

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
7:00pm via Zoom

Attendance: Darren, Kirsten, Diane, Roxane, Charleen, Shannon, Annie, Julie, Brandi, Marcela, Katie, Erin, Lisa, Brenda, Edith, Heidi

Meeting was called to order by Diane MacSporran at 7:05pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - Diane introduced herself. Those in attendance introduced themselves. General consensus that online learning was going well.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Erin motions to approve the agenda. Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Adopt Minutes from March 10, 2020
 - Julie motions to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, March 10th. Annie seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.
4. Admin Report - Darren
 - There have been ups and downs, didn't realize how much energy he gets from people and the students in the building. His son is graduating this year so it's tough.
 - Darren, Kirsten, secretaries and custodian at school.
 - Humbling listening to people's issues.
 - How are things; Support teachers to support students.
 - Able to use connections and routines in class already, thankful that it happened in March and not September. Mr. Kwok has been great in helping out with technology issues; he's an IT magician.
 - Lots of conversation as to how much is too much or too little, constantly evolving to keep kids engaged.
 - Learning challenges, kids are great at adapting. It's a bit like a science experiment.
 - Stress is up and down on a weekly basis.
 - We spend a lot of time talking to teachers.
 - Vulnerable Learners - keeping an eye on these students, EA's are checking in on students.
 - Teams Meet - great way to plan and support.
 - We are all vulnerable in various ways, 4 students came in today that Darren worked with.
 - Trying to meet the needs of some students that really need it.

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- Encouraging teachers to survey students to see how they are coping.
 - Teachers are worried and want kids to be okay and don't see them daily to know for sure.
 - Staffing - a little less staff this coming school year. Anyone with less than 3 years, so sadly Ms. Bro has been laid off, one of the nicest persons.
 - Brooks and Moxy also laid off, they were temp positions that are gone.
 - Coming up with ways to build classes.
 - Staff cuts are due to budget because of less int'l money in the district.
 - There are 609 students registered for next year.
 - What schools look like for stages.
 - Stage 4 - essential and vulnerable learners.
 - Stage 3 - K-5 part-time 50% of the time.
 - Stage 2 - 6-12, part-time 20% as needed, occurring June 1st.
 - Transition from stage 3, this would be optional.
 - What are things going to look like to keep everyone safe? Admin meetings are held twice weekly. They begin and end with safety in mind.
 - Kirsten has been gardening around the school.
 - 198 teachers have been laid off in the district to create spots for other teachers with more seniority.
 - Some schools in our district are more vulnerable than others, some schools scheduled teachers back in right away. We don't know what direction yet for teachers to come in and work with students.
 - Immunizations for grade 6's & 9's, not to worry as they will arrange at another time.
5. Treasurer Report - Shannon
- \$22,000 from hot lunches.
 - \$800 in refunds issued.
 - Budget will have less profit next year.
 - \$10,000 in gaming.
 - We are making sure any money not spent from wish list carries over next year.
 - All teams spent some if not all money.
 - \$12,000 profit from hot lunches.
 - Audio, Tech Ed, playground, other things done around the school not spent. Try to spend as much as we can from gaming account.
 - Gaming - \$10,468.68
 - General - \$32,516.44

6. DPAC - Annie

- April 29, Annie attended via Zoom
- Talked about the different stages of how teachers would move in and continue teaching.
- AGM - BCCPAC
- Talked about what is done at that level.
- ERASE Website - anonymously relays concerns about a child that would get back to admin for those vulnerable students that might otherwise be missed.
- Also contributed to the model funding.
- Diane would like the fee to be paid sooner and be more involved.
- Parents asked to participate in SD43 Directions 2025 Strategic Planning: watch the video & participate in the survey monkey found on EMM home page.

7. Discuss options for 2019/20

- Teacher Appreciation – Sunny, Annie, Marcela, Katie
 - Katie was so looking forward to doing it so they are hoping they can do it next year if it can't be done this year in some way.
 - Diane asked if we can make a teacher's life easier in some way, Darren and Kirsten said not that they can think of.
- Grade 8 Leaving – Charleen, Erin, Brenda
 - Darren said someone in the district will make things look a little more conducive. They've been told at this point, no parents or students can gather.
 - They're looking at a stage set-up and the student would receive a certificate, each team will have a speaker, hoping to put it together onto a video.
 - Yearbooks won't be done, maybe ready in September.
 - Diane suggested to keep the conversation going with grade 8 to see if we can come up with something memorable.

8. Anmore Green Estates Septic update - Brandi

- After freedom of info was released, homeowners can no longer afford the delays so have had the fences removed.
- May 5th, AGE reached out to Minister of Environment stating they need help in moving forward.
- Chris Nichols - Treasurer for SD43, says he thinks if fences are removed then Minister of Environment. must have deemed the area safe.
- Brandi stated they are in a difficult position. AGE didn't want to have to send out letter, it wasn't taken lightly. What they are stuck on is the \$370,000 to pay

SD43 for sub-surface pipes on top of the \$240,000 plus the \$250,000 to pay for the Village of Anmore membership fee to belong to the GVS&DD.

- There is nothing more they can do to move forward.
- Mayor of Anmore reached out to Brandi which is only the second time he's ever done that.
- AEL Group owns the septic field rights and have first option to buy back that land once sewer goes in. Mayor stated that there is a land option for SD43 to purchase that land and could AGE help facilitate that deal. Brandi stated that they have no right to that land.
- Time is now to push the Province because they care about issues of complaint and how they look in the public's perspective.
- It's too much for the 50 homes of AGE to have to pay out 1 million dollars to have this issue fixed or resolved.
- Conversation continued about suggestions in how to help things move forward.
- Diane suggested we write a letter, cut and paste, stating we've had enough and are fed up and we want this done once and for all.
- Darren stated he can direct parents to the website and the letter will be there to send off.
- Diane is grateful to have 16 people present to discuss.

9. Other Business

- Diane stated a call for nominations for next year. Positions are open, hold an election at AGM meeting in June and see if anyone puts their name forward.
- AGM scheduled June 9th, 2020 @ 7pm on Zoom.

10. Next meeting: AGM on June 9, 2020 @ 7pm via Zoom

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11. Adjournment

- Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Charleen seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.