

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
7:00pm held via Zoom

Attendance:

Diane M (Chair)
Shannon V (Treasurer)
Marcela D

Katie G (Vice Chair)
Mary Anne P (Secretary)
Julie C

Erin S
Lio and Sie G
Tricia B
Catherine D

Rochelle H
Lisa C
Yimin X

Darren Macmillan

Kirsten Paterson

Meeting was called to order by Diane M at 7:01pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions - Diane
 - Thank you for coming and Happy New Year!
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Julie motions to approve the agenda. Lisa seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Adopt minutes from December 15, 2020
 - Marcela motions to adopt the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday, December 15th. Erin seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.
4. Admin Report
 - December was a pretty decent month.
 - One highlight was the support provided to families in the Tri-City area through hampers.
 - Speaking of doing good for others, we want to offer a sincere thank you to the Port Moody Soccer club for donating all the soccer balls.
 - There were moments where things felt “normal” which was so great.
 - We missed the Winter Market and the Hoedown.
 - January started wonderfully for 2 days. Then it felt like a letdown and an increase in stress due to a lack of end of pandemic in sight.
 - Middle school teachers enjoy the regular, “extra” things - eg. coaching etc. - so it is definitely different and difficult for all of us.
 - We’ve had some challenges, too. eg. gym roof problems.
 - Things we’re working on: preparing for FSA’s and MDI’s, Grade 8 articulation ongoing, we will start to talk about Grade 5’s after Spring Break.
 - Grade 6’s will be the smallest group in school next year at approx 180-185. There are 207 Grade 8’s leaving this year. We project to have approx 585 kids, so overall, down a bit. That is good news for a school that’s full!
 - Presentations are being booked. Author of “Rick” will be Zooming in during February.
 - Ambassadors are working on our own EMM Pink Shirts.
 - We will have a focus on community and caring for each other through February.
 - Ongoing great work on outdoor space.
 - We will have a Wellness Committee.

- Taking care of people - Ms. Abram - she's on leave right now. She is working towards her retirement. We have a substitute in the meantime. But we do expect to have Ms. Abram back before the end of the school year.
 - The teachers love the recognition wall. Thank you from all of the teachers.
5. Treasurer Report - Shannon
- Teachers are doing their best to spend their Wish List money. Not a lot has changed from the last meeting.
 - Gaming:
 - Heaters, hot chocolate urns
 - Most groups have money to spend still
 - Only \$1,400 of the \$10,750 Wish List money has been spent.
 - Gaming account balance: \$13,905.22
 - General:
 - Only \$1,100 of the \$11,800 budgeted Wish List money has been spent.
 - \$3,779 brought in through the fundraising effort through Cash Online.
 - There are still some leftover expense amounts from last year.
 - General account balance: \$27,717.92
6. DPAC Report
- No meeting in December.
 - Jan 27 is the next meeting - Patricia Gartland expected to present.
 - Upcoming Parent Ed: Digital Awareness for Parents, How to Protect our Children online.
7. Event / Volunteer Opportunity for 2020/2021
- Fundraising committee - Lisa C.
 - Very pleasantly surprised by the generosity of the EMM community. We raised \$3,779. Thank you to everyone who participated.
 - Since it was through Cash Online, we will need to get the money from Saras.
 - Thrifty's Smile Card, Cobs, etc.
 - Cobs - 5% per purchase, plus they will donate stamp cards with 2 stamps pre-stamped, one for each family at the school.
 - Munch a Lunch Coordinator
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 - Parent Education (see DPAC)
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 - Staff Appreciation - Katie
 - We are adding more flowers as we go. It is nice to hear that the staff are feeling the love from us.
 - Katie will forward pictures. Kirsten will post pictures on website.
 - Grade 8 Leaving - Annie, Rochelle, Mary Anne
 - Darren says that we will start to think about it after Spring Break.
 - Lunch Program (on hold)
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8. Anmore Green Estates Septic update
 - Message from Brandi. AGE is addressing funding and engineering work. Province is still working on contract / agreement work. They can't move forward until the agreements are in place.
 - There may be more info in the Tri City News in the coming weeks.
9. Other Business
 - Huge thank you to everyone in our community for their generosity, especially in the fundraising campaign that was in lieu of individual events.
 - Thank you to Darren and Kirsten for your time
10. Next Meeting - February 16, 2021 @ 7pm on Zoom
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11. Adjournment
 - Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.