed suggested something around guidance for remote-learning. Shannon suggested that it would be useful to hear from the parent community about where their interests lie, or perhaps combining two subjects into one area.
 - Una can put a type of "survey" onto MAL, that might be useful for parent feedback.

New Business

- Teachers' Wish List
 - Jon sent out the wish list to the Executive (see attached)– the total is \$2120. We can go over this next meeting. More clarification is needed from Leann is regards to the smartboard lightbulbs.
- Shannon shared some information about "Black Shirt Day" on Friday, January 15th – a movement to support the struggle for civil rights for racialized Canadians.
- Lindsay inquired about when Gradual Transition Learners are due back at school. Originally this date was set for January, however no news has been shared about this. Jon will check in with Leann about this.

- Jay wanted to note that the school had another exposure on January 4th. When parents received the email, it specified that the close contacts had already been contacted. There was some concern about the number of exposures at Mundy Road (which seems high for the area).

Old Business

- Lindsay asked if anything has been happening with the playground structure. We will put it on the agenda for next month to begin looking into this. Una mentioned that this process usually starts with a committee. Lindsay suggested we should put this out to the community, to see if there are any parents interested in taking this on.
- Jon would like to put Larissa's name forward as co-chair for the remainder of the year. **Action:** All in favour of electing Larissa as co-chair.
- The fundraising coordinator position remains vacant.

Motion to adjourn: all

Time: 8:31

Next Meeting: February 9th at 7:00 pm via ZOOM