

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting

Tuesday May 7, 2024

7pm at Eagle Mountain Middle and on zoom

Attendance in person:

Administration

Misti Askew

PAC

Katie G

Jane W

Julie C

Michelle M

Attendance online:

Administration

Andrew Graham

PAC

Amy W

Stephanie L

Oscar G

Miranda J

Maria W

Regrets:

Rena H

Jill K

Meeting was called to order by Michelle at 7:03pm.

1. Land Acknowledgement – Michelle
2. Approval of agenda – all in favour
3. Approval of minutes from April 9, 2024 – all in favour

4. Admin Report – Andrew and Misti

2024/2025 Year Planning

- anticipating 550 students, new international students
- 21 divisions for next year
- number of students with ministry designation learning needs has increased
- additional 90% full time position – 0.9 extra staffing to be in next posting rounds
- no staff layoffs, same level of staffing as this year
- 2 Education Assistants laid off – Erin Lockhart, Amanda Siegerist

Parent question: if there are more students with designations, why are EA's being laid off
Andrew: potential for more EA's in September once student needs are assessed

10th Anniversary - May 30

- hoping alumni will attend, for example Nancy Bennett, EMM's first principal
- mural outside completed
- mural inside gym – still talking with artist about design; thunderbird motif – protector of people

Values based organizing

- Staff currently talking about how they organize the school in alignment with values
- teaching partnerships are important
- number of blocks in a day can affect how students are supported
- late start days are used as collaboration days for teachers – learning opportunities for staff

NourishEd

- kids were very respectful
- Andrew loved seeing parents in school

5. DPAC Report - Maria

- Maria unable to attend last meeting, she will send minutes when available

6. Treasurer's Report - Steph

- Munchalunch – exceeding budget projections, currently over \$10,000
- BCC PAC Parent Ed – Maria will enquire with DPAC, need to clarify this budget expense line
- waiting for more teacher wish lists to cut more cheques
- Jenn Moody and committee have asked PAC if they would like to contribute to a bursary for a gr. 12 student/previous student of EMM who demonstrates EMM/Thunderbird spirit - around \$250 to be used towards post-secondary; Steph to investigate further if this is an eligible PAC expense – bylaws, Gaming grant eligibility, etc.
 - *after meeting note: this was deemed an ineligible expense by PAC executive*
- discussion about process for PAC distributing funds to school ie. a fixed amount each year and the school sends the PAC a report on spending, preference for what's easiest for school administration

7. Events

Grade 8 Leaving - Michelle

- June 25 1-3pm; after party 6-9pm
- students working with Mr. Keeler on poster
- June 11 Belcarra Park party
- discussion about planting a tree as a legacy gift
- discussion about plant decorations, is it worth the work asking parents to bring in decorations

Teacher Appreciation Lunch – May 24

- have theme and caterer
- need a few more volunteers for set up, serving and take down
- 12:20-1:00pm; Misti will let Jane know when parent volunteers can set up

Young Entrepreneurs Showcase – May 28

- Michelle has been brainstorming with the 33 students about their products
- need additional tables – Andrew will contact HWSS to ask about borrowing some, each student needs a table

8. Munchalunch - Oscar

- 255 orders in the system
- Thanks to Misti for helping to look for a spot for the drinks
- need volunteers for May15
- Misti reports large amount of garbage on hot lunch days; will ask vendors to limit packaging

9. PAC AGM – June 4, 2024

- Katie elected as chair for election process
- one week notice to members
- in order to vote, need to be in person (not on zoom) according to bylaws
- discussion about bylaws, currently from 2015

10. Other Business

Katie reported a developer proposed a joint fundraiser for EMM, Anmore Elementary and Anmore Scouts – Katie to refer them to SD43

11. Adjournment

- Adjourn 8:38pm
- Next meeting - June 4 AGM