

Meeting called to order by Erin Moore at 7:03 PM.

1. Round table introductions

2. **MOTION to adopt minutes of February 20, 2017 RPAC meeting as presented. CARRIED.**

3. Agenda addition: Updates on grant applications (Taryn)

- Funding for landscaping projects was pursued for three years and secured last May through TD's Friends of the Environment fund. Work to plant six trees (three cedars, three vine maples) and extensive ground cover started last week. Bench seating will also be installed. Local company Project Lawns is donating time to plant ground cover, planting is scheduled for April 24th. Parent volunteers may be helpful but Project Lawns will make final decision on whether such assistance will be required; a call will be put out if volunteers are required. RBC is providing \$5000 for five different events. School and RBC each supply a minimum of three volunteers for each.
- An additional landscaping project will be funded by a \$1000 gift from RBC and a district grant of \$500. A community planting day is scheduled for May 11th; kids will plant perennials, herbs, and flowers in five new palette planter boxes. Parent volunteers and plant donations are welcome; noted that parents can donate plants purchased from PAC plant sale (perennials are first choice but annuals will also be accepted). Those interested in volunteering should contact Isabelle Forrer.
- An evening community bbq will take place on Thursday, June 7th from 5-7 PM. A grant from RBC to fund event is pending but should be received shortly. Parent volunteers will be needed for setup starting at 4 PM. Hot dogs will be served. Event will be open to all community members. Place Maillardville will provide three staff members to run activities, staff with FoodSafe certification have been requested so they can assist with food service. A letter requesting donations from local businesses is available; anyone who wishes to solicit donations or volunteer at the event should contact Linda-Louise St. Arnaud.
- Health and Activities Day featuring a hot dog lunch will take place on Thursday, June 15th with funding from RBC. PAC-funded BBQ will be purchased soon.
- School did not receive a Staples grant this year.

4. Principal Update

- New parameters for class composition in place for next year based on legislative changes. Reduced capacity limits in effect with additional class size reductions dependent on Ministry-designations. Reductions in class sizes and resulting creation of new classrooms will exacerbate space constraints; music room may be converted to classroom. There will be more divisions next year although overall numbers are down; current numbers indicate 10 French divisions and 8 English.
- Division 7 teacher has resigned position; new teacher, Mme. Moutal, starts work next week. Mme. Moutal has worked as a Teacher on Call with Rochester for some time.
- 24 yards of soil have been trucked into sad slope. Installation of a friendship/buddy bench is included in slope plan; unfortunately, the bench that was purchased was stolen

from the outdoor lockup area. Kwayhquitlum Middle School is donating a new bench to replace it.

- Kindergarten orientation was held last week. 63 new students will start next year; majority of parents are new to the school. Parents will return to school on May 17th; Michelle agreed to coordinate a reception on behalf of the PAC. New parents will be invited to the May 15th PAC meeting and will start receiving school newsletters.
- Hip hop classes are scheduled for the week of May 8th, with an additional class on May 15th and a performance on May 16th. Performance will take place during the day but an additional evening show might be an option. Noted that an evening show would be difficult to coordinate as many students would not be able to attend.
- Parent appreciation breakfast will take place on June 8th.
- Adult yoga classes led by instructor from Place Maillardville are being offered on Thursday afternoons. Teachers have been participating; classes are now open to parents.
- The RCMP will visit the school to give a presentation before the end of the school year on internet safety. A recent incident involving a student was handled by the RCMP and highlights the need for educating students. RCMP no longer has an auxiliary officer program; a liaison officer will conduct the presentation. Information will be targeted to intermediate grades.
- Renovations are underway outside the front office to allow installation of a chairlift. Project should be completed by the end of the year.
- Student will work on Kandinsky-inspired art projects in their family groups on April 27th.
- The artist-in-residence "Wings" project is about 90 percent complete.
- The new playground in the park next to Maillard Middle School should be open any day.

5. Financial Update (Dixie)

Gaming and regular budget reports distributed.

- Neufeld Farms sale raised \$1100; February movie night, \$979; bake sale, \$480; and Fun Lunch \$562. Another bake sale could be scheduled prior to the end of the year but would need commitment from four to six parent volunteers to run the event.
- PAC has raised almost \$12,000 this year, not including fundraising targeted specifically to grade five graduation.

6. Regular business

a. Current items

- Science Alive starts tomorrow. Program is at capacity.
- Rochester's Odyssey of the Mind team won the provincial championship and has qualified to attend the world championships in Michigan. Cost will be approximately \$14,000 to send seven kids and six parents. Flights will need to be booked within the next couple of days. Popcorn sales, bake sale, or donut sale suggested as fundraisers. Team members will sell Krispy Kreme donuts downtown on upcoming pro-D day. Agreement to hold donut sale at

school to tie in with April 28th movie night, as well as freezie sales in May and June.

- Possibility of trivia night discussed. On-line Kahott! application suggested as platform; automatically records winners and calculates results. Wifi in gym could be an issue. May 12th suggested as possible date; need to coordinate table sales and concession.
- Grade five committee raised \$470 at last bake sale, \$200 from pub night and has collected \$1600 in direct donations from parents. Do not anticipate that additional fundraising specific to grade five activities will be required.
- A community member has offered to donate a collection of cookbooks to the school for a fundraising sale.
- Committee will investigate options for a paint night.
- A seat raffle will be held once the hip hop performance is scheduled. Gaming licence will be required; will plan to schedule dates in advance next year and obtain annual licence. Dixie will apply for licence, Michelle will organize raffle. Suggestion that a monthly parking raffle be used as fundraiser for next year.
- Good response to parkour program. Will likely schedule every year when the gymnastics equipment is at school. Company could offer cheer and tumbling classes at any time. Suggest running program two to three times per year.
- Registration form for Excel Martial Arts is ready. Four sessions will be held with all grades in the same class for two days per week over a two-week period.
- A volunteer is needed to organize the teacher appreciation event.

b. Planning for next year

- Saleema Noon presentation will be funded by the PAC (plan to schedule every other year, alternating with planetarium). Main presentation will be held early in the year so the iGirl/iGuy program can be offered in the Spring. iGirl/iGuy is a two-day workshop and has a maximum capacity of 15 students per group. Parent participation is not required for the main Saleema Noon presentation this year, so presentations for all grades can be held during the school day. An evening session specifically for parents will be offered, suggestion to invite teachers to parent night.
- Hip hop program will not be offered next year; gymnastics could be an alternative option. Approximate cost for three sessions would be ten dollars per child. Other fundraising goals could be technology (classroom set of tablets), a drama workshop through the Young Actors Project, improvements to garden area with tables for an outdoor classroom, or Evergreen Performing Arts workshops.
- Parents will be surveyed and results used to create one-time donation form.
- Planned fundraisers for next year:
 - Entertainment books (coordinator needed)
 - Neufeld Farms (twice, before Christmas and before Summer)
 - Purdys (Christmas only)

- Plants
- QSP (magazines)
- Halloween dance (October 27th)
- Movie nights (three)
- Fun Lunch (monthly)
- Potential for golf program fundraiser

7. Other business

- Friday volunteers needed for breakfast program.
- Coordinators needed for Rocket Runners next year.
- Volunteers are needed for May 3rd plant distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.