

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
7:00pm in the School Library

Attendance:

Shannon V (Treasurer)	Annie T (DPAC)
Diane M (Past Chair)	Charleen B (past Vice-Chair)
Erin S (Facebook promotion)	Sunny R
Summer F	Katie G
Marcela D	Lisa C
Mitra S	Armin H
Peyman M	Samar I
Julie C	Katya J
Janine R	Rochelle H
Sharon L	Karen W
Roland G	Atania K
Monica H	Liz A
Svetlana	Ale F
Roxane R	Brenda R
Darren Macmillan	Morgan Breden

Apologies:

Mary Anne Pruner (Secretary)	Michelle Cooke
Amy Karr	

Meeting was called to order by Diane MacSporran at 7:02pm

Welcome & Introductions

Diane offered words of welcome and encouraged those present to introduce themselves by giving their name, the name of their feeder school, and the year their child is enrolled in.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Marcela De la Pena, seconded by Monica Hamm

Admin Report

-601 students are divided into 22 classes of on average 26-28 students per division. 28 being the Grade 8s.
-Bear (5), Eagle (5), Orca (4), Wolf (4), Raven (4). Only 1 change in staff moving to a different Pod. We anticipate stability in the shape of the Teams going forward. We are at maximum capacity with the 3 portables. Our numbers have afforded the school another staff person which will reduce the amount of teaching time required by administration.
-Student Services for each team is at .1/class for 2-3 days/week
-Staffing: Ms. Megan Brooks will start Wed, Sept. 11 covering mat. leave for Ms. Budd. Ms. Babson will start Tuesday, Sept.17

Activities and Events

- picture day
- Fire drill today was very orderly and quiet; excellent job students!
- Earthquake drill tomorrow.
- Sports: swimming, cross country, and volleyball sign up this week – if they miss it and are interested, they should still come out
- Fine Arts: band, rock school, choir starting up and possibly a guitar club
- Thunderbird Ambassadors (a.k.a. Leadership Group), under the direction of Ms. Chen will be starting up to support various activities within the school e.g. For hosting the Open House, Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run. All students are considered Thunderbird Ambassadors; any student can help at any or all the activities as Ms. Chen requests.
- Thunderbird Gear: Grade 6's and students new to EMM will receive an EMM t-shirt and gym bag. Plus, a pancake breakfast is coming up for new students.

Building News

- Waste Area Fencing - Darren provided a brief summary of the history of the septic waste to the east of the school property. He indicated that the school board maintained a good neighbour policy while the neighbouring Anmore Greens Estates (AGE) and the Village of Anmore go through the process of, ultimately, connecting AGE septic system to Port Moody sewer pipes. Safety of the students is paramount, and education is ongoing about students staying out of the fenced in area. Darren acknowledged the effort of EMM PAC to push for a swift solution. The blue fencing and Hazardous waste sign went up December 2017.
- Playground - the provincial government granted EMM \$105,000 for an accessible playground in the spring of 2019. The administration has been working with playground companies over the summer to choose a playground which will meet the requirements of the grant, the needs and safety of our middle school population, as well as the limited space available on site. The playground items will be placed in the courtyard. Current considerations under discussion now are how to access the courtyard in order to install the equipment and the weight of the material and equipment combined.

Learning News:

- Pro-D focus Numeracy, Tech Books, Assessment, Restorative Practices, and Inclusion. Staff will return to EMM and share their learning during collaborative time.
- School wide read: No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen, a novel about a 13-year-old boy and his mother who are homeless.
- October presentation will be a speaker addressing racism.
- much of the learning and efforts within the school are to ensure that kids feel safe at school.

Upcoming Dates

- Wed, Sept. 18 Open House
- Fri, Sept. 20 Pro-D
- Mon, Sept. 30 Orange shirt day
- TBD Pancake Breakfast for Grade 6
- TBD Terry Fox Run

Darren concluded his report with an encouraging message to call or email school or teacher whenever a concern might arise. Any issue will be handled sensitively and thoughtfully.

Adopt minutes from June 11, 2019

Moved by Annie Tomljanovic, seconded by Shannon von Richter

Treasurer Report

Gaming Account – carry over balance was \$4,745. We had planned to spend most of the account (as we get a yearly grant) but not all the approved expenses from the teachers came in on time. This account can only be spent on noncurricular activities or items. Last year's expense included new benches, picnic tables, t-shirts for new students, student presentations, Grade 8 leaving celebration, Chess Clocks for the chess club, and music cart.

General Account – carry over balance was \$21,481. This year, we have budgeted more for the teacher's wish list and the playground.

Key to our fundraising activities is to ensure there is "fun" for the students. These events have included the Tunnel of Terror, Winter Market, Hot Lunches (moving to twice a month is year – thank you Amy Karr, Hot Lunch Coordinator) and Staff Appreciation. In the past, we have had a spring event as well but just need a volunteer to help organize one to hold one again this school year.

Volunteer Opportunities

-success depends on volunteers to deliver.

- Hot Lunch- starts Thurs, Oct.10th. Various hot items and treats will be available twice a month.
- Winter Market – we need a volunteer to be the lead for the market coordination

Sign up forms were available for all the events. Volunteers can connect with EMM PAC by emailing 110-PAC@sd43.bc.ca

Elections:

Member at Large: Marcela De la Pena, Katie Golbey

Vice Chair: remains vacant

Chair: remains vacant

Anmore Green Estates Septic Update

-members of the PAC attending *the Anmore Green Estates Sewer Project Update Public Meeting* on June 20, 2019 at Anmore Elementary School. Comments and questions of both Anmore Green Estates residents and those living outside of Anmore Green Estates were expressed. The summary of this meeting can be found <http://anmore.com/news/public-meeting-anmore-green-estates-sewer-project-update/>

No further contact has been initiated by EMM PAC since the spring.

The parents' concern is that the fences and signs are still in place, and that the risk to students by coming into contact with septic drainage is still very real, especially once the fall rains begin. It is a priority of the EMM PAC to work toward a timely connection by maintaining regular contact with the government bodies who can facilitate this.

Adjournment: time: 8:30 pm

Next meeting: Oct. 8, 2019, 7 pm